

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:32p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice Mayor Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Absent
	Commissioner Clara Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Sgt. Barth	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

City Clerk Ms. Tijauna Warner requested an amendment to add Ordinance 2016-09 to H1 and Resolution 2016 – 28 to I4.

Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only): *Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) announced all Citizens Comments Cards.*

Ms. Beverly Austin (resident) suggest the City Commission keep Conchy Moe's Restaurant open advising it's not only a restaurant, it's also a family business. Moe employs thirteen (13) people and that's thirteen (13) families depending on him to keep the restaurant open.

Mayor Babb advised the City Commission will keep your comments into consideration.

Public Service Announcements: None

Approval of Minutes:

1. June 28, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting

Approval of June 28, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. **ORDINANCE 2016 – 09 (first reading) 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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF 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 - 09.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION 2016 - 25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A PAHOKEE RESURFACING CONTRACT TO WEEKLEY ASPHALT PAVING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$227,949.50.**

Commissioner Murvin inquired is this in reference to the roads being repaired.

City Manager Mr. Williamson replied yes. Mr. Lamotte (Wantman Group) is here, if you have any questions.

Commissioner Walker suggested placing the roads that are being repaired on the City's website.

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 25.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

2. **RESOLUTION 2016 - 26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, IN RECOGNITION OF AGRICULTURE AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE ECONOMIES; AGRICULTURE AS A MAJOR EMPLOYER; AGRICULTURE ADVANCES ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION; AND AGRICULTURE GROWS AND PROVIDES FOODS FOR LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL CONSUMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 -26.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

3. **RESOLUTION 2016 - 27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND ROLLED BACK RATE; FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE; AND TENTATIVE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 27.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

**4. RESOLUTION 2016 – 28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE
TERMINATION OF SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF PAHOKEE AND CONCHY MO, INC..**

Commissioner Murvin inquired were the employees that were working there aware of the reason we voted to close Conchy Moe's. Moe or someone should have informed the staff to why we are closing Moe's. Also, I understand the reason that we are closing Moe's is because of the past rent, utilities, and no upkeep of Moe's. That's the reason and I think that should have been addressed with the employees.

Mayor Babb advised this was a recommendation from staff as well. I just came on board as a mayor three weeks ago, so I'm not totally familiar with all the past history. I do agree with this employee, we want jobs and that's our main goal. Our goal is never to put a business out of business, but the Commission must run as a business and treat him with the same fairness as we treat any other business. It breaks my heart to see any business go out of business because it's on our watch. It's not something we take lightly. I think at the last Commission meeting we voted unanimously to proceed with this action that is taken tonight.

Commissioner Walker replied I have a concern with the water on the floor of the restaurant went I came in there and customers were in there. It was almost like the swimming pool was inside the building. I'm concerned that someone's going to have an accident and the City will be held liable. Even though Moe should have insurance, it still will be a liability for the City. I think it would be best for us to have the building fixed before it is operating again.

Mayor Babb announced the employer is supposed to notify the employee of the situation with the restaurant.

Mr. Moe replied this is the first time I found out why I'm being evicted. I received nothing from the City, I just heard it through the grapevine that I'm being voted to be evicted. I just want to set the record straight, I am not in arrears on rent. That can be verified. The utilities, I was blindsided. We paid it last week and I have a cancelled check. For the record, this the first time I'm told why I'm being evicted. I got no notification, no phone calls, and no letters. What was I going to tell them? I was handed the restaurant three months in arrears, so don't evict me on something I didn't do. I'm sorry to the staff that they have to hear it like that.

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 28.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Public Hearings: None

Proclamations: None

Presentations:

1. Baines Superette

Commissioner Walker presented a certificate to Baines Superette for Business of the Month.

2. Nana's Cuban Café and Food Store (unable to attend)

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced a Town Hall Meeting in Clewiston in reference to the water discharge from Lake Okeechobee. We have a lot at stake, it's our livelihood at stake. So, if you have the opportunity to come out to that meeting to find out what's going on and see how you can play a role or part in supporting the economy here in the South. The meeting location is at 370 Holiday Isle Drive in Clewiston, it's at New Harvest Church at 6:00P.M.. At our last Commission Meeting, I mentioned my desire to reinstate our Youth Council to give the young people the opportunity to give their input. I realized we had an ordinance that recognizes a Youth Council, so I'm going to ask staff to look into that.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson announced I would like to introduce our Administrative Assistant, her name is Ashley Davis. Ms. Davis started working with the City of Pahokee Monday and she comes to us with experience in commerce, retail, and customer service. We are very pleased to have her in the City of Pahokee. The Back to School Bash we have been planning very diligently. The Back to School Bash will be held August 6th at the Pahokee High School. We try to improve every year on this event and we are excited about this year event. Just a recap, we have entered into a contract for the repairs at the Marina. Also, we have two quotes for the repair of the roof on the Senior Citizens Room and both came in between \$80,000-82,000. I am thinking we want to get one more just to feel comfortable. I think tonight I need permission to move forward with repairing the roof of the Senior Citizens Room.

Commissioner Walker advised that's something we really need to do. I went over there and you could swim in the water that's on the floor.

Mayor Babb inquired about receiving a financial report.

Mr. Williamson replied I will get that information to you.

Report of the City Attorney:

1. Old Hospital Site

Mr. Brandenburg advised on the Old Hospital matter I've set the trial in February unless we come to an agreement with the owners.

2. Conchy Moe's

Mr. Brandenburg advised you've already heard the report on Conchy Moe's. Also, please review the back-up information which is the contract with the Anquon Boldin Foundation to repair the gymnasium. I have provided the contract for review.

Mayor Babb inquired if we would immediately send a bill to the owner for the refurbishment of the cost for cleaning up the fire debris.

Mr. Williamson replied the cleaning company has a couple of thing they want to do out there, so once they are finish we have the final cost. Once they are completely finished, we will receive the invoice and contact the owner about reimbursement.

Mayor Babb responded let them know a bill is coming.

Commissioner Walker suggested recognizing Mr. Perez for his company coming through to clean up the debris. We need to keep on mind that we do have local business that we can contact within our community.

New Business:

1. Lieutenant Piccolo (PBSO Report) (no report)

Citizens Comments: *Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) announced all public comment cards.*

Mrs. Mary Debrow (resident) inquired about why the City of Pahokee is giving Moe's the security deposit back.

Mr. Brandenburg replied it's just a part of settlement and not battling it out over a lease.

Ms. Debrow inquired is there any update on the wifi on the campground.

Mr. Williamson replied they are doing an assessment on the equipment and I'll keep you updated.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Murvin inquired is there any update on Lt. Piccolo being ill.

Ms. Tammy Jackson-Moore replied the Captain is with him now and he advised he would text me when he leaves the hospital.

Mayor Babb announced we will keep Lt. Piccolo in our prayers.

Commissioner Walker inquired can we get an update on the finance director position.

Mr. Williamson replied we are still collecting resumes and setting interviews.

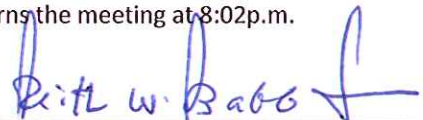
Commissioner Walker inquired when you anticipate a finance director being hired or a time-frame.

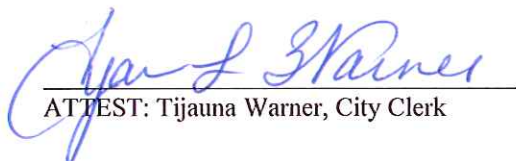
Mr. Williamson responded I think it's safe to say in another two weeks or so.

Commissioner Walker announced we had to events in the community this past weekend. One with YMUnite (Young Mother's Unite), I'm encourage our young people to get involved. Also, we had a guest speaker for an elderly lecture and it rained our elderly in. Just wanted to let you know there are things that are going on in our community that's positive.

Vice Mayor Hill advised we really need to make sure that we read this gymnasium contract because it sounds like we are probably going to be losing out on the gym. I don't have anything against someone coming in trying to do what they're supposed to do for our City, but I have issues with language on the agreement. I think we can do just as much as this foundation could do. I think these are the type of things that get us in situations five years from now. I think we really need to read this agreement carefully and make sure we go back to make revisions. We don't want to regret some discussions later on down the road. Just look at the contract everybody, that's all I'm saying. Good Night and I love you guys.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:02p.m.


Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor


ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk