



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 27, 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 27, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Walker at 7:13 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Colin Walkes	Absent
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present (via phone)
	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 27, 2015 Agenda

City Manager Chandler Williamson suggested Nowlen, Holt, and Miner be added to agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of October 13, 2015 minutes.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Swearing In of Tijauna Warner as City Clerk for the City of Pahokee by Deputy City Manager.

Consent Agenda:

1. **ORDINANCE 2015-06 (first reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE SETTING FORTH THE DATE FOR THE 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SETTING FOR THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, ESTABLISHING A CANVASSING BOARD, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT, EFFECTIVE DATE, REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION.**

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve Ordinance No. 2015- 06.

Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations:

1. **Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Pahokee**

Commissioner Biggs asked what week is the Childhood Cancer Awareness and do they have any activities planned.

City Clerk Ms. Warner advised there were no activities planned and the request was for the week of November 23 - 29.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve Proclamation.
Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Mr. Williamson reported economic development for the City of Pahokee with Bio-Mass, (200) jobs will begin in March of 2016. Mr. Williamson advised there will be mass hiring, planning to get pre-requirements and training for residents, so they are first in line for employment.

Commissioner Biggs advised that Pahokee is Bio-Mass third location and she see great thing for the City with this company.

Mr. Williamson advised Marathon will be demolishing their station and re-building with 16 pumps, maybe Duncan Donuts, and will be able to create ten (10) jobs. The Duncan Donuts will be adjacent to gas station.

Commissioner Holmes advised with all the good things going on in Pahokee, he's tired of hearing all these negative comments from citizens.

Mr. Williamson announced with Marathon back on board and Fish & Hooks, the City is excited.

Commissioner Biggs asked if Ms. Williamson heard anything about the Canal Point restaurant.

Mr. Williamson advised he didn't hear any further information about the Canal Point restaurant.

City Manager Mr. Williamson begun the discussion about the sub-leasing of Moe's, he advised there were some slight changes. Several weeks ago, we started engaging with the owner for payments, we are working on an eight (8) month agreement. He came into the City Hall and made one (1) payment and advised he had a silent partner that will assist him financially, yet he's still five (5) months behind on rent. I inquired whether he could maintain for the next eight (8) month and he was not clear or sure. We have made arrangements to secure our property, we added security.

Commissioner Biggs requested the attorney input.

Attorney Gary Brandenburg advised that the City of Pahokee should not enter this contract until he has paid all of his back rent. He believes he might attempt to leave without paying his rent.

Commissioner Holmes does not think he's trying to leave, but he needs to pay his rent. He advised we have to think about the campers, if the restaurant close.

Commissioner Biggs advised he knows what he's doing. What assurance do we have that he's going to keep making payments? You should meet his silent partner and get some type of assurance. She advised this is something the City has been going through for years; he's still five (5) months behind.

City Attorney advised if he has a silent partner willing to finance him, then they need to come pay the back rent.

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised he will get more information and try to engage the silent partner. He only brought one (1) payment; he has made reference to upgrades, but didn't mention payments to bring arrears up to date. His current contract ends on the 31st of this month.

Commissioner Hill advised we can give him a little more time or a time frame to collect on the arrears.

City Attorney Gray Brandenburg advised once the contract ends the City can do a month to month lease until he catches up on his arrears. He can do double rent!

City Manager asked the commission do they prefer 30 or 45 days time frame to catch up on back rent.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve month-to-month lease with Moe's until rent is caught up with 45days timeframe.

Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Gary Brandenburg advised that the commission has the memorandum with alternative options, yet he has another option that he wants to present at the next Commission Meeting. He knows everyone would like to see the hospital torn down, which is very expensive, even if we foreclose and get title on it.

Commissioner Holmes asked "Didn't the county offer to help us"?

Mr. Brandenburg advised the county has never demolished anything of this nature or extent.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve Attorney Gary Brandenburg request to present Old Hospital Site at next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Policy for Reporting Theft, Fraud and Abuse – information presented in handout to commissioners.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve the Policy for Reporting Theft, Fraud, and Abuse.

Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Discuss Commission Meeting Feb. 09, 2016

Vice Mayor Walker advised the reason Feb. 09, 2016 is on the agenda for discussion is because she is requesting the cancellation of that meeting for the Weight of Works Event. She advised per the Charter, we are required to have one (1) Commission Meeting a month.

Motioned by Commissioner Biggs to approve the Cancellation of Feb. 09, 2016 Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Sam McKinstry – asked what is this commissions position on reaching out to Okeechobee County & Guy Harvey again to see if any deals can be made regarding expanding to our Marina & Campground? What would be the reason not to? We don't have any options. We have resources all over this lake that we can tap into; commissioners are on agendas and bull-crap. We have the only marina without a two mile drive.

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised he does believe in being pro-active. He has reached out to engage with them, there was no response or interest.

Vice Mayor Walker advised he decided not to invest.

Mr. Williamson added we've called several investment groups and now we are reaching out to several organizations. We can certainly put in Robert Lanbert.

Janquette Ewing – advised she was injured at the City, by the cheerleader. My child was disrespected by the cheerleader too. I spoke with Ms. Tammy advised she took disciplinary action towards the volunteers. She wants to know what actions and wants her money back for all supplies she brought for her daughter to cheer.

Deputy City Manager Ms. Jackson-Moore advised disciplinary actions were taken and a parent meeting was scheduled to implement changes.

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised the kids safety is our number one priority, staff training is our second priority, when issues like this arise, we address them immediately. I have confidants in my staff, we have made some fine changes. Those changes are satisfactory and productive.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Biggs – I would like to recognize Pahokee Elementary and Canal Point Elementary for each student that made a 100% on the test. They have been honored at West Tech, but I would like them honored here.

Commissioner Holmes – Thanks everyone for productive business and new jobs.

Commissioner Hill – Thanks everyone for coming tonight and moving forward.

Vice Mayor Walker – Thanks everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Walks adjourns the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk