



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

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 13, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 7:12 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Colin Walkes	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Absent
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Sgt. Clinton Cohen	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

Approval of Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Approval October 13, 2015 Agenda

Mayor Walkes suggested Resolution No. 2015 – 35 be added to agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Walkes suggested to add City Attorney Salary to New Business.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of September 22, 2015 minutes.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve minutes with the necessary changes; Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. **ORDINANCE 2015-05 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA MODIFYING THE TEXT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ALLOW FUNERAL PARLORS IN "RESIDENTIAL LOW" FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION, PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, EFFECTIVE DATE, SEVERABILITY, AND CONFLICT.**

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve Ordinance No. 2015- 05.

Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

I. RESOLUTION:

1. **RESOLUTION 2015-33 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A QUIT CLAIM DEED AND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "OLD PAHOKEE PLAZA" TO PEREZ INVESTMENTS, INC.**

Mr. Perez requested a few changes to the agreement, such as 4a. within thirty (30) days of possession of property, Owner shall employ (1) full-time employee, contract execute in four (4) years.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Walker to approve Resolution 2015-33.

Seconded by Commissioner Holmes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. **RESOLUTION 2015-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL 2015 HOMECOMING PARADE AND REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUE A PERMIT FOR THE PARADE.**

Motion made by Commissioner Biggs to approve Resolution 2015-34.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Walker. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. **RESOLUTION 2015-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LETTER ADDENDUM TO THE KABOOM, INC. AGREEMENT.**

Deputy City Manager Ms. Moore advised the playground need to be reported by December 15, 2015 and that the funds for the \$9,000.00 are available in Parks and Recreation Budget.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve Resolution 2015-35.

Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Walkes briefly thanks everyone for coming out this weekend to support Vincent Smith at the Community Garden. Also, thanks for coming out to support the youth at their Homecoming Football game for the City League.

Mayor Walkes advised that the County Tour for the Tri-City area was very productive. They toured the Commission Park, Marina, Prince Theater, Old Water Treatment Plant, and etc... A group of students toured the Glades, viewing the architecture and were interested in the history.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Williamson reported that Bio-Mass will provide a pay rate for employees of \$18/hourly, which is some of the best news in a long time. Mr. Williamson advised Bio-Mass will start hiring (200) employees in 2016, around March, some staff is already on site.

Mr. Williamson reported that PHASE II of the Bio-Mass Project will be evaluated and worked on by the City Attorney and City Manager.

Mr. Williamson advised environmental protection is extremely important, therefore Bio-Mass assured that there are no environmental hazards. He will try to set-up a meeting with the citizens to inform them that they should have no concerns, when it comes to the environment.

Mr. Williamson announced the City of Pahokee New Employees were present and acknowledge the benefits that each staff has brought to the city. Mr. Williamson introduced the New HR (Veronica Bellemy), Community & Economic Development (Jaison Raju), Administrative Assistant (Jawantae Williams), and City Clerk (Tijauna Warner) to the city commissioners. He advised it's been six (6) months since the City of Pahokee has been fully staff, now we can focus on task set forth.

The City Manager said with the help of his right hand (Deputy City Manager Mrs. Moore) additional road resurfacing will be in progress. Hoping, one day he can bring affordable housing in the city.

Mr. Williamson reported that the audit is in about two weeks or so. Fiscal review of some practices will be conducted to make this city move forward.

Mr. Williamson reported that we've found another competitor that will reduce our cost from \$300 to \$90 per week, which is local and less expensive than PayChex. He will be gathering more information on the company to bring to the table for future discussions.

He announced a Special Town Hall Meeting on the 26th of October @ 7pm, U.S. Sugar will be presenting, also Staff Picnic located at MLK Park on the 24th of October @ 12noon.

Mr. Williamson announced he will try to schedule the State Of The City on November 9th or 16th.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Brandenburg reported that the annexation information is available, if anyone needs help.

Mayor Walkes asked "What's going on with the hospital"?

Mr. Brandenburg advises there's no new information on the hospital, yet we can move forward with the foreclosure. He advised the city shouldn't want to own the hospital because we will end up with the demolition fee. Yet, he did get in contact with the owner.

City Attorney Brandenburg will bring a list of options on how to handle the hospital at the next city meeting.

Old Business:

City Attorney reported annexation information within his report.

New Business:

Employee Holidays – two (2) floating holidays Christmas Eve & New Years Eve were approved by city commissioners and the employee manual will be updated to reflect changes.

Veteran's Day Program – will remain the same as last year program.

City Attorney Salary- will change to a fixed amount monthly, by dividing his yearly budget by twelve (12), instead of fluctuating.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Roger Hudspeth II (GCRR) – advised they are providing opportunities for apprenticeship working to come back to the Glades. GCRR will meet with workforce to help the community, yet they have an issue with traveling and transportation for apprentices. This is a great opportunity for youths to become craftsmen, but we need the support.

Mr. William Kellerher (IBEW) – advised the company has five (5) years of miserable requirement for kids or anyone in the Glades area. There are no general electricians in Pahokee, therefore it is import to inform people to come out and try to get the apprenticeship. He suggests a school for first (1st) years training or class that he can start if he has at least five (5) participates. These apprentices will work forty (40) hours with insurance benefits.

Ms. Shreya Kuntawala (Senator Abruzzo Assistant) – advised the senator apologized he couldn't be here. Tallahassee update: \$1 million on road resurfacing, \$9 million on outreach program, approval of the grandparents visitation rights, Port St. Lucie Literacy Pilot Project, fighting for youth with punishment should fix the crime, and districts map might change (will advise in about two weeks).

Deputy City Manager – advise Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) will be scorn in, in two weeks.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Biggs – Congratulated the new employees for their desire to work with the City of Pahokee. Thanks the citizens for attending and welcomed the new pastor.

Commissioner Holmes – no comment.

Vice Mayor Walker – Requested the Deputy City Manager meet with Sgt. Cohen in reference to the Veteran's Day Program.

Mayor Walkes – Thanks everyone for coming tonight.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

ATTEST: Tammy Jackson-Moore Dep. City Clerk