



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016**

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, March 22, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 7:00p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Walkes announced today is the passing of the gavel and it was a pleasure working with the staff, community, and City Commission. He wants the community to continue to be involved with the City moving forward, the interest in our City has grown over the last few years. He advised the staff to continue servicing this community making it a better place. Also, he wants the citizens to appreciate the staff and the hard work they do for the City because there are 38 individuals on staff servicing roughly around 6800 people. He acknowledged his beautiful wife for her unwavering support and his mom for disciplining him. He wants the community to unite because together we can, together we must, and together we will.

Mayor Colin O. Walkes passed the gavel to Mr. Keith W. Babb, Jr..

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr. is sworn in by Ms. Tijauna Warner, City Clerk.

Commissioner Diane Harris Walker is sworn in by Ms. Tijauna Warner, City Clerk.

Mayor Babb presented former Mayor Walkes with a plaque from the City of Pahokee.

Mayor Babb thanks the residents for electing him as mayor. He congratulates Commissioner Diane Walker on being re-elected. Also, congratulates all the candidates on their awesome work during the election. He thanks Ms. Murvin and Mr. Crawford for the effort to represent the City of Pahokee. Mayor Babb thanks his family, friends, and residents for the support and words of encouragement. He acknowledges his victory wouldn't be possible without God and his lovely wife.

Mayor Babb instructed the City Clerk to conduct the Roll Call:

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
Commissioner Allie Biggs	Absent
Commissioner Felisia Hill	Present
Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present

City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
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Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

City Manager Mr. Williamson requested adding an amended Resolution 2016 – 06 to I2, 2016 – 07 to I3, and 2016 -08 to I4.

Mayor Babb requested adding Mr. Eddie Rhodes to L1.

Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

1. March 8, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting.

Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA ALSO EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF “RURAL AREA OF OPPORTUNITY” FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION INCORPORATING THE CITIES OF PAHOKEE, BELLE GLADE AND SOUTH BAY, AND THE COUNTIES OF DESOTO, GLADES, HARDEE, HENDRY, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE, AND THE COMMUNITY OF IMMOKALEE, AND THE CONTINUATION OF ALL STAFFING AND GRANT FUNDING FOR FLORIDA’S HEARTLAND REDI, INC. THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY’S DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND FLORIDA’S HEARTLAND REDI, INC. FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND ITS RESIDENTS.**

Mayor Babb advised in the future all Ordinances, Resolutions, and Proclamations be read by the City Attorney.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 05.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

2. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR AN AUTOMOBILE FOR USE OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR CITY BUSINESS.**

Commissioner inquired if the City Manager have the vehicle or is he in the process of purchasing it.

City Manager Mr. Williamson responded he’s in the process of purchasing the vehicle.

Mayor Babb advised he is concerned about the cost of the City Manager’s vehicle because the price of the vehicle is higher than the City Commission approved.

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg responded the purpose of this Resolution is to increase the purchase price.

Commissioner Hill inquired “Does that include the taxes”.

City Manager Mr. Williamson replied “Yes”.

Commissioner Holmes asked “Does it include the interest rate”.

City Attorney explained there’s no interest rate when purchasing a vehicle.

Mr. Williamson advised the City of Pahokee is about 60% in replacement of our old vehicles and 80% replacement in our Public Works Department.

Commissioner Holmes questioned when the City Clerk will receive her vehicle because the vehicle she’s driving isn’t fit to be driven.

Mr. Williamson replied “The City Clerk turned the key on the replacement vehicle today”.

Commissioner Holmes responded “I would also like for the City Clerk to be able to take her vehicle home”.

Mr. Williamson stated “That will be a discussion I have with her.”

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 06.

Motion by Commission Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

3. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MDO ENGINEERING, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR INSPECTION WORK ON FDOT PROJECT NO. 437212-1-54-01 “E. MAIN PLACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS”**

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 07.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

4. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 08 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND RIO-BAK CORPORATION FOR THE FDOT CONTRACT NO. ARU-42 AND FDOT PROJECT NO. 437212-1-54-01 “E. MAIN PLACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS”**

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 08.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Presentation:

1. **Mr. Eddie Rhodes - Palm Beach County Youth Master Plan.**

Vice Mayor Walker recommended the City of Pahokee After School Program attend the Palm Beach County Youth Master Plan on March 31, 2016.

Parks & Recreation Director Mrs. Pascal replied “We are already on top of that”.

City Clerk Ms. Warner advised Mayor Babb of the Proclamation on the agenda.

Proclamation:

1. **Mort Levine**

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced he is going to work on having live Commission Meetings because that will also help with the proper procedures and conduct during the meetings. He explains not just in the City of Pahokee Commission Meetings, but other Commissions as well. This is the only way to move Pahokee forward. Mayor Babb requested an update on the City's unauthorized events. He suggested having a Town Hall Meeting because of the complaints coming from residents about the heightened number of police.

City Clerk Ms. Warner advised Mayor Babb that the Proclamation needs to be voted on.

Approval of Proclamation Mort Levine.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes replied "I didn't know the depth of this until a couple of days ago when I was riding through our community, our citizens are saying that they can't even go to the park. The police are there and have them under siege. We are here to service our community and it's deep. It's probably about 20 people coming telling me about this. City Manager enlighten us"!

City Manager Mr. Williamson replies "This Turn-Up Sunday is what it's known as. I had a conversation with Lt. Piccolo and P.B.S.O. last week because there was some conversation on Facebook and social media concerning increase patrols in the area, specifically around MLK Park and Rardin Street. We talked about some of the prior issues the town had during Turn-Up Sunday and coming in last year as the City Manager. The conclusion of last year Turn-Up there was a commitment to the City, to the County, and P.B.S.O.; if an event needed to take place in the City of Pahokee it needed to be sanctioned, it needed to be planned, and it needed to be organized to ensure that the quality of life in this area isn't affected. So, I took we needed to form a committee and the Mayor was in on those discussions. We were going to allow the Turn-Up event to occur over the course of two or three weekends. We continue to reach out to the organizers, Fire Department, P.B.S.O., and other to form a committee. We tried to contact the organizers directly. No one came to the table, what we realized was the promotion of this unsanctioned event through Facebook. When we realized that, we reached out to them to organize this event, to get permits because of the nature of the event. In fact, once we realized that those conversations of that committee had not formulated, we than began communicating with P.B.S.O. about what could take place around this time of year. So, that led to an increase of patrols in this area. That led to some additional police vehicles and heightened awareness by P.B.S.O. in that area".

Lt. Piccolo reminds everyone that this is something that's new and he trusts the City Commission. Lt. Piccolo states "Yet, the same audiences were up in arms about what occurred last year. There were people up to the thousands shooting up in the air about 15ft. away from the Sheriffs. We had to get response from all the patrols such as District, Royal Palm Beach, Acreage, and Wellington to come out here with Sherriff's helicopter. These same individuals that have a complaint this year were the same ones last year asking for something to be done. It's been an unsanctioned event for many years, but my officers have not prevented anybody from going to the park. If anything, they have formed partnerships in educating them on how to do it the correct way".

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised that the conversation of a police state and individuals being in fear of their lives isn't true. We have reach out to the planners of this unsanctioned event and we have to do things the right way. Mr. Williamson explains several past incidents that occurred during Turn-Up Sunday.

Commissioner Holmes announced the City Commission and the City of Pahokee are going to have to organize this event because the youth do not have nothing to do in this City.

Lt. Piccolo reached out to DJ Bud to give him a ride to City Hall to organize this event.

Commissioner Hill advised as a business owner after the event you'll have a lot to clean up. She informed the individuals that this needs to be organized because it can't work this way. The citizens have to take responsibilities for their actions such as urinating on people building, throwing trash anywhere, etc... We need to contact certain people because DJ Bud is not over this event.

Mayor Babb advised the City post something on our Facebook page about the event or hosting the event on the lake front.

City Manager Mr. Williamson announced it's going to take some planning and we are going to try to get this event organized.

Vice Mayor Walker advised there have been some discussions about extending the park hours in effect to keep the vehicles from spilling over on South Lake.

Mayor Babb announced to the public that the parks are opened.

Mayor Babb announced Mr. Charles Ray is here; therefore, we're going to move back for the presentation.

Mr. Charles Ray conducts his presentation on City Redevelopment, Planning, and Strategy.

Mayor Babb advised that the City of Pahokee will work with Mr. Ray to build the City.

Vice Mayor Walker inquired about an assessment.

Mr. Ray responded that he has individuals that will work on evaluating.

Vice Mayor Walker replied to Mr. Ray to let the City know, so that we can schedule a workshop.

Commissioner Holmes announced "I am very impressed with Mr. Jaison for bring Mr. Ray a board".

Mayor Babb explains the intent of the Commissioners Workshop and that they are not a requirement. Most City Commission workshops are conducted within thirty (30) minutes. Mayor Babb suggested changing the City Commission Workshop time from 6:00p.m. to 6:30p.m..

Approval of changing City Commission Workshop Time to 6:30p.m..

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Mayor Babb states "We are going to start working together. I am going to start assigning someone to do the invocation; the mayor shouldn't always do that. We will do that on a rotate bases, each Commissioner can do it themselves or appoint someone to do it. We are also going to change the Commissioners comments; we are going to rotate that as well. Keep in mind, these types of things are small; but, it's a team effort".

Commissioner Holmes suggested working on annexing some of our properties.

Mayor Babb advised we can probably have a workshop or special meeting to discuss that. He announced we are going to start rotating the awarding of certificates and plaques. Mayor Babb stated "I am 100% behind Bio-Mass"! He would hate to lose this project that would create over 200 jobs. The City of Pahokee has to embrace economic growth.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised the City of Pahokee had a very successful year in Tallahassee. We have 1 million dollars more than what we had last year for the Marina. This year the government actually signed that into law. We also have 9million in small county outreach programs. We have 11million that we have access to for the City of Pahokee. We are turning to the federal government for funding and the lobbyist will be here next meeting to give an update. At my next Town Hall meeting, we will discuss economic development.

Vice Mayor asked "Could you sure your accomplishments from the National League of Cities Conference"?

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised it was a success. Since its President Obama last year in office, they're trying to push out as many dollars as possible. The City of Pahokee is aggressively trying to receive those grants or funding.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advised at the last meeting we discussed the City's Floodplain and it will be ready for the first reading at the next meeting. This is an important ordinance and the City Commissioner need to review it carefully.

Old Business:

1. Gymnasium Update

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised the City is still working with a private benefactor.

2. City Manager's Evaluation

Human Resources Director Ms. Bellamy advised she's waiting on one evaluation to summarize the report.

Citizen Comments:

Ms. Joanna Culberson (resident) would like to know the status of the Crawford lawsuit against the City.

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advised Mr. Crawford has not been pursuing his lawsuit, he hasn't filed a deposition, and he hasn't moved the case forward. So, right now the case is just sitting. There has not been no active on this case in 6months.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Holmes advised the City Attorney doesn't tell it like it is. He congratulates the City Mayor Babb and hopes we keep moving forward.

Vice Mayor Walker thanks the citizens for their support and congratulates Mayor Babb. He advised it's not about us, it's about the community. She as acknowledge Mr. Jaison for making a difference in our community. Vice Mayor Walker thanks Mr. Johnson and his staff.

Vice Mayor Walker instructed City Clerk to place the Marina restrooms on the agenda. She inquired about the repairs on the leaks in the senior citizens room.

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised the City is waiting on at least one more bid to compare pricing.

Commissioner Hill thanks everyone for coming out.

Mayor Babb recognized the Glades Health Care Facility for all their hard work. He announced they are 20 beds short of being full. Mayor Babb thanks everyone and bid them good evening.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk