

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 23, 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 23, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:35p.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	Present
	Commissioner Clara Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Absent
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Picciolo	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) requested an amendment to add Resolution 2016 - 33 to I4, Proclamation Samuel Haubert to L5, and move L1-4 and K1 up on the agenda.

Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Presentations:

1. Commissioner Melissa Mckinlay

Mayor Babb presented Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa Mckinlay with the Key to the City.

Commissioner Mckinlay advised I'm not used to getting recognized like that in public, so you guys are amazing partners. Before I make some comments here, you know how big of a fan I am to the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Department and it is an honor. It is my honor to be standing here with all these public servants. I decided to sit on the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee at the National Association of Counties Conference and someone say you are from Palm Beach what are you doing in Agricultural and Rural Affairs. I said well I represent the largest agricultural community east of the Mississippi and the fifth largest in the nation, so I'm in the right spot. Then, he said have a seat right here. One of the things that we've discussed is the opium crisis in our communities. These men and women here lining this room are at the front line of that. This crisis is large in the urban areas, but it is near a crisis epidemic in our rural communities. Our kids are dying from overdoses and we need to do whatever we can to support the Fire Rescue. My hats off to you for everything you do and you are really heroes. I want to send my prayers to Commissioner Walker in her absence. I've been in office for about 18 months and it's been very busy. I couldn't possible do this without my wonderful assistant, my legislative aid in the Glades Mrs. Lisa Wilson, she's real full time staff here in the Glades. In the 2015-2016 Legislation Session we brought back over \$34 million. That \$34 million was allocated for road construction, funding at West Tech, Palm Beach State College, Pahokee Marina, over \$3.6 million from Water Utilities to help fund projects for water distributions system, and \$75, 000 for improvements on Commission Park. I am very proud of the work that we have done in a short period of time. We have a lot of projects going on in Belle Glade and South Bay, we are going to start expanding it to the City of Pahokee with housing

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projects. We are working very closely with HUD. I look forward to going back to Tallahassee and fighting for the Glades area. I want to make sure the Glades regions are protected and I look forward to working with you. I love working with you guys.

2. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Mayor Babb presented Palm Beach County Fire Rescue with a plaque for their assistance with the City of Pahokee Putting Kids First Back to School Bash.

Battalion Chief Patrick Kennedy thanked the City of Pahokee and City Commission for the opportunity to be here and assistance with City's programs.

1. CROS Ministries Mission Team

Commissioner Murvin presented CROS Ministries Team with a plaque for their assistance with the City of Pahokee Putting Kids First Back to School Bash.

2. Dem Muck Boys

Commissioner Holmes presented Dem Muck Boys with a plaque for their assistance with the City of Pahokee Putting Kids First Back to School Bash.

Proclamations:

1. Samuel Haubert

Vice Mayor Hill presented Samuel Haubert with a proclamation from the City of Pahokee in recognition of his retirement as Battalion Chief.

Former Battalion Chief Samuel Haubert thanked the City of Pahokee for their kindness and acknowledgment.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only): None

Public Service Announcements: None

Approval of Minutes: None

Ordinances: None

Resolutions:

- 1. RESOLUTION 2016 – 30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR CDBG FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,310 FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 30.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

- 2. RESOLUTION 2016-31A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE**

**SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
MUTUAL USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 31.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Motion carried on unanimously.

- 3. RESOLUTION 2016 – 32 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 PALM
BEACH COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY BASED AGENCIES.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 32.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

- 4. RESOLUTION 2016 – 33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
PAHOKEE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 - 33.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Public Hearings: None

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced a very important Tri-Cities Community Meeting on Friday, August 26th at the Parks and Recreation Cafeteria to discuss the land acquisition that someone's trying to purchase from our agricultural community which is about 60,000 acres that's currently under production. If this plan go through it will put thousands of residents out of work and affect the local businesses. Pahokee and Belle Glade won't be the same if this plan goes through. It's almost similar to when the mills closed. It just has an enormous impact on our community, a negative impact. So, Friday we will discuss this and sure information with the public. Hopefully, you will come there to be heard and educate the public. We have invited Senator Negron, Senator Rubio, and Murphy here; but, only Senator Rubio has agreed to come out. We are asking you to come out and hear about this issue and find ways you can help us stand up about this particular issue. It will be at 6:00pm. The Commission and City staff attended the League of Cities Annual Conference, we think it was a great convention. The City of Pahokee was well represented by the Commission, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and City Clerk. Commissioner Murvin was elected to a regional position with the Black Elected Officials with the State of Florida. I sent on the Mayor Roundtable discussion on Challenging of Policing and Public Perception. One of the things I indicated was our Palm Beach County Sheriffs work very closely with the City Commission, we have a representative here at each Commission Meeting. We also talked about black lives matters. We have to realize we as community must work together with law enforcement.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Chandler Williamson announced our new staff Ms. Kelley as the Cemetery Manager, she hit the ground running out there at the Cemetery. Believe it or not, there's a lot that goes into managing a Cemetery. Thank you very much for joining our team and we are happy to have you. We have here tonight the company that will be working with us on the Senior Room roof repair with the new technology, if you have questions. I made a recommendation at the

last commission meeting and now I want to move forward with this company. So, if you have any questions they're here to answer them.

Mayor Babb inquired do we have their references and an adequate guarantee.

Mr. Daniel (represent GAF) replied I would recommend that the Coty contact the Town of Hypoluxo, they utilized our services about four years ago.

Mr. Williamson advised we want to move forward with this project and move funds from our reserves to repair the Senior Room roof.

Approval of moving up to \$50,000 funds from the Reserve Account.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Mr. Brandenburg advised I haven't had a chance to review their contract at this point, so I recommend the board authorize or adopt the manager to issue a purchase order after the review by the City Attorney of their contract for warranty and other issues in the amount of up to \$50,000.

Approval of City Manager issuing purchase order after contract review by the City Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Report of the City Attorney:

Mr. Brandenburg advised the former occupant of the Marina Restaurant has successfully left the restaurant. The City has inspected and found it to be in good order with the exception of about \$1,000 they withheld from the deposit. So, the restaurant is now empty. I'll have the RFP for the restaurant ready for your review at the next meeting and hopefully to be published afterwards. Mr. Chandler has given me some ideas to include in the package and if you have any ideas you would like to include in the RFP let me know now. As you know, the board approved the Anquon Boldin Foundation generous donation to the City to improve the gymnasium. The contract has now gone to the Foundation, I'm expecting it back Monday or Tuesday. Then, I hope to have a commencement date for the project for you at that time.

New Business:

1. Lieutenant Piccolo (PBSO Report)

Lt. Picciolo announced the vehicle burglary rate has decreased since last commission meeting and information was provided to the public. Also, I want to thank the Mayor for his kind words and acknowledgment and thank the Commission for being concerned about his health.

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

Ms. Deborah Abner (resident) thanked Commission for moving so quickly with the concerns about the fire, but I do have a concern with the completion of the building next to the building that burnt down. Is the project over with?

Mr. Williamson advised that building is privately owner and the responsibility is on the property owner. It's not causing any safety issues for the City.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Holmes advised I had a couple of phone calls in reference to our last football, parking on the side of the road is that the School Board or is that us because our new principal is trying to make everybody park on the inside to make him money. Some of the people can't afford that, they just making enough to get into the game. He's taking away the parking on the side of the road that has not created a problem as far as I know in the City. I see now they got signs up there saying no parking and I was wondering what that was in reference to. I want to know where it was coming from, if anybody knows.

Mr. Williamson replied Larrimore Road was never intended for street parking and Commissioner Holmes is correct it has been going on for years, however the adjacent parking at the High School has always been overflow parking. It has never been fully utilized. Some of the residents have reported that they're having difficulties getting in and out of their property and area. Emergency vehicles are unable to access the roads and there shouldn't be any on street parking. We have been having escalated complaints from neighbors. We are no allowing any parking on the streets.

Commissioner Holmes inquired is in other words, that's your thing.

Mr. Williamson replied No, it's not.

Commissioner Holmes replied this is why we have to have someone from the heart of this City, you can't take everything. This is the football game, this is what we do here. If you move her and find out what we do here, you'll understand. You can't take everything away.

Commissioner Murvin advised I live along Larrimore and I don't like cars parked all on my grass, especially without me authorizing them to park on my grass. I did ask if we can do something about the parking because I came home one evening from church and had six cars parked in my driveway. I don't even know the people and I didn't authorize it. When they come back to get and their cars, they don't even say good evening. Then, they clean out their car and I gave trash all over my yard with tire track marks in my yard. I don't appreciate it. All the games I go to on the coast or wherever, I pay three or five dollars to park on the inside parking lot.

Commissioner Holmes replied I can understand that Commissioner Murvin; but we are not talking about your private property, I'm talking about right on the side of the street. I can understand home, they don't have any business parking in your yard. I'm talking about on the street.

Commissioner Murvin responded it's not just me complaining, I've had two or three other citizens come to my house and ask about it.

Commissioner Holmes replied I have other people calling me concerned about it.

Lt. Picciolo advised Friday night I also received many phone calls about the parking and from my view point it was unacceptable. It blocks the traffic and the roadways. The solution is to enforce the no parking. We are meeting with the School Board Police to have a discussion.

Commissioner Holmes replied this is the Muck, this is Pahokee football. We got to understand this, we are taking away everything.

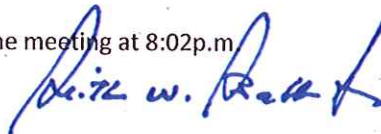
Mayor Babb advised it appears that it was initiated by the School Board.

Commissioner Holmes replied the roadway is not School Board jurisdiction.

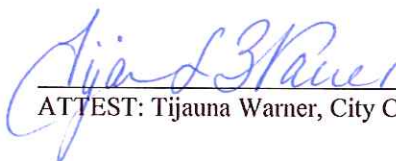
Mayor Babb responded what we can do is try to education people of the new policies being enforced. I understand Commissioner Holmes concerns because we've been doing it for years.

Vice Mayor Hill advised everyone to go out and vote.

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