



CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE

## **WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 6:00 p.m.

360 E. Main Street, Pahokee, Florida

This Workshop of the City Commission of the City of Pahokee is being held to discuss the January 26, 2016 Agenda.

- A. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  
- B. ROLL CALL
  
- C. TOPIC
  - 1.) **Gymnasium Update – Palm Beach County**
- D. DISCUSSION, COMMENTS, CONCERNS
  
- E. ADJOURN

# AGENDA

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 26, 2016 7:00 P.M.



- A. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B. ROLL CALL:
- C. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:
- D. CITIZEN COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):
- E. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (FILL OUT PUBLIC COMMENT CARD):
- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - 1. **December 15, 2015 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting**
  - 2. **January 5, 2016 Special Scheduled Commission Meeting**
- G. CONSENT AGENDA:
- H. ORDINANCE:
  - 1. **ORDINANCE 2016 - 01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AMENDING SECTION 17-216, PERTAINING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS IN THE CITY, ADDING SECTION 17-216(c), PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTING, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- I. RESOLUTIONS:
  - 1. **RESOLUTION 2016 - 02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR AN AUTOMOBILE FOR THE USE OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR CITY BUSINESS.**
- J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- K. PROCLAMATIONS (approval):
  - 1. **Eating Disorders Awareness Week**
- L. PRESENTATIONS:
- M. REPORT OF THE MAYOR:
- N. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:
- O. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:
- P. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. **Discussion Crawford v. Pahokee (Executive Close Door)**
  - 2. **Conchy Mo's**
  - 3. **Old Hospital Site**
  - 4. **Gymnasium Update**
- Q. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. **Employee of the Quarter**
- R. CITIZEN COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:
- S. CORRESPONDENCE /COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS:
- T. ADJOURN:



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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, December 15, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 7:00p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Mayor Colin Walkes	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present (via phone)
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Absent
	Sergeant At Arms Sgt. Clinton Cohen	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

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

**Approval of Agenda**

City Attorney advised he has an additional item for the agenda a Corrective Quit Claim Deed.

Mayor Colin Walkes asked if there's a motion.

**Approval of Agenda with additions.**

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

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. November 24, 2015 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker with corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Resolutions:**

1. RESOLUTION 2015 – 38 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RESOURCE GROUP N.A., INC. FOR GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES.

Commissioner Biggs asked if the Lobbying Firm were discussed in a workshop.

Mayor Walkes advised there was not a workshop.

**Approval of Resolution 2015 - 38**

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



**Motion carried on unanimously.**

Mayor Walkes welcomed Resource Group N.A. to the City of Pahokee since they are approved.

Thomas DeRita thanks the Commission for the opportunity. Mr. DeRita advised on December 8, 2015 he met with the delegation in the Glades; there are three (3) Storm Water Projects we are submitting and we are putting a lot against the wall. The opportunity is positive for the City of Pahokee. We will work in Tallahassee, me and my partner also with the City.

Mayor Walkes thanks Mr. DeRita and advised he is appreciated as well as acknowledge the City's growth and ability to move forward.

Commissioner Biggs advised she looks forward to a great relationship with Resource Group N.A..

**Cancellation of January 12, 2016 Commission Meeting**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.**  
**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Christian Farm Share (Presentation):**

Farm Share is a non-profit organization that uses products from Florida's local farmers (a few from Pahokee). They acquire local food and distribute to local communities (free of charge) at events. Farm Share has been a success in the City of Pahokee while working with Mayor Walkes. We hope to continue business with the City of Pahokee and will provide you with a list of upcoming events.

Mayor Walkes advised this is a great opportunity and we look forward to working with Farm Share.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Walkes thanks the DMB for their participation in the City of Pahokee Toy Drive, also thank Alvin "AJ" Johnson & Staff for their great work. Mayor advised Thursday the Youth Football Banquet will be held at Parks & Recreation. Mayor advised that we succeed through our children, please support and encourage them. He wishes everyone a Merry Merry Christmas and to celebrate while reminding our children what it's about.

**Report of the City Manager:**

Mr. Williamson (City Manager) advised there are some additional items to discuss from the workshop. He added East Main Place reconstruction of the streets in front of the elementary school should start around April 2016. An additional \$210,000 for resurfacing streets in Pahokee (Phase II) has started and residents will see the difference.

Vice Mayor Walker asked if 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and South Lake Avenue are a part of Phase II?

Mr. Williamson advised yes in March 2016.

Mr. Williamson advised the Gymnasium re-opening may not be soon. The City and the County have a few projects to complete before it will be usable. Bids for the county went out in August and they returned extremely higher than what was anticipated. We are awaiting further directions from the County on this section of the project. In addition Mr. Williamson stated he conducted a walk-through of the Gymnasium, and even with the county's completion of their commitments in Phase II the city is still fiscally responsible for significant renovations of the interior. The interior needs bleachers replaced, sink and toilet with ADA, entire scraping and re-painting, re-sanding and waxing, goal suspensions, and structural care. These will be the final renovations needed to reopen and they are well above the fiscal ability of the city to ensure reopening by early spring (March 2016). There's much damage to the interior and the interior was not included in the agreement with the County. While we are waiting on the County's next steps, we have a lot of moving parts that fall on the city's shoulders to complete the final renovations and county is not responsible for those moving parts.

Commissioner Biggs advised it has been over two (2) years since we been able to use the gymnasium. When will the gymnasium be able to be use?

Mr. Williamson explains because of the significant repairs to a very old structure, it's not an easy fix. The gymnasium is not inhabitable, and unsafe I can't put a time-frame on that.

Commissioner Biggs advised different programs have been avoided because of the gymnasium.

Mr. Williamson advised it is unfortunate, yet we have an inter-local agreement with the school for the use of their gymnasium.

Commissioner Biggs asked "What's actually going on"?

Commissioner Holmes asked "Who dropped the ball"?

Mr. Williamson advised when the County committed to assisting with renovations, the City decided to cover the cost for interior and the County covers other parts such as HVAC, doors, and fire alarm. But even those repairs by the (county) are just a small part of what needs to be completed. The remaining repairs are the responsibility of the City not the County. And those remaining repairs are very significant.

Vice Mayor Walker advised the gymnasium been on the agenda since 2008. It's sad, have not we done an assessment?

Mr. Williamson advised that was his purpose of doing the walk through.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "Will you be bringing us that information"?

Mr. Williamson advised yes.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "Where are we with the bid purpose"?

Mr. Williamson advised we are working on additional funding.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "After the New Year, will you bring the information back"?

Mr. Williamson stated "Yes, after the holidays. Phase II is taking a little longer than anticipated".

Vice Mayor Walker advised to include what the County has completed to date.

Mr. Williamson advised we are going to continue partnering with the County as per the original agreement. We will try to get those answers before the New Year. The gymnasium basement is extremely damaged and those renovations are also the responsibility of the City and not the county.

Vice Mayor Walker advised she was not aware of that with the basement.

Commissioner Biggs asked for the Commissioners to have a walk through. She inquired did Mr. Williamson just find this information out yesterday.

Mr. Williamson advised yes, but we are researching other opportunities for funding.

Also, in reference to the Legislative Process 2016 we have wrapped up. We will be in Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Days 2016, therefore the January 12, 2016 Meeting cancelled unless something comes up.

Mr. Williamson closed his report by thanking Commissioner Holmes for great resources and support.

**Report of the City Attorney:**

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advised the Corrective Quit Claim Deed legal description was not completed.

**Approval of Corrective Quit Claim Deed**



**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.**  
**Motion carried on unanimously.**

Mr. Brandenburg suggested the Commissioner move towards filing a lawsuit in reference to the Hospital Site.

**Approval of Hospital Site Lawsuit**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Biggs.**  
**Motion carried on unanimously.**

Mr. Brandenburg advised the Commissioner turned down the offer in the Crawford v. Pahokee. He mention setting a date for a closed door session to discuss the legal aspect of the case, typically you don't discuss it publicly.

Mayor Walkes asked "Is there a verdict or is there a trial date"?

Mr. Brandenburg replies "No". The only thing the judge has heard was the City point of view. There will be a trial sometime in the future.

Mayor Walkes suggested since it is on-going, I really don't think we need a discussion.

Commissioner Biggs advised she would like to have the discussion.

Commissioner Holmes asked "Why are we getting a settlement proposal"?

Mr. Brandenburg advised the judge has nothing to do with the settlement, Mr. Crawford offered the settlement. I think it was unacceptable and the commission agreed. During the regular commission meeting, we will go into a private session with a recorder. Once it's completed, the session becomes public record.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "Is there no penalties for delaying this"?

Mr. Brandenburg states "No". We will schedule a date for the Closed Door Meeting January 26, 2016.

Mr. Brandenburg advised Conchy Mo's has been paying the monthly rent but has not caught up arrears, yet it is not a good time to change out the operator. Discussion have between the City Manager and him to allow him to pay additional \$1500 until arrears paid up. It will be three (3) months and the City received notification from the insurance company that Mo's insurance has lapsed.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "What's the status on that"?

Mr. Brandenburg advised it will be re-instated tomorrow.

Mr. Williamson advised we have to plan for the future. This situation has worn us down. What happens if he doesn't pay the \$1500? Two (2) months ago I advised that we have no proof that he will pay it. Eventually, we have to make a final decision.

Commissioner Biggs asked the City Manager "What's your desire"?

Mr. Williamson advised to keep the restaurant open, I'm just purposing the cons. If he decides to walk away, we need a solution and we are exploring additional options.

Mr. Brandenburg advised he is currently on a month-to-month, Ms. Jackson-Moore and Moe discussed staying until the end of the season, the City can decide.

Commissioner Holmes suggest if he doesn't pay arrears, get him out.

Commissioner Hill suggest the City stick to their guns and get him removed. The City needs to move forward and stop allowing this to happen.

Commissioner Holmes advised sometimes we do have to be lenient, but we have to make that move, if he's not going to pay.

Mr. Williamson advised we have no proof that he will pay the arrears.

Mr. Brandenburg suggested waiting until the season is over and then remove him.

Mr. Williamson advised he has us in a hard spot, we have no proof.

Mayor Walkes suggested asking for financials.

Mr. Jackson-Moore (Deputy City Manager) advised he is bringing them in tomorrow.

**Approval of Conchy Mo's Month-to-Month with \$1500 towards arrears**

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

**Motion carried (4) aye; (1) nay**

**Citizen Comments:**

Mr. Sylvans Miller suggest the City remove that tree by the Blue Store. These individuals sale drugs in front of my apartment and use my building as a restroom. They are under that tree all day, the address is 271 Daniel Place.

Mayor Walkes advised Mr. Miller to work with the Alvin "AJ" Johnson and the City Manager on that.

Mr. Williamson advised some good news, the smoke is out with Bio-Mass. The company provided their insurance information, it is available to the public on our website. Bio-Mass operational status is non at this time, they have seven (7) days to remove, forty-five (45) days to create alley ways between piles, and forty-five (45) additional days until the Health Department is on the site. Bio-Mass permit is suspended. Hope, we will know if we want to go back into business with Bio-Mass.

Mr. Brandenburg advised Bio-Mass asked the City for the 28 acres. Commission asked Mr. Brandenburg to prepare a lease and also protect the City. I presented and they didn't like the terms. They decided not to sign and moved out and found another location. Over the years, I have seen a lot of these operations. They pile up trash and take the tipping fees and leave. I have protected the City from that and if they were to abandon the location the funds should be the City to get rid of trash.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "Can we legally remove them"?

Mr. Brandenburg advised he will look into that, there are some business issues they have to take care of. They need a \$5 million machine, their applicants went from three (3) to thirty-five (35), then to BDB saying two-hundred (200) jobs.

Commissioner Hill asked "Whose property"?

Mr. Williamson advised Town & Country High.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "When are we going to have a Town Hall Meeting"?

Mr. Williamson advised we are at that point now, where we can have a Town Hall Meeting in Citizen Village. I am trying to contact SWA and Department of Health to get a time that they will be available. I will get you a date on the Town Hall Meeting.

**City Commission Comments:**

Commissioner Holmes thanks everyone for coming out, it's nice to see you all.

Commissioner Biggs tells everyone good evening and Merry Christmas.



Commissioner Hill tells everyone Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. I haven't been here because I have been taking care of both my parents.

Vice Mayor Walker advised recycling bins are not available to many of our citizens. They are being charged a fee, but don't have a bin.

Mr. Johnson advised they have to request it.

Mr. Williamson advised they can come into City Hall or call to request a recycling bin.

Vice Mayor says "Thank you, we need to make them aware of it".

Vice Mayor Walker suggested the new City Slogan be ready by the State of the City, if possible. Also, inquired about the status of the Code Enforcement Position.

Mr. Williamson advised we have advertised the position, we have received five (5) applicants for that position. We need someone that understands codes and zoning, one (1) option is to reach out to our sister cities.

Vice Mayor Walker advised the picnic area be put on next agenda to enhance for the citizens. The playground in Citizens Village needs repairing and public work needs vehicles, they were packed in one (1) vehicle.

Mr. Williamson advised I have not purchased a vehicle, waiting on the County to come back and approve purchasing a vehicle.

Vice Mayor Walker asked "What about the City Clerks vehicle"?

Mr. Williamson advised that's a priority.

Vice Mayor Walker wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Mayor Walkes wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

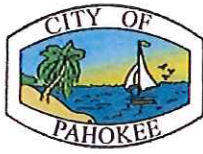
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Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk





**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

Pursuant to due notice the Special scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 6:07p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Mayor Colin Walkes	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Absent
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Absent
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present (via phone)
	Sergeant At Arms Sgt. Clinton Cohen	Present (late)
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

**Resolutions:**

1. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 01 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT FOR ANNUAL PAHOKEE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MARCH.**

**Approval of Resolution 2016 - 01**

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

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Proclamation:**

1. **Virginia Walker**

**Approval of Proclamation Virginia Walker**

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

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AMENDING SECTION 17-216, PERTAINING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS IN THE CITY, ADDING SECTION 17-216(c), PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee Noise Control regulations have been enforced exclusively by City Code Enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to provide an alternative enforcement procedure and allow for enforcement by law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1.** Section 17-216 Enforcement by code enforcement officers: notice of violation, is hereby modified as follows:

- (a) If a code enforcement officer receives a complaint from a complainant regarding a violation of this article, he/she shall investigate the complaint and determine whether the violation exists. If the code enforcement officer then observes a violation of this article, the inspector shall inform the violator that he must immediately cease the violation and will be subject to additional penalties If if the violation continues and issue a notice of violation to the violator as provided in this chapter of the Code. The Notice shall inform the violator of the:
- (1) Name of the violator;
  - (2) Date and time of the violation;
  - (3) Nature of the violation;
  - (4) Amount of fine which the violator may be liable;
  - (5) Instructions and due date ~~from~~ for paying the fine.



- (6) Notice that the violation may be appealed by requesting an Administrative hearing within ten (10) days after service of the notice of violation, that failure to do so shall constitute an admission of the violation and waiver of the right to a hearing, and that unpaid fines will result in the imposition of line, which may be foreclosed by the city.
- (b) The notice shall also inform the violator that repeat violations of this article will result in the imposition of larger fines and may also result in revocation of occupational license and/or certificate of use and/or injunctive proceedings as provided by law.
- (c) Enforcement by law enforcement officers. A law enforcement officer, authorized to enforce the laws of the State within the City limits of Pahokee, may enforce the provisions of Sections 17-206 to 17-216.

**Section 2.** **Recitals.** The foregoing clause is ratified and confirmed as being true and correct as is made a specific part of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** **Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

**Section 4.** **Conflict.** All sections or parts of sections of the revised Code of Ordinances in conflict herewith are intended to be repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** **Inclusion in the Code of Ordinances.** It is the intention of the City Commission, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and are made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pahokee, that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions; and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

**Section 6.** **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Commission in second reading.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on first reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** in second reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Colin Walkes, MAYOR

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tijauna Warner, CITY CLERK

MAYOR WALKES  
VICE MAYOR WALKER  
COMMISSIONER BIGGS  
COMMISSIONER HILL  
COMMISSIONER HOLMES

First Reading

Second and Final Reading

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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Gary M. Brandenburg, CITY ATTORNEY



RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER  
FOR AN AUTOMOBILE FOR THE USE OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR  
CITY BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pahokee entered into a contract for the hiring of City Manager Williamson; and

WHEREAS, under the City Manager's contract, the Manager has the option to use a City vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to purchase a new vehicle for the City Manager's use while attending to City business.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for the purchase of a new Ford Explorer or Chevrolet Impala for a price not to exceed \$37,000; or

**Section 2.** At the City Manager's discretion, enter into a financing agreement for the purchase, not to exceed a duration of five (5) years.

**Section 3.** The vehicle is to be titled in the name of the City of Pahokee and shall remain the property of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

ATTESTED:

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Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

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Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Gary M. Brandenburg, City Attorney

Mayor Walkes

Vice Mayor Walker

Commissioner Biggs

Commissioner Hill

Commissioner Holmes

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*Proclamation*

*EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK*

*Whereas, in the United States as many as 30 million Americans are currently battling eating disorders, and more than 600,000 individuals in the State of Florida suffer daily with their eating disorder; and*

*Whereas, eating disorders are not choices, but serious biologically influenced illnesses; and*

*Whereas, eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeats, heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gall bladder disease, diabetes, and death; and*

*Whereas, at least once every 62 minutes, someone dies due to their struggle with an eating disorder, and anorexia nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and*

*Whereas, eating disorders know no boundaries with respect to genders, ages, races, ethnicities, body shapes and weights, sexual orientations, and socio-economic statuses; and*

*Whereas, with early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; and*

*Whereas, The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the premier eating disorders organization in Palm Beach County dedicated to providing programs and activities aimed at outreach, education, and early intervention for all eating disorders*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, on behalf of the City Commission and the Citizens of Pahokee, that by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Pahokee do hereby proclaim the 22nd day - 28th day of February 2016, as;*

*"EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK"*

*Pass and Adopted this 26th day of January, 2016.*

*Mayor Colin G. Walkes*

*Vice Mayor Diane L. Walker*

*Commissioner Felisia C. Hill*

*Commissioner Allie H. Biggs*

*Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes*



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**TO:** *Mayor Colin Walkes  
Members of the City Commission*

**FROM:** *Gary M. Brandenburg, Esq.  
City Attorney, City of Pahokee*

**DATE:** *November 3, 2015*

**SUBJECT:** *Crawford v. Pahokee*

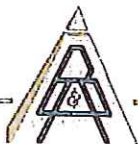
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We have received a settlement proposal from Mr. Crawford's attorney (copy attached).

It is my responsibility as your lawyer to forward the proposal and seek your advice on it. This can be accomplished at the Regular Meeting of the Commission or at a Special Attorney / Client meeting that is closed to the public. A closed meeting would allow us to openly discuss case strategy, weaknesses and strengths of the case, without disclosing this information to the Plaintiff.

If we have a closed meeting of the City Commission, those who are allowed to attend will be the Commission members, Chandler Williamson, a court reporter, and myself. The subject matter of the meeting will be confined to settlement negotiation or strategy related to the expenses of the litigation. No formal decision will be voted on during the closed-door session. All decisions with respect to the case will be presented and voted upon during a public meeting. A complete transcript of the meeting will be obtained and kept sealed until the litigation is resolved.

Please advise if you would like to have a closed Attorney/Client meeting. If you do decide to have a closed Attorney/Client meeting, this item shall be placed on the next agenda with Notice given to the public. At that meeting, the Mayor should, at the appropriate time during the regular meeting agenda, announce the Commission is going into an Attorney/Client meeting, at which time the Commission Members, City Attorney, City Manager and court reporter shall go to a private meeting room. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Regular Agenda will continue. Any settlement or other item will be announced and, if necessary, voted upon.



## Gary Brandenburg

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**From:** mnichols1985 <mnichols1985@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** Gary Brandenburg  
**Subject:** Crawford v. City of Pahokee

Dear Mr. Brandenburg:

Be advised that Mr. Crawford is willing to resolve this case as follows:

1. The election results of March 10, 2015 be voided and the seat be declared vacant;
2. A special election be held in March 2016 to fill the seat;
3. Henry Crawford be appointed to serve until the special election; and
4. The City pay fees and cost totaling \$6,732.00.

Please review the same and advise accordingly.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Montgomery, Esquire

*Maria C. Nichols*  
*Secretary to Thomas Montgomery, Esquire*  
*P.O. Box 1510*  
*Belle Glade, FL 33430*  
*561-996-6317*  
*Email: [mnichols1985@bellsouth.net](mailto:mnichols1985@bellsouth.net)*



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## The 2015 Florida Statutes

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[Title XIX](#)[Chapter 286](#)[View Entire Chapter](#)**PUBLIC BUSINESS PUBLIC BUSINESS: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS****286.011 Public meetings and records; public inspection; criminal and civil penalties.—**

(1) All meetings of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, including meetings with or attended by any person elected to such board or commission, but who has not yet taken office, at which official acts are to be taken are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, and no resolution, rule, or formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or made at such meeting. The board or commission must provide reasonable notice of all such meetings.

(2) The minutes of a meeting of any such board or commission of any such state agency or authority shall be promptly recorded, and such records shall be open to public inspection. The circuit courts of this state shall have jurisdiction to issue injunctions to enforce the purposes of this section upon application by any citizen of this state.

(3)(a) Any public officer who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a noncriminal infraction, punishable by fine not exceeding \$500.

(b) Any person who is a member of a board or commission or of any state agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision who knowingly violates the provisions of this section by attending a meeting not held in accordance with the provisions hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or s. [775.083](#).

(c) Conduct which occurs outside the state which would constitute a knowing violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or s. [775.083](#).

(4) Whenever an action has been filed against any board or commission of any state agency or authority or any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision to enforce the provisions of this section or to invalidate the actions of any such board, commission, agency, or authority, which action was taken in violation of this section, and the court determines that the defendant or defendants to such action acted in violation of this section, the court shall assess a reasonable attorney's fee against such agency, and may assess a reasonable attorney's fee against the individual filing such an action if the court finds it was filed in bad faith or was frivolous. Any fees so assessed may be assessed against the individual member or members of such board or commission; provided, that in any case where the board or commission seeks the advice of its attorney and such advice is followed, no such fees shall be assessed against the individual member or members of the board or commission. However, this subsection shall not apply to a state attorney or his or her duly authorized assistants or any officer charged with enforcing the provisions of this section.

(5) Whenever any board or commission of any state agency or authority or any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision appeals any court order which has found said board, commission, agency, or authority to have violated this section, and such order is affirmed, the

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