



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 9, 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, August 9, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:36p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	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. Piccolo	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present

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

City Manager Mr. Chandler Williamson requested an amendment to add BDB to L1. Commissioner Walker requested amending agenda to add Federation of Families to L2 and City Slogan to O-2.

**Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.**

**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):** None

**Public Service Announcements:**

Commissioner Walker announced on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Candidate Forum at the Parks & Recreation Cafeteria. We have sixteen (16) of the candidates that are running in the primary and that's for the community. You can come if you want.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. July 12, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting

**Approval of July 12, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.**

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

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

Mayor Babb recognized the City Manager Mr. Camel from the City of South Bay, also the Representative from Commissioner McKinlay's office Mrs. Wilson. Thank you all for coming. Ms. Barbara Davis from Representative Radar's office, thank you for coming.

Commissioner Holmes advised Mayor Babb you miss Mr. Boldin from the Anquon Boldin Foundation.

Mayor Babb recognized Mr. Bolding from the Anquon Boldin Foundation. You will probably make a brief presentation because we will be discussing the contract with the Anquon Boldin Foundation.

Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting – August 9, 2016

Ordinances: None

Resolutions:

- 1. RESOLUTION 2016 – 29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE ANQUON BOLDIN FOUNDATION, INC..**

Mayor Babb inquired I know we had some discussion at the last commission meeting in reference to the Anquon Boldin Foundation, have you received any calls or discussions that we needed to change anything in the contract.

Mr. Brandenburg replied no, I received no input for any changes to this agreement.

Commissioner Holmes advised I think the Anquon Boldin Foundation is great for our City. I don't understand what the hindrance.

Mr. Brandenburg replied there are none that I'm aware of sir.

Commissioner Holmes advised I think they're great. Everything I see about Mr. Anquon Boldin is he's helping our City, he's helping our youth, and he's putting money into the gym.

Vice Mayor Hill advised I had a few concerns with the contract, but after reviewing, researching, and discussions I agree with Commissioner Holmes. However, my concern with the contract was seeing what situation it would have the City in. I did have concerns with some of the verbiage in the contract, I can't sit here and say I didn't have a problem. I feel the contract needs to be reworded, but as far as the Anquon Boldin Foundation I have no problem with that.

Commissioner Holmes inquired can you sure that, so we will know.

Vice Mayor Hill replied just with the verbiage within the contract. If anyone were to look at the contract with some of the verbiage, it's like the City is secondary and the Foundation is primary. But, I did some more research and find that there are other contracts we've approved and we are in the same situation here. I don't want to put myself out and people use what I'm saying the wrong way. I'm just saying I don't have a problem with the Anquon Boldin Foundation, I don't have a problem with the people in the Foundation, I just had some concerns with some of the verbiage within the contract. However, I was told that we can back out or they can back out of this contract at any time. I think as a Commissioner that is my duty to review the contract and look out for the City. Now, Anquon has done an excellent job within our City and I think he will continue to do it.

Commissioner Murvin advised I studied this contract, I read it word for word, and I don't see anything wrong with the contract. I do have to say this, you have to look at the character of a person. We know the character of Anquon Boldin. No one is holding his hand to make him come give us his personal money. That building has been sitting there five or six years vacant. No one came into the City and said I have \$1.4 million to take care of this building. He didn't have to do this, he's not getting anything out of this, and he's doing it for the children and the citizens of Pahokee. If you read the contract he has no strings attached, the City is not outing one dime into this gym, and you are telling me to walk away from \$1.4million to renovate the gym. God sent someone right up under our nose, we better check ourselves. If this was to fall through you might as well call the County and say take over the City of Pahokee. I only have one concern and that is the time frame of the STEM Courses.

Mr. Carl Boldin (Foundation Representative) replied to address the concerns of Commissioner Murvin, it's real simple for us. Anquon want to be here tonight, but he's in Detroit (with that said I'm here representing the Foundation). Number one, I just want to address any concerns that Commissioner Hill may have in term of verbiage. The Foundations attorney Mr. Smith worked generously with the City Attorney on the verbiage. There's nothing inside that contract that says the Anquon Boldin Foundation will come first. Anquon does not desire to come in and take over the gymnasium and he does not desire to come and run it. His only desire is to help the youth of this



community as well as the elderly. We hear all the rumors and things that are being said, but I don't take that personally. He came and he saw the gym had been dormant. I was raised in Pahokee, so this is nothing new to me. Let's remember that our kids are fundamentally behind because we have not been proactive in doing something with this community. STEM means Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program, that is an afterschool program and the time is from 3p.m. to 6p.m., Monday through Friday. Let's be clear, if you look at that contract it's about \$2.5 million. If you are going to complete a project like this, you need the 3C's (Cash, Connections, and Commitment). Anquon is not trying to take over the City and he is not trying to do anything that is not of good integrity. His integrity has never been question. We all can remember when Pahokee was vibrant until the sugar industry took away the jobs. Now, your tax base goes to West Palm Beach. If we can come in and do the STEM Program, we have the opportunity for kids to learn STEM discipline. Any kid that is involved with the STEM Program does 25% better academically than kids who are not. So, this is not something that Carl is saying you can go do the research for yourself. If we are talking about bringing the City back from the dead, then we need to do some things differently. If we help these kids get on through college, then we can have businesses coming to the City, we can have residents with skill sets to work jobs that are not manual labor. This is really about having our young people education with job readiness skills. If this something the City does not want, we can walk away. Kids don't have anything to do; therefore, they're getting into trouble. This is a well thought out program. If we don't stand up for the kids, who will.

Vice Mayor Hill replied again Mr. Boldin my concerns were with the contract itself, I agree with everything you just said. I'm okay now.

Mayor Babb responded I think we are 100% supportive and committed.

Commissioner Walker inquired Commissioner Hill are you okay with the verbiage?

Vice Mayor Hill replied I'm okay with the verbiage.

Commissioner Holmes responded thank you Anuon Boldin Foundation. If anything, I believe Commissioner Hill is on board. We have our own minds and we ask questions, and that's what she did. Everything is okay and the Commission is 100% behind Anquon Boldin.

Mr. Brandenburg advised I think it's a good agreement and you should go forward.

**Approval of Resolution 2016 - 29.**

**Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Public Hearings:**

1. **ORDINANCE 2016 – 09 (second 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.**

**Proclamations:** None

**Presentations:**

1. **BDB**

*Mr. Luke Jackson presents to the City of Pahokee representing BDB (with hand-outs).*

2. **Federation of Families**

*Mr. Colin Walkes presents to the City of Pahokee representing Federation of Families and invited the Commission to do a walkthrough of the facility.*

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Babb announced we had a Back to School Bash Saturday, I think it was excellent. I want to thank staff, they worked very hard preparing that program. It was a huge success, highly attended. The City put it on Facebook and I'm surprised we only had 15 likes. We had outstanding prizes from laptops to iPods. I thought it was a great event. I want to commend staff, and the residents, and the representatives from the community. We are looking forward to doing that next year. Also, we had a meeting with the principal and teachers at KEC, they did a tour of Pahokee today. Teachers that are not from the Glades normally don't see the City and we gave them an opportunity to explore the City.

**Report of the City Manager:**

Mr. Williamson announced East Main Place Project is moving forward. As we all know, the project slowed down because of rain. We anticipate the project begin completed probably late September depending on the weather. Phase II Resurfacing an additional eight (8) streets, we are still waiting on a response back from FDOT. We are beginning to develop the language for Phase III, I anticipate the language will be out by October. We have some quotes for the roof repair of Parks and Recs. First quote is \$89,500; second quote is \$84,000; a third quote is \$82,500. Then, we had a fourth quote which is \$49,800. The \$49,800 is a completely different type of repair that does not to remove the roof which may damage the structure because of the age of the building it's called hydrocoat. They are offering this adhesive method instead of removing the roof. I recommend using the adhesive method. \$49,800 will come from the reserves.

Mayor Babb advised my concern is have you researched to the point where you have references on this type of work on an older building with roofing damage and how well they did afterwards. If they have a number of people they've worked with, we should be able to get some references.

Mr. Williamson replied I do some additional research and get some recommendations by tomorrow.

Mayor Babb advised if you receive the recommendations we can actually motion for you to process with that repair.

**Approval of proceed with Parks and Recreation Roof Repair once you receive recommendations.**

**Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Report of the City Attorney: (No Report)**

**New Business:**

1. Lieutenant Piccolo (PBSO Report) (No Report)
2. City Slogan

**Approval of City Slogan Pahokee: The Grassy Water Gateway to Lake Okeechobee.**

**Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.**

**Motion carried 4:1 (passed).**

3. Board Appointments (*Commissioner advised she's no appointing to the boards*)

*City Clerk announced Economic Development Board Appointments:*

*Deborah Abner appointed by Commissioner Murvin as a member of the Economic Development Board.*

*Regina Bohlen appointed by Mayor Babb as a member of the Economic Development Board.*

*Sanquetta Cowan appointed by Vice Mayor Hill as a member of the Economic Development Board.*

*Lettie Cannon appointed by Commissioner Murvin as a member of the Economic Development Board.*

*Colin Walkes appointed by Mayor Babb as a member of the Economic Development Board.*



*Antameka Jackson appointed by Mayor Babb as an alternate member of the Economic Development Board.*

**Approval of Economic Development Board Appointment.**

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

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

*City Clerk announced Community Relations Board Appointments:*

*Thomas Murvin appointed by Vice Mayor Hill as a member of the Community Relations Board.*

*Patricia Wilson appointed by Mayor Babb as a member of the Community Relations Board.*

*Annie Coore appointed by Commissioner Holmes as a member of the Community Relations Board.*

*Antameka Jackson appointed by Commissioner Murvin as a member of the Community Relations Board.*

*Sanquetta Cowan appointed by Vice Mayor Hill as a member of the Community Relations Board.*

*Lettie Cannon appointed by Vice Mayor Hill as an alternate member of the Community Relations Board.*

**Approval of Community Relations Board Appointment.**

**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Walker.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.** *(Commissioner Walker explains her vote is yes with the exception of Patricia Wilson)*

**4. Pahokee Ethics Training Policy**

**Approval of Pahokee Ethics Training Policy.**

**Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

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

*Ms. Sanquetta Cowan (resident) thanks the Mr. Williamson (City Manager) for coming out to the school to meet the Pahokee Elementary to welcome the teachers. If you any of the City Commissioners have time to come by the school, please come by to read to the student or just meet the teachers.*

**City Commission Comments:**

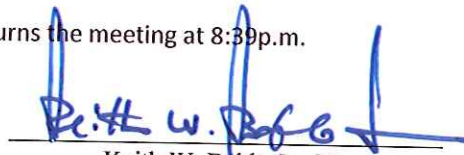
Commissioner Murvin replied good night.

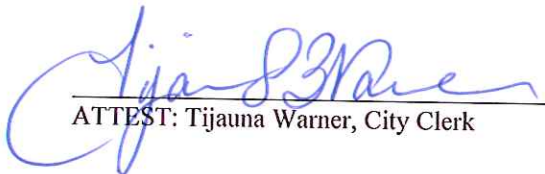
Commissioner Holmes announced I'll be quite tonight.

Commissioner Walker thanks staff for removing trash off Lake Avenue and welcomes Lt. Picciolo back. Everyone have a good night.

Vice Mayor Hill replied good night.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:39p.m.

  
Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

  
ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk