

# CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Pursuant to due notice, the Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on December 11, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:43 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

Roll Call:	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Commissioner Benny L. Everett, III	Present
	Commissioner Felisia C. Hill	Present
	Vice Mayor Clara M. Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane L. Walker	Present

City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
Sergeant At Arms Lieutenant Picciolo	Present
Interim City Clerk Nylene Clarke	Present

# Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mr. Williamson added Resolution 2018 – 79 to the agenda.

Commissioner Everett added the Marina Renovation Project and recreational funding to the agenda.

Mayor Babb added the cancellation of the December 25, 2018 Commission Meeting to the agenda.

# Approval of Agenda with additions.

<u>Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Everett.</u> <u>Motion carried unanimously.</u>

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only): (none)

# **Public Service Announcements:**

- 1. Herbert Crawford, on behalf of Palm Beach County Youth Services and Urban League, announced that there will be a mentoring recruitment meeting on December 12, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Town Center Café.
- 2. Anthony Jackson announced that there will be a Holiday Caroling and Concert on December 21, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at United Missionary Baptist Church.
- 3. Commissioner Everett announced that Dr. Dorothy Norwood will be at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church on December 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. He requested that a proclamation be presented to Dr. Dorothy Norwood.

# Approval to present Proclamation to Dr. Dorothy Norwood. Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Murvin stated one of the City's employees' son passed away and she requested for a proclamation to be done.

Approval of proclamation for Robert Williams' son.

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Everett.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

1. October 23, 2018 – Workshop Minutes

Approval of October 23, 2018 Workshop Minutes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: (none)

Ordinance: (none)

# **Resolutions:**

1. RESOLUTION 2018 – 78 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A ONE- YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RESOURCE GROUP N.A., INC. FOR GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES.

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2018 - 78 into the record and explained the purpose of the resolution.

Mayor Babb expressed concern regarding the amount being paid to the consultant and requested that there be negotiation to reduce the amount, when the contract expires.

Mr. Williamson stated he had a conversation with two (2) of the primary consultants of the organization and they are steadfast on the amount. He advised more lobbying is done beyond session, until the Governor signs the budget.

➤ Discussion ensued. Commissioner Walker recommended that Resource Group be asked to give a report, at a Commission Meeting in January 2019 or February 2019.

#### Approval of Resolution 2018 - 78.

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Motion carried unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION 2018 – 79 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PPM CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR SOLICITATION NUMBER: RFQ 2018-01 FOR THE EPA BROWNFIELDS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT AND TESTING.

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2018 - 79 into the record and explained the purpose of the resolution.

## **Approval of Resolution 2018 - 79.**

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: (none)

**Proclamations (approval):** (none)

#### **Presentations:**

1. Mayor's Gold Nail & Hammer Award - Johnny Terry & Curneisha Terry

Mayor Babb allowed Commissioner Everett to present the certificate to Mr. Terry, and Commissioner Hill to present the check.

### Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb expressed concern regarding the financial report and requested that financial reports be given on a monthly basis. He requested that new employees be introduced to the Commission within two (2) weeks of hire, and that the Commission be notified when an employee will no longer be on staff. Mayor Babb outlined the Commission's success within the last three (3) years, and discussed the priorities, goals, and major projects for 2019. He requested for a flag pole to be placed at the Old Pahokee High School and announced that the Rededication of Commissioner's Park/Unveiling of Entryway sign for Rickey Jackson will be on December 14, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mayor Babb congratulated Commissioner Everett for being selected as one (1) of the 12 recipients for the 2019 Calendar and Resource Guide. He requested for the City Manager to find funding for the playground equipment at Glades Citizen's Villas.

Commissioner Everett mentioned that there is a REAP Grant.

Mr. Williamson discussed the REAP grant amount and the cost of playground equipment.

#### Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson outlined the Commission's success within the last 24 months, discussed the 2019 legislative session, and expressed thanks to the Commission, Lieutenant Picciolo, and the City Attorney. He provided information on the incident at Parks and Recreation and discussed the preventative measures that have been set in place, post incident.

#### Report of the City Attorney:

Mr. Brandenburg thanked the Commission for allowing him to serve as the counsel for another year. He advised a motion is needed to cancel the meeting on December 25, 2018.

Approval of cancellation of December 25, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Marina Renovation Project

Mr. Williamson provided an update on the docks.

Mayor Babb inquired about the status restroom.

Mr. Williamson provided an update.

Commissioner Everett stated there needs to be a Special Workshop to address the issues concerning the project.

➤ Discussion ensued. The Commission decided that there will be a workshop for the Marina Project and concerns on January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Special Workshop on January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for Marina Project and concerns. Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Babb recommended that the Commission Retreat be suspended, in light of the fact that there may be newly elected officials after the March 12, 2019 election.

➤ Discussion ensued. The Commission decided that the Commission Retreat will be postponed until after the March 12, 2019 Election.

# Approval to postpone Commission Retreat until after the March 12, 2019 Election. Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

A discussion ensued. The Commission decided that the workshop on January 8, 2019 will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., to discuss Commission concerns, and that the motion will be amended to include the respective start time.

Approval to amend the motion to include that the start time of the January 8, 2019 Workshop will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Everett.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: (none)

### **Citizens Comments:**

- 1. Eduardo Bernal expressed thanks for the Christmas Parade, recommended that in 2019, there be a certificate awarded for the most decorative house, and commented regarding the trash in the streets.
- 2. Annie Coore expressed concern regarding a Code Enforcement violation and a park not being placed near El Dorado Drive.
- 3. Joann Culberson commented regarding Robert Lambert not being introduced at the Tri-Cities Barbecue.

#### **Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners**

**Commissioner Hill** thanked all for being present and announced that Palm Beach State College will be hosting a Housing Insecurities Forum on January 10, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Walker expressed her concern regarding Vice Mayor Murvin's request for a proclamation, inquired about the cost of the sign for Rickey Jackson, and stated she would like to concur with Commissioner Everett's comments regarding the Tri-Cities Barbecue. She advised she concurs with Mayor Babb's three (3) concerns and bid all a happy holiday.

Vice Mayor Murvin reiterated the reason for her request for a proclamation.

Mayor Babb provided the cost of the sign. He advised that Commissioner Walker is responsible for selecting the two (2) businesses of the month, for the next Commission Meeting. Mayor Babb asked the City Attorney about the process for a written reprimand to the City Manager.

Mr. Brandenburg explained the process.

#### Commissioner Everett announced the following:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event will be on January 19, 2019
- ➤ Pahokee Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their chamber, as well as the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, on December 13, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the PNC Bank in Pahokee.

He commended the Commission for agreeing to do a proclamation to Dr. Dorothy Norwood. Commissioner Everett advised that all areas of the City of Pahokee are a concern, expressed gratitude for the special workshop, and stressed the importance of protecting the face of the City. He expressed concern regarding not receiving financial reports as a directive and recommended that the City Manager be counseled in written form.

Approval for the City Manager to receive written notice on not receiving financial reports on a consistent basis and not being introduced to newly hired staff/receiving information on terminated staff.

<u>Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Commissioner Walker.</u> Motion carried unanimously.

**Vice Mayor Murvin** provided information that she received from a meeting in West Palm Beach and expressed the importance of working together. She bid all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Interim City Clerk