

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 26, 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, April 26, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 7:09p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

Roll Call:	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice Mayor Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Commissioner Clara Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Daniel Picciolo	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Commissioner Murvin suggested adding the Community Relations Board to Q1 and City Manager Mr. Williamson requested adding Dumpsters to O2.

Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Mayor Babb advised before we get into citizens comments, we are going to go head and talk about the settlement of the Old Hospital property.

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg replied the Old Hospital is in foreclosure and the property owner has sent his representative to talk to you about potential settlement of this matter. The decision is up to you whether you want to pursue negotiations with the property owner to see if he can arrive at acceptable accommodations or whether you want to proceed with foreclosure.

Vice Mayor Hill suggested we need to be able to connect the owners, but I don't mind giving them an opportunity. We need guidelines and timeframes on some of the things we need to discuss. I don't want us just to say yes, then we come back and the building is like this again and we can't contact them. I do see the disadvantages of us also getting this building, however I again with Commissioner Walker asking questions of Mr. Chopper expertise. I am sure he knows we are trying so hard to make this community a better place. He could have stopped by a commission meeting or something. We are trying so hard to move this City forward.

Mayor Babb advised he know we are in workshop mode, but what he needs is a motion for going back into negotiation with the City Attorney for settlement or going forward with the foreclosure. We don't need a prolong discussion prior to a motion because I'm not sure what we're discussing. So, if we can get a motion on the floor; one or the other, then we can have our discussion.

Commissioner Walker motioned that we enter into negotiation with the attorney (about Old Hospital Site).

Commissioners Walkers inquired about the simulations with the grant as it relates to us getting the funding from the County. If we enter into this agreement, will we still be eligible for the County grant?

Mr. Brandenburg advised SWA has to fund that grant project for the upcoming year, so we don't know what that grant wording is going to say. My understanding from talking to the Commissioners is that those funds will be available for other projects for the City to try to get. If you are going to pay the money for demolition, they are probably going to have the same simulations as they had last year.

Commissioner Walker suggest concerning the timeframe for them to complete what they are going to do. If not, we can take ownership and apply for grants.

Mr. Brandenburg advised that is certainly something we can negotiate with the owners.

Approval of Negotiation with the Attorney in reference to Old Hospital Site.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Mayor Babb announced the Prince Theater will be understand the City Manager's Report, therefore we will consider it an agenda item.

Mr. Hikeem Banks requested the City Commission to support the Prince Theater. It was an article that came out in the paper a couple of weeks ago, I am on the board of the Anquan Boldin Foundation and we do a lot of work here. I think that the article was misleading with the organization that I have called the Balance Living Mentorship. Mrs. Perez was asked by myself to be on my board because of the work that she does here in the community. We are asking for support from the City. If there are grants out there, let us know. We want to partnership with the City. The Prince Theater is a historical building that if someone invest in it could bring jobs and something for the kids to do, so they won't be out there in the streets. Cultural Arts can be something more for the kids; I am already in the process of leasing the building for my mentorship program. We are just asking for support, it's for a great cause.

Mayor Babb announced we are not responsible for that funding, but we are going to allow the City Manager to give us some clarification on this.

City Manager Mr. Williamson responded that he read that article as well. Some of the things that was written in there, I wanted to clarify to Palm Beach Post that the City didn't solicit any money on behalf of the Perez's and we didn't solicit any money for that building to be renovated on tax payers dollars. We are aware that the opportunity presents itself for the Prince Theater to be renovated and it does provide to this community a positive cultural environment. We are not against that, we shouldn't be. There is a concern about how the compensation of public funds are being steered toward a public entity that's not owned by the City. As historic as the Prince Theater is, we have our natural historic building right here behind us (the Old Pahokee High School building) that hasn't received a dime for renovations. We support the renovation for the Prince Theater, Old Pahokee High School, and the Gymnasium. We support improving our community. We want to present to the world the talent here in the City of Pahokee. There's another news article coming out and we hope that it shines some light on this story. For the record, the City's for cultural arts.

Mayor Babb advised the money is not being in competition with the City of Pahokee, if the sale tax doesn't come here with the Prince Theater, it's probably going somewhere else. If we had a cultural center at City Hall, maybe then we would consider ourselves in competition. Again, we are really happy that the money was air marked for Pahokee, we are really satisfied that happening. The problem is the misconception that the City of Pahokee solicits funds for the Prince Theater (which isn't the case).

Commissioner Hill inquired who solicited the funds for the Prince Theater. How did the Prince Theater get the funds? Someone somewhere had to do something on a certain committee to solicit funds for the Prince Theater. Please guys don't do this, this is not right. I'm not gone sit here and I'm not going to allow it. Now, I want these funds to go to the Prince Theater. But, we have to be honest in the mist of it. Who solicit funds for the Prince

Theater? I was told that the former mayor's wife was on the committee and that the former mayor's wife brought certain people out to the Prince Theater. They took pictures of fifty (50) kids in the Prince Theater. I don't have a problem with this, but I am at a point where everybody got to keep this real. The former mayor's wife (kind of) spoke up for the Prince Theater. Another question everybody wanted to know is how are the funds being allocated? Who's going to oversee the funds while the building is being renovated? It was told to me that they have a non-profit organization and the president or one of the directors is Mrs. Perez. That was the concern. Once they start digging in stuff like this and it's true, then we lose the funds. Those are your answers.

Mayor Babb recognized Mrs. Perez (for comments).

Mrs. Sara Perez advised that's the problem with this City, you hear say but you don't do your research. We were approached by the Cultural Council. They wanted to bring a classroom because they had a project on historical buildings and they were interested in the Pahokee Prince Theater. We accommodated so that they can come and visit, we took them around and they took pictures. We did not ask them to take pictures, we did not invite anybody over, and we did not solicit anybody to come over. Nobody spoke on our behalf. If you'll remember back when J.P. Sasser was the mayor, he bent over backwards taking to get grants to renovate that historical building that is such a great asset to this City. While he wanted it, it was everybody's interest and everybody was for it. The minute that we took ownership, then everything changed. Why? Because it's Perez! The point that I am making is that we didn't solicit any grants, we were approached by the Council (Cultural). Since we took ownership the vision that we had was cultural and performing arts for this City, for the youth of this City. That's what I care about, that's what I've been doing since 2003 in this City. If we are all in this for the betterment of the City, for the betterment of the citizens; well, why do you support it? Why not?

Mr. Frank Wallace explained the Prince Theater closed down because they wouldn't let blacks go in the Prince Theater. Therefore, they closed it down.

Mr. Bobby Colvin comments that the article in the Palm Beach County Post stated the Prince Theater was chosen because of the City Officials and I come to almost all of the meeting, I don't remember the officials ever talking about that on the agenda. Maybe, I missed a meeting. If there were commissioners/mayor or anyone else involved in this it seems to me like it's government in the shade instead of government in the sunshine. We have a commission and it just seems like things were done in a backwards way and a secretive way. That's what I object to.

Approval of Minutes:

1. April 12, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting.

Approval of April 12, 2016 Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. **ORDINANCE (second reading) 2016 -02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AMENDING THE PAHOKEE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 10-1 THROUGH 10-55 TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 10 TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Approval of Ordinance 2016 - 02.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

2. **ORDINANCE (first reading) 2016 – 03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISISON OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 2-2. SALE OF ANY CITY REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, TO MODIFY THE SIGNAGE REQUIRED TO BE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY FOR SALE; PROVIDING A**

CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES

Approval of Ordinance 2016 - 03.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously

3. ORDINANCE (first reading) 2016 – 04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S CONTINUING CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY'S FIRE/RESCUE MSTU (MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT); PROVIDING FOR INTENT, PURPOSE AND CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS

Approval of Ordinance 2016 - 04.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously

Presentations:

1. Thriftway

Commissioner Murvin presented a certificate to Thriftway in recognition for outstanding service to the community.

Mr. Al announced four or four and a half years ago he stood in the same spot talking about opening Thriftway. Now, we are open and it tend to be a successful business. I decided to take make the area multiple businesses. We are going to set up something for the seniors, youth, and a wash house. We are going to be involved in schooling and have some kind of program for college. Most of the buildings in the City don't have enough power to supply a wash house. There's a demand for a wash house, so I decided that's the next move I'm going to make. Hopefully, all three businesses will be successful. Rardin Avenue always has problems, but my store always stays clean. I need the help of the community and thank you all so much.

Mayor Babb inquired about future expansion adjacent to the Church of God.

Mr. Al advised I'm going back and forth with the County about housing. I am a general contractor and that's what I do for a living. So, this is going to be a part of my project to build more residential apartments after I finish with the wash house. Probably in the next year, I would like to build an apartment building not like the ones we have now. I want to build an Apartment building with a gate and garages at the bottom like a condo.

2. Glades Health Care Center

Commissioner Holmes presented a certificate to Glades Health Care Center in recognition for outstanding service to the community.

Mrs. Wiseman announced thank you very much for the certificate, we appreciate you recognizing us. We are the largest employer here in the City of Pahokee. We employ 148 people with 17 beds available and I would love to fill those beds. We have a lot challenges right now because there's a lot of new facilities going up. I don't know if you know what we have here in the City of Pahokee, it's gold. We have to have a certificate of need in each County, it has to go by census of what is needed in the County. With that being said, we have 17 beds and if we can fill them we can employee about 30 more people (ratio base). We are competing with a new facility in Wellington that's state of the art. I ask you if you can take your relative to a state of the art building that is cold and their just getting care or you come to little country home that love the residents with your fellow people in the community taking care of them where they come to live. We need your support. We need you to not go to the Coast. Come and visit our facility and come unannounced to see for yourselves.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced I took the liberality to run-off some parliamentary procedures (the Robert's Rule of Order). I know it's a little different for us with the change in pace and everything we been doing. I need to make sure everyone is familiar with how we will be operating in the future. Just to give an example, we're not going to actually discuss an item unless it's been moved or motioned on and seconded; then we'll go into discussion. Another important rule is interrupting a speaker, it's only very few times when you can interrupt a speaker. The Chair is able to do it, but normally the floor is not. I'm just asking you to work with me, it will go a little smoother and we'll get out of here a little earlier. I am encouraging our Commissioners to take into consideration that we are all representing our City whether at a workshop, out in the community, or at a Commission meeting; we have to present ourselves as we are representing the City and our citizens. We are asking this community to work with us, again we have to work with ourselves to be the first line of defense. I think we are getting there, but we still have a long ways to go. The election is over, we have to put whatever difference we have aside to work as a team. We need to be on our best behavior, even if a citizens insult us we have to know what position we are in and treat everyone with respect. There are a lot of things processing in this community, if you give it time you can see the results. We are going to try to work together and do the best we can to move this City forward. On Friday, the 29th of April, I will be giving the Proclamation in honor of National Service Day at the State College (this proclamation was past at our last meeting). The ceremony is at 1 o'clock at the State College, if any of the Commissioners wants to attend.

Also, May 27th, I will be attending a meeting with the Palm Beach County League of Cities in Riviera Beach along with some other Commissioners. Immediately after the meeting, we will be attending the workshop to give us various information on how to be an effective elected official. Myself, Commissioner Murvin, and Commissioner Walker will be attending. We all should try to make it, if we can.

Also, May 9th from 5-8pm, the public is invited to a Meet & Greet with the Mayor. I ask that you bring any suggestions, concerns, or comments that you have that will help us to try to move this City forward. I am asking you to put it in writing, so we could look at it and work on it. The City I think is sponsoring this, we will have refreshments. We just ask the community to come out and support your new Commissioners. West Tech is having an Apprenticeship Program, so they are inviting you to an open house on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30-8:00pm at West Tech. We had the Great American Cleanup on Saturday and we advertised to make sure the public is aware of these events. Also, Palm Beach State College is having Summer College for youths (ages 7-14). If you have someone or know someone that maybe interested, they can go on the website apply for scholarships to play for the courses or they can call Veronica at (561) 993-1187. Saturday, May 14th, the Postal Service is hosting the Stamp Out Hunger, the largest food drive you can leave non-perishable items at your door or drop them off at the local Post Office. The Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Award Dinner held Saturday, May 14th 2016 at 6pm located at the Pahokee Marina & Campground. This year's theme is Groovy 60's. There's also a Summer Intern Job Summit for Youths, anyone looking for employment between the ages of 17-24 years old (you can't be employed, enrolled in school or college). You can apply online at Career Source or call (561) 340-1060 ext. 2361.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson announced the East Main Street Project is kicking off. Phase II bid language is with FDOT and we are waiting on that to do advertisement. We are about to ramp up here in the City of Pahokee with construction, which is a good thing when we talk about economic development (we have to clean our house). On the Gymnasium, we have a private donor and we are moving towards that partnership language. Glade Health Care Center was a part of the appropriation conversation in Tallahassee this session. Glades Health Care Center will be included in the 2017 Legislative Session, trying to get some grants. Town Hall meeting will be held May 16th at 6pm. Also, we have a new vendor to pick up trash here in the City of Pahokee, Waste Management is our new vendor. We have been working and discussing all of our issues here in the City of Pahokee. We have rode around showing them some of our concerns and issues. It's a process in motion. We need the community's assistance in keeping our City clean.

Mayor Babb announced we are asking every employer in the City of Pahokee if they would hire one high school or college student during the summer (4-6 weeks). That's allows them to make some money to help their family, purchase their school, or something. We know everybody is not going to be able to do it, but participate if you can. We want to have a job fair, where you can come in and do an interview. I am asking where are you with putting that together.

Mr. Williamson replied we have a small timeframe, so we are actually formulating a letter to send to local businesses.

Commissioner Walker inquired can we have a timeframe on the MLK Park. Do you have any idea when it will be completed?

Mr. Williamson replied we had to wait on Kaboom and now we are in the process of selecting a vendor. If I have to get you a timeframe today, by May 30th we should have that in place.

Commissioner Walker asked do you have any idea when we can anticipate some movement with the Gymnasium.

Mr. Williamson replied we don't have a timeframe yet, but the County is in there now doing their part.

Report of the City Attorney:

1. Palm Beach County Trespass Ordinance for Parks

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg examples the Palm Beach County Trespass Ordinance violations timeframe and asked the Commissioners if they will like something similar.

Vice Mayor Hill is concerned you the violation timeframe, but I'll wait until we get into discussion.

Mayor Babb suggested taking a closer look at it and bringing it up in the next Commission meeting before we decide. We will review it and take it under consideration at the next meeting.

2. Dumpsters

Mr. Brandenburg advised the City Manager wanted some examples of dumpsters. This is an example of what the County requires for dumpsters. If the City wants to impose on properties that they have dumpster enclosures, we would have to ensure that we follow existing businesses a period of time to comply. Most community's required that the dumpsters be located on concrete and be able to be rolled out of the fence.

Mayor Babb responded we will take a look at that and give the City Attorney and City Manager our opinion on this matter.

Old Business:

1. Gymnasium Update

New Business:

1. Community Relations Board (Dismantle and Restart)

Commissioner Murvin advised last week I had the opportunity to attend one of the Community Relations Board Meeting. The reason I went to the meeting is I am new and I wanted to know what goes on. To make a long story short, the meeting actually was terrible. I never attend or sat in one. This meeting was actually a disgrace to the community. It really degraded the Commission and the Community Relations Board. I asked Ms. Warner for a copy of the Community Relations Board By-Laws. My recommendation or my opinion is to address it, dismember the board, and put out to the community for new membership. I don't know how long they have been on the board because there's a two years term. From my opinion on the Community Relations Board, the whole meeting was on personal agenda and it was a disgrace. I motion to the City Commission that we dismember the Community Relations Board and put out to the community for new members.

Vice Mayor Hill seconded the motion.

Commissioner Holmes announced I used to be the chairman of the Community Relations Board and I did a lot of work for the City. Some of the problem is when we have people that never been to the Board, now all of a sudden want to dismantle the Board from the first time that they've been there (which I think is unfair). We need to start going to these Boards and see how these Boards operating. It's hard to get good members on the Board, once you get good members you got to go there and we got to try to see what's going on. Instead of trying to dismantle the Board because of something happening that doesn't please you. I don't like that.

Commissioner Walker inquired out of all the Boards that we have in this City, Ms. Warner how many Boards that we have. I want to say 8-10, give or take. That is the only functioning Board. The only Board that we have been able to

keep together to work in this community and actually be a part of this community. We had Whites on there that all of a sudden, they resigned for no apparent reason, we had Hispanics on there now, and we have African-American members on there. Whenever the City calls on them, they were there. I have been the chairperson, Bishop's been the chairperson, and these ladies care about this community. Despite of what happened at that last meeting, I feel like it's a conspiracy or set-up to dismember this Board. I support this Board. I should have followed my first mind and voted no, I've been kicking myself every since. I can't do anything about it, my vote went forward for the sake of peace. I will never vote again for the sake of peace, for the good it does. I was appointed by this Board to be the liaison for the Community Relations Board after I got elected as a Commissioner. However, my presence at the Board meeting was questioned. I didn't know Board members had the right to question why someone was there. Like I said in the meeting, I know protocol had I not suppose to been there, I would not have been there. I am so sick of hearing the word personal agenda. I have a personal agenda, my personal agenda is the community and the citizens. Why we gone to come in and dismantle a board because of somebody that was appointed that have put some questionable issue already? The person is a troublemaker and we all knew that when we sat up here and voted her in. But, we did it not taking into consideration the damage they can do to that Board and this entire community.

Mayor Babb advised normally a person should stay on there for two years term and we then re-appoint them if no one applies (not only the Community Relations Board, we need to look at all our Boards). The City Clerk has indicated the record keeping of the Boards is kind of fuzzy to none. The best way to do it is really to start over. We think or believe that the majority of the Board has served for two years or more. That doesn't mean they can't be re-appointed and members should serve on one board unless no one is willing to serve. I think when I was on the Commission Board, Commissioner Walker was appointed as the liaison person. Normally, that occurs when a Board is first being formulated. Just to be clear, the liaison person is really the City Clerk. We need to look at the tape. It is the Community Relations Board and we expect that Board to present themselves how the Commission should present themselves. If that Board doesn't work together, it's almost like the Commission is broke and the system. I recommend dismantling all the Boards.

Commissioner Holmes advised he respect Mayor Babb opinion, but when I was the chairman we had some real good citizens on that Board. They loved out community. When I heard what happened it disappointed me. Most of them (the people that were on the Board) are still there and every time we had an event they served well, they did everything that they were asked to do, and I you are going to hurt the cause (these people, the community). It's going to be hard to replace that.

Mayor Babb presented that they can still apply to get back on the Board, just give others an opportunity. As a Mayor, I would encourage this Commission to look at all the Boards and start fresh. Again, each Commissioner is charged with the responsibility of appointing a board member. If you have a particular person on there that you want to re-appoint, again that's something that you can do. I don't think this particular meeting was being isolated, I think Commissioner Murvin just wanted to attend. I listen at the tape, it was an embarrassment. You had a new person (who was only an alternate) that was treated almost like an alien. You got to welcome a new member in. I think it was some conversation stating we are not against you, just the process of how you were selected.

Commissioner Walker inquired when was that said.

Mayor Babb replied at the meeting. It was on tape, everybody can take a look at it. The person wasn't being welcomed.

Commissioner Walker suggested that we have a meeting with that board and allow the board members an opportunity to defend themselves, if that be the case. I thought all of us were able to serve on a board, like you might have been selected by the Economic Development Board (which you made suggests and was the liaison). Do you not remember that?

Mayor Babb advised I don't remember anybody being a liaison for any boards. Actually, a Commissioner once elected has to resign your membership. Basically, you being a liaison (as a Commissioner) you are part of that board. We don't allow Commissioners to serve on two (2) boards and we discourage citizens being on two (2) boards. It happens, but we try our best to prevent it. We ask on the application, are you serving on any boards. So, we can look at other applicants. The Clerk has recommended that the board be dismantled, so it can give her and the board a fresh start.

Commissioner Walker advised you are going to dismantle the only functioning board in this community. You can't even get people on the other boards. Planning and Zoning Board comes together on an as needed bases. I am going to

be very disappointed, if we sit here and dismantle that board. You are trying to smooth it over by saying dismantle all the boards, but there's no other boards to be dismantled.

Commissioner Hill advised if we haven't been following the By-Laws, the board needs to start over. We do need diversity on the boards. My thing is trying to move our City forward. The new Commissioner walked in a meeting and she (and others) was not comfortable, I agree with her. The board need to be dismantle and start over, we can all choose who we want to appoint on the board. There was an alternative that wasn't contacted until the day of the meeting to be there at 5o'clock. But, everybody else just happens to be at the meeting. This is why this community is in the situation it's in.

Mayor Babb advised those that's serving currently on the board, may re-apply for the board.

Commissioner Walker inquired the Clerk is responsible for calling individuals for the meeting, so why was this particular individual not called.

Ms. Warner (City Clerk) replied I know who Commissioner Hill is referring to, she was called for each meeting since I've been the City Clerk. That individual advised she would attend, but she gave me her comments on why she felt uncomfortable and she never attended.

Approval of Community Relations Board (Dismantle and Restart).

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried (3) aye; (2) nay.

Citizens Comments:

Ms. Daniel Odoms I am kind of scared to talk because you all have a lot going on. I am trying to get the youth involved in activities and I don't hear too much talk about the youth. I am trying to have activities for the youths at the park, not for Turn-Up Sunday. We are trying to bring the youths and the community back together. I just want to know that I have you all support.

Mayor Babb advised that's great, but you do need a permit.

Ms. Odoms advised it's not Turn-Up Sunday, it's really just to get the community involved with the youths.

Ms. Mary Kelly advised individuals are making a dumping site in front of her house. It's not just where I live, it's peoples are coming from different areas dumping at night. I have reported it so many times, I wanted to see what you all can do about it.

Mr. Williamson advised that one of the major issues we have (illegal dumping). We collective have to address the illegal dumping, it's an education process (I had this conversation with Commissioner Walker this morning). We will be out there tomorrow. It's a practice that's going on all around the City, we pick-up and they come back (illegal dumping). When you have this issue, please give us a call and we will come out. Thank you for bring this to our attention.

Mayor Babb inquired in that area do we have no dumping signs.

Commissioner Holmes replied "No".

Mayor Babb advised the no dumping sign is the first line of defense. Secondly, if we could have the police monitor or patrolling the area we might catch it. We have to be proactive and think outside the box.

Mr. Lonnie Spry advised there are holes in the road in front of house and on the corner getting bigger. If I hit those holes and something happens to my car, I am going to sue the City. Secondly, over at the school the lights are on at 2o'clock in the morning. By 9o'clock those individuals playing soccer are gone. This is costing the City money having those lights on that time of night.

Mayor Babb advised having a timer on the lights.

Ms. Tammy Jackson-Moore (Deputy City Manager) advised the lights are being adjusted all the time. At night, someone breaks the lock and tamper with them. They bend it and break it. It has happened three or four times since I've been here.

Mr. Spry advised the City needs a Commission Advisory Board. Our rental properties in this City are Slum Lords.

Commissioner Holmes asked what the Commission Advisory Board would do.

Mr. Spry replied they meet and find out things that's going on in the community and give you advice on how to handle it (not tell you what to do, just make suggestions).

Ms. Joanna Culberson advised the City cut all the flowers down around her palm trees. I have been to the City Hall twice and notice others flowers didn't get cut down. I got to think was I singled out.

Mayor Babb apologized on behalf of the City.

Ms. Allie Biggs advised while the Commission meeting is going on, the language and actives in the back rows are horrible. I am sure that all citizens have a right to speak, but there is an order that has to be respected. I am sitting in the audience now, I want you to do something about it (City Commission). It's unfair, I want to hear what everybody has to say. It's disrespect for the entire City when this type of crap goes on. We need to respect each other, so Mayor Babb I want you to pay attention to the back.

Mayor Babb replied I was unaware of what was going on back there, but I will pay a lot more attention to that in the future. We ask the citizens and the Commission to be respectful.

Mr. Carl Morrison requested adding a report from the lieutenant. Also, we need garbage pick-up twice a week because mostly people clean-up on the weekend.

Mayor Babb advised that's something we are working on.

Mr. Thomas Murvin advised the Community Relations Board need to be addressed because he talked to some individuals from Belle Glade in reference to the MLK Walk. Belle Glade wanted to combine with Pahokee, so it could be a great turnout. But, the Community Relations Board refused and advised they will continue to do the same thing. They didn't have a good turnout, no one came to support the Community Relations Board event. When we start out new, we bring in new ideas (no disrespect to Ms. Walker). There are young people out there for the City, it will be refreshing.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Murvin states progress is impossible without change. Those who cannot change their minds will not change anything. Good night and God bless.

Commissioner Holmes advised we need to address annexation because I noticed it's never been addressed. I have a lot of people coming up to me about annexing to the City. Also, we need to try to condense the time of the Commission meetings.

Mayor Babb suggested changing the workshop back to 6:00pm and the City Commission meeting to 6:30pm.

Approval of Changing City Commission Workshop to 6:00pm and meeting to 6:30pm.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes announced he appreciate Mr. Jaison Raju for working with our City (Mr. Raju is leaving the City of Pahokee).

Commissioner Walker wished everyone well and thanks Mr. Raju for all he's done for the City of Pahokee. I think our staff deserve some apologizes for the names they were called. We have to be fair about these things, our employees have feelings and should not have to be subjective to name calling. City Manager what's the status on us getting a street sweeper?

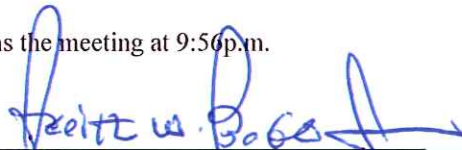
Mr. Williamson advised we are looking into the opportunity of contracting out.

Mayor Babb advised we can look into local farmers.

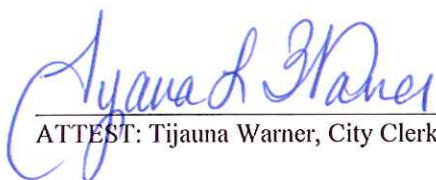
Commissioner Walker thanks Mr. Banks and Ms. Odoms for their concerns for the youths. I want remind everybody about the Relay For Life on May 13-14 at the City of Pahokee Recreation Department. I think the dismantle of the Community Relations Board was a harsh decision, however the majority rule. Thank You.

Commissioner Hill announced officially as of today I have no legal issues at this moment. Now, I spend a lot of my time concentrating on my community. I want to thank Mr. Carl Morrison for the support and mental support he's given me throughout the last four years. I want Sara Perez to know, I Nana to know, and I want Hikeem Banks to know I am here to support you, although I have some questions (I don't have a problem with you all, these were questions that the citizens have).

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:56p.m.



Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk