



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission workshop meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on February 25th, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Babb at 6:09 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

Roll Call:	Mayor Colin Walkes	Present
	City Commissioner Keith Babb	Absent
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Vice Mayor Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Derrek Moore	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Alonso	Absent
	City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

Topic

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Consent Agenda:

City Manager Moore advised \$75,000 was committed by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioner, Commissioner Santamaria for Commissioner's Park renovations in addition to the KaBoom Grant the City received. This item will be placed on the County's March 11, 2014 agenda. The project will total \$97,761. City Manager Moore advised after the project is completed, the tennis courts will be next.

Commissioner Biggs advised the project will include:

- 1 Playbooster (age 5 – 12)
- 1 Playshaper (age 2 – 5)
- 3 Shelters
- 8 Tables
- Engineered wood fiber surface
- 1 Bench
- 3 Grills
- 4 Receptacles

Presentations:

City Manager Moore advised there will be a small meet and greet after the workshop to celebrate the accomplishments for Ms. Warren and Ms. Sinclair. A few other Clerks will be here tonight for the presentation of their Certified Municipal Clerks designation. Employee of the Quarter and Director of the Quarter will also be presented.

Commissioner Walker suggested the names of the Employee and Director of the Quarter be listed on the agenda in the future.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Walkes read his response to Minister Peterkin email.

Hello Minister Freddie Lee Peterkin,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the trash and dumping issues in Pahokee's streets and canals and the road resurfacing and safety issues. It was a pleasure to meet with you and work with you on the last Pahokee Makeover clean up. Thank you for continuing to care for your hometown. I look forward to conferencing with you and I support the idea of reallocation of funds to repair Pahokee's roads with times, dates and deadlines for starting the repair project.

Mr. Moore and the City Commission reached out to Senator Abruzzo and State representatives for funding for the repair of our roads in November 2013 at the Palm Beach County League of Cities Legislative delegation round table. However almost four months later, citizen health and safety is still an outstanding matter and this project should not be postponed any longer.

Furthermore, we were able to allocate Christmas bonuses in a matter of minutes during a commissions meeting; we should be able to prioritize citizen health and safety. We could address the road safety problem through the reallocation of funds rather than relying on and waiting another several months or years for work to begin through outside funding. It would be a case of whether the other commissioners will support prioritizing the health and safety of our citizens which I believe they will through reallocation of funds.

Mr. Moore can you please forward a copy of this e-mail to the commission? Please set up a date and time for this video conference to take place with Minister Peterkin and the other commissioners. This will require a laptop/iPad and Skype. It is time for the City of Pahokee to come into the modern communications age.

In the meantime Mr. Moore can you please send out Alvin Johnson in Public Works and staff to clear the dumped trash/clothes/tires on the streets mentioned in the presentation and also to survey the streets for any other dumping? Can you please also ask Ms. Warren in Code Enforcement to address the Canal vegetation and trash issues and get someone out to clear the vegetation? This is somewhat embarrassing to have one of Pahokee's sons return to see this. Even more embarrassing is that the whole world can see these issues on Google Earth. Can we put together a regular weekly time table for Public Works and Code Enforcement to survey the streets and canals for any health and safety issues?

Additionally, I know that some of these issues will be addressed during our city wide clean up initiative but getting an early start can only help.

Commissioner Biggs thanked the Mayor for the letter. She advised she disagreed with the statement the Mayor said about in a matter of minutes the Commission voted to approve bonuses. The majority voted on the bonus and this sends out the wrong message.

Report of the City Manager:

Ms. Warren will provide a Code Enforcement report in the commission meeting. City Manager Moore advised he will be removing Employee Survey (M-2), Customer Service Survey (M-3), Marina Dockage Agreement (N-1), Campground Rental Agreement (N-2), and Cafeteria Rental Agreement (O-1) from the agenda and those items will be placed on the next agenda for all of the Commissioners to discuss.

Mayor Walkes advised the agreements are reasonably standard, but he believes the prices of the cafeteria rental may be too steep for the demographics.

Old Business:

Harvest AME Church Lift Station: City Attorney Brandenburg advised the permit application is to allow the lift station, located behind the church, to connect into the County's sewage system. The Church will be primarily responsible for the lift station.

City Manager Moore advised the City initiated the installation of the lift station and that is the reason why the permit application is in the City's name. The function is to pump sewage and to keep it moving for a few homes in that area.

City Attorney advised the City constructed the lift station and the permit needs to get sign off on so that the work can be completed. The permit benefits the church and surrounding homes. The City is no longer in the water and sewer business.

Five Year Economic Development Plan: Commissioner Walker advised the workshop should be rescheduled for another day when Commissioner Babb is well and able to attend.

New Business:

Consent to Assignment and Amendment to Lease Agreement between Palm Beach County and The Lord's Place and Lutheran Services Florida, Inc: City Manager Moore advised the Lord's Place currently has a lease for \$1 per year for a head start program. The County is no longer providing Head Start Program and after discussing with City Attorney Brandenburg, they both thought it will be best to eliminate Palm Beach County and The Lord's Place, and the agreement should be with Luther Services Florida.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised the prior lease was \$1.00 per year for 99 years and the City would not terminate for fifteen (15) years after. City Attorney Brandenburg advised Lutheran Services may or may not continue the Head Start Program. He recommended terminating the lease with the Lord's Place, taking the property back, and welcomes any agency that wants to present a program proposal before the Commission. City Attorney suggested using the site for a new City Hall if no agency shows interest.

Larrimore Road Railroad Crossing at SCFE Railway: City Manager Moore advised the County is shifting the responsibility of maintain the railroad crossing to the City.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised he spoke with the County Engineer and was advised that they are doing the same with all of the roads that are not maintained by the County in each Municipality. Attorney advised the County suggested if the City does not have the equipment, manpower or resources to maintain the railroad, the City should write a letter requesting the County to reconsider.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk



Colin O. Walkes, Mayor