

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

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, January 24, 2017.

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

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice Mayor Felisia C. Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Commissioner Clara Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane L. Walker	Present
	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	Absent

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mr. Chandler Williamson added Resolution 2017 – 04.

Approval of the Agenda with Amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Mr. Sam McKinstry advised concerns with Commissioner Walker attendance whether it violates the City's Charter, how do we determine her competence level, and why is she still on the Commission. If she pass out on the dais, is the City liable?

(Situation in the Chambers)

Mr. Brandenburg replied we can't measure the Commissioners competence and the City is not liable.

Mr. Carl Morrison Sr. advised everyone has a right to speak and the citizens should be respectful. Also, Commissioner Walker has been here via phone and that counts as a present. I think if you are concerned with a person's health you should address that person.

Public Service Announcements: (none)

Approval of Minutes:

1. January 10, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting

Approval of January 10, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances: (none)

Resolutions:

1. RESOLUTION 2017 – 03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COMMISSIONER DIANE WALKER FROM THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE.

Commissioner Murvin announced we have a big crowd because of false information getting out to the public. This is nothing personal against Commissioner Walker, you've heard the Charter read and we have laws/rules to follow. Residents came to the attorney inquiring about this situation. I am glad she's back, but we have to address issues that come before the dais.

Commissioner Holmes advised Commissioner Murvin made that motion, but Commissioner Walker is here.

Vice Mayor Hill advised there are some amendments needed to be done to this resolution and expressed that she was attempting to contact Commissioner Walker to visit her, but was unsuccessful. I didn't want to just visit, I wanted to get permission first because of our relationship in the past. I missed two (2) meetings which I did by phone, yet the same person attempted to vote me off. I feel Commissioner Walker needs to get herself right and I got to tell the truth. Just like I am held accountable, she has to be held accountable.

Commissioner Walker replied I really wanted to write down everything I want to say. The minute I was able to receive any visitors, I allowed them in and my sister took my phone; therefore, I didn't receive a call from anyone. Vice Mayor Hill has missed more than two (2) meetings, so she's not telling the truth. I have committed my all to the City of Pahokee and I called in as many meetings as possible. Vice Mayor Hill may fool the people, but you are not going to fool me. What we do for one commissioner we should do for all.

Approval of Resolution 2017 - 03.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion failed unanimously.

Commissioner Walker thanks everyone for their support and advised she will continue to be committed to the City.

2. RESOLUTION 2017 – 04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS INTERNAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2017 BUDGET.

Mr. Williamson advised we are deleting the Deputy City Manager position (effective today), funds from this position will be moved to a line item funding a grant writer for the City of Pahokee.

Commissioner Holmes advised now is the time for the citizens to speak and the City Manager is attempting to terminate Ms. Tammy Jackson-Moore. Ms. Tammy is up there in Tallahassee and this man called her to fire her. We have to do something about this. It is wrong the way this man did this.

Commissioner Walker replied I don't support this resolution, The City Manager created this position, now he wants to dispose this position. That doesn't make sense to me and I will not support this resolution. We give the authority to the City Manager and we need to revisit the Charter. Some people that work for the City come here just for a pay check.

Commissioner Murvin responded we have to follow the rules of the City Charter and ask the City Manager what's going on. We have no power in the hiring and firing of City employees. If we do, we can't be removed from office.

Commissioner Walker replied we need a Charter Review Committee, we have not had a review in several years.

Mayor Babb request information on the last Charter Review.

Approval of Resolution 2017 - 04.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

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

Public Hearings:

1. **ORDINANCE 2017-01 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY BUILDING MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES/MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE, A GENERAL REPEALER CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ms. Linda Moss (resident) inquired is there someone that want to come into the City and do this or is this being addressed for future inquiries.

Mayor Babb replied it's to be prepared.

Approval of Ordinance 2017 - 01.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations: (none)

Presentations: (none)

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced a Prayer March on February 4, 2017 at 10:00am in Pahokee, Florida starting at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church ending at MLK Park with motivational speakers, choirs, balance houses, and fun activities. We are going to pray on everyone corner and we are going to pray for everyone. We are going to have to agree to disagree. Mayor Babb recognized Mr. Alvin Johnson for going above and beyond the call of duty. Also, I'm asking the Commission to attend a Commission Retreat (to come together).

Commissioner Walker inquired who's sponsoring this event.

Mayor Babb responded the City of Pahokee and we are looking for sponsors.

Report of the City Manager: (no report)

Commissioner Holmes inquired the reason this position being deleted.

Mr. Williamson replied that when I first came into the City of Pahokee there was a need for that position for administrative transition. Now, there is a more critical need for a grant writer and the funds need to be available for that position.

Commissioner Holmes inquired was it necessary for you to do it while she was in Tallahassee.

Mr. Williamson responded it wasn't planned that way, it happen to happen that way. This is not personal, it's about moving the City forward.

Commissioner Walker inquired are you going to consider her for that Grant Writer position. How many grants have the Director of Community & Economic Development did?

Mr. Williamson replied yes ma'am. The Director Community & Economic Development manages the activities of how that grant is funding is maintain, not grant writing. This is why these funds are being allocated.

Mayor Babb inquired the status on the upgrades to the Commission Chamber for live-streaming.

Mr. Williamson replied we never allocated funds for that in the 2017 Budget, but the funds should become available sometime this year.

Report of the City Attorney: *(no report)*

Old Business: *(none)*

New Business:

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

Citizens Comments:

Ms. Lynda Moss concerned with the driveway issues after the paving of Bacom Point Road.

Mr. Williamson replied I spoke with the engineer and they replied it's been corrected. I will get back with the engineers to discuss this issue further.

Mr. Carl Morrison Sr. concerned with the delay of all the issues he addressed (grant writer, prayer march, & etc...). He's concerned with the Commission going to Pittsburgh and not bringing any information back. Also, I'm concerned with the safety of the young lady working in the cemetery.

Mayor inquired has the City Manager addressed that issue.

Mr. Williamson replied they completed a report with PBSO and we are awaiting their response. Also, we are looking into installing some security cameras.

Mr. Lonnie Spry advised the dais need more prayer and it's all personal feelings. It need to stop. What's good for the people, may not be good for you. You place the City Manager in there for a reason and you need to respect his decision.

Ms. Donna White advised she's applaud at the way the Commission Meeting is managed and it bother her. We expect the Commissioner to be leaders and you are responsible to lift each other up whether you agree or not.

Mr. Leonard Rolle advised he's been avoided by the City Manager. He has a permitted mobile tire shop and was told he had to move off someone personal property. He came to get his refund money back and want cash.

Ms. Lawanda Thomas advised Commissioner Walker does more work than anyone on the dais. How can someone come in the City and do this?

Mr. Herbert Crawford inquired what does long-term refer to in the Charter.

Mr. Brandenburg replied anything over four (4) meetings are considered long-time, but the Commissioners can excuse other Commissioners.

Ms. Tammy Bussey came to support Commissioner Walker. We as a family came together to have Commissioner Walker quit the City. The City of Pahokee needs to come together and I think the retreat is a good idea. Show more love because karma is real.

City Commission Comments:

Vice Mayor Hill advised my body language isn't normally the way it is now, but there are times when a person get very tired. I am not good at putting on a show and I have to say what's truly on my heart. I voted no, but I have to

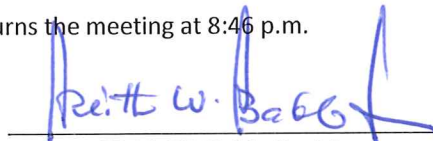
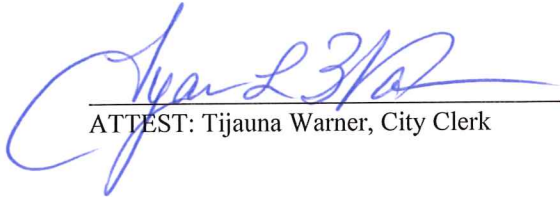
tell how my heart felt. I think I do my best at what I have to serve the citizen of this City. No matter what, I'm going to make decisions that best for this City. Thank you and have a great night.

Commissioner Walker thanks everybody for being here tonight. I thank god for allowing me to talk tonight, I came here to let you all know that I care about my community. The Commission wanting to take that from me and that's not right. I love and appreciate everyone that are standing by me. People deceive you by thinking they're all this and all that. Everybody have a good night and be blessed. It's not about me, it's about what we can do to make our city better.

Commissioner Holmes apologized for getting emotional. Believe it or not I probably gave him one of the best evaluations (City Manager). I respect him even if I don't agree with some things that he does. I love my City and decided to build me a home here. When things don't go right, it hurts me. I think Commissioner Murvin love this City, but we can do thing better/differently.

Commissioner Murvin advised if we don't get together, the community will not come together. The Commission is the head of the City and we are leaders. We are governed by an ordinance and charter. We only get five (5) or six (6) people on a regular night. It's wrong when you go out and try to shoot someone down. Have a good night.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:46 p.m.


Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor
ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk