



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sasser at 7:03 p.m. Invocation was by Commissioner Babb followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

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| <u>Roll Call:</u> | Mayor J.P. Sasser | Present |
| | Vice Mayor Henry Crawford | Absent |
| | Commissioner Keith Babb | Present |
| | Commissioner Allie Biggs | Absent |
| | Commissioner Diane Walker | Present. |
| | City Manager Derrek Moore | Present |
| | City Attorney Gary Brandenburg | Present via telephone |
| | Sgt. At Arms: Lt. R. Alonso | Present |
| | Deputy Clerk Rashonda Warren | Present |

Additions, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items:

Deletions: Item H-2 – Presentations – Crossroads Academy – Cicely Henderson-Scott
(Moved to November 9, 2010 Agenda)
Item K-1 – Report of City Attorney - Prince Theater Settlement Request

Approval of the Agenda Items.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried. Three (3) Ayes. Two (2) absent.

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Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION 2010-82 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR FUNDS FROM THE 2002 RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PAHOKEE ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX.

2. RESOLUTION 2010-83 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT R2010-0106, WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE FRESH START, CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

3. RESOLUTION 2010-84 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION CONTRACT, TRANSFERRING WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM THE CITY OF PAHOKEE TO GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY.

4. RESOLUTION 2010-85 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,522 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOVERY ACT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN YOUTH.

5. RESOLUTION 2010- 86 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

6. RESOLUTION 2010-87 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FROM THE FLORIDA MARLINS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BASEBALL EQUIPMENT.

7. RESOLUTION 2010-88 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000, FROM THE WEST PALM ONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS.

Commissioner Babb expressed concern regarding the painting of the water towers, to keep the city name on the towers. Mayor Sasser concurred. City Manager Moore stated that he would check on it.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried. Three (3) ayes. Two (2) absent.

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Presentations:

Item H-1 – Feng-Fu Mushrooms

Mayor Sasser calls upon Feng-Fu Mushrooms. Mr. Ron Elliott is not in attendance.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Sasser addressed the Commission and the audience and advised:

- Regarding Boat Show, weather prevented the race from happening
- Event had the desired effect, folks from Canada and Wisconsin were here
- Everyone excited about coming back next year
- Collins Center donated \$4,000 towards helicopter
- Tripp Electric Motors volunteered helicopter, but insurance would not cover the Manatee spotter
- Hired helicopter from Belle Glade.
- Will apply unused funds toward helicopter next year.
- Met with a gentleman named Bob who owns Show Boat Racing.
- Mr. Bob donated \$2,000 to a group of youth to fund their way to a conference.
- Regarding City health insurance
- Staff shopping for new health insurance
- Cheapest not the best
- Believes health insurance is very important for employees
- Would like on next agenda so that all the Commission can weigh in on it
- Would like a full report to review all that staff has gathered.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Moore addresses the Commission and advises:

- Peehokey Plaza – DEP requesting a site plan for review, early to mid November should have response.
- Jean Inevil is retiring, Luncheon Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in seniors room
- Will meet with Mr. Eric Call from PBC regarding funding opportunities for the Parks & recreation Dept.
- Gymnasium project: must remediate asbestos, two (2) quotes between \$3,000 - 5,000, waiting on a third quote.
- Contacted by Anne Gannon: driving license services will be located at the county office in Belle Glade, grand opening- Dec. 14th
- Glades Utility Authority Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9th in Commission Chambers.
- Homecoming Parade this Friday at 3:30 p.m.
- Veteran's Day Service at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2010
- 50th Annual League of Cities Legislative Conference, November 18 & 19, in Orlando
- Chamber of Commerce building office space, Chuck Tier formerly of PBC is interested in leasing the space on a month to month basis.
- Annexation: still working, will provide maps in Commissions mailboxes
- City Attorney and Manager met with Seven Kings to remediate costs they feel the city is responsible for.

Report of the City Manager continued:

City Manager Moore calls on Human Resources Director Mrs. Kendall to present the Employee of the Quarter award.

Human Resources Director calls on Mr. Ivester, Port Mayaca Cemetery Director to come forward and present award to Mr. Marcelino Venegas. Mrs. Kendall advises that Mr. Venegas has been employed by the City for 17 years and this is the first time he has received an award.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advises that recently we have concluded the law suit with Mrs. Frost regarding Baines Supermarket.

Commissioner Walker commends the Nuisance Abatement Board and the City Attorney for resolving the matter with Mrs. Frost. A workshop should be set with the Board.

Old Business:

Item N-1 – Middle School – Commissioner Biggs

Commissioner Biggs is absent. No report.

Item N-2 – Census 2010 – Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Walker advises:

- Mail in participation is at 74%
- Final numbers will be in February
- Would like this item to remain on agenda till then

Item N-3 – Habitat for Humanity – Vice Mayor Crawford

Vice Mayor is not in attendance. Mayor Sasser advised that the home is in the final stages and is excited to seeing more homes built through Habitat for Humanity.

Item N-4 – Inland Port – Commissioner Babb

Commissioner Babb advises:

- Some don't think it will happen, some believe it will
- Commissioner Linda Johnson from South Bay feels that it will
- Florida Crystal's owns the land and are committed in developing the Inland Port
- No significant movement
- Project is continuing forward.

Item N-5 - East Lake Village Park

Status Quo. No new information

Item N-6 – Joe Louis Avenue Annexation

City Manager Moore advises that maps will be distributed to the Commission. Thirteen registered letters have been mailed out.

Old Business continued:

Item N-7 – Pahokee Plaza

Mayor Sasser advised that this was discussed earlier in the Manager's report.

Item N-8 – Design Services Invoice – Sarah Moore

Commissioner Babb stated:

- Was surprised at the amount in lieu of there was no contract in place, more initially on a volunteer basis for those services
- Does not know what was initially agreed upon

Mayor Sasser stated:

- Never could get a valid answer from the former manager
- This was not handled correctly
- No reflection on Mrs. Moore.
- This item got out of hand, rests on Commission to resolve.

City Attorney Brandenburg inquires if Commission would like him to negotiate the invoice.

Motion for City Attorney to negotiate Invoice and bring back to next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried. Three (3) Ayes. Two (2) absent.

Citizens Comments:

Sylvanius Miller of 176 N. Flame Ave., Pahokee, Fl..

- Concern regarding his driveway
- When will it be fixed, been waiting 2 yrs.
- Is told there is no money but yet sees money being spent

Mayor Sasser advised that he would go by and look at it. City Manager Moore advised that he and staff toured the city recently to inventory the sidewalks that need repair, and there are many.

Richard Brown of 303 Carissa Drive Pahokee, Fl.

- Suggests a plaque be installed at marina recognizing commissioners who have worked toward the development of the marina.
- Suggests that Mr. James Sheehan name also be included.

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Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners:

Commissioner Walker:

- Coronation is tomorrow night at Pahokee Middle/Senior High School at 6:30 p.m.
- Attended Relay for Life meeting, Kick Off Celebration
- Currently one team registered
- McClure Road is in really bad shape. People have to come to a stop to let another vehicle pass.
- Christmas Parade will be on a Saturday this year. Tentative date is December 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Babb:

- When people come to a new city they look for parks, schools, hospitals and police departments.
- Miss seeing the substation, the presence of police officers
- Inquires as to the old highway patrol building, if that would not be a viable use for the Sheriff's Office?

Mayor Sasser advised that Alcee Hastings office had checked into this several years ago for the city, suggests that we should pursue obtaining the building.


Mayor Sasser:

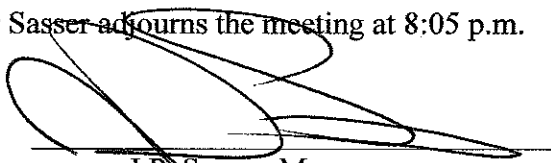
- We have received funding \$335,000 for renovations to the gymnasium
- Engineered drawings are required and cost about \$25,000.
- Cannot use any funds from the \$335
- Have several jobs coming up:
 - Athletic field at Recreation Dept.
 - Restrooms at Commissioners Park
- Advertising to appear on website, posted at city hall, local paper and Palm Beach Post
- May make a budget amendment to allocate funds to pay for the drawings
- Alcee Hastings Washington's office staff has been working with our staff to locate grants.
- Asks that residents please get involved in our city.

City Manager Moore advises that those interested in bidding may contact the office with their information, and they will be notified.

Mayor Sasser advises that Commissioner Biggs is at a previous engagement representing the city. Vice Mayor Crawford is ill.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 8:05 p.m.


ATTEST: Susan Feltner, City Clerk


J.P. Sasser, Mayor