

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

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, March 25th, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 7:08 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Add:

PRESENTATIONS:
Organic Green Solutions

Delete:

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:
Marina Boat Slip Lease
Campground Rental Agreement

Approval of Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda

Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Juanita Maybin, of Buddy White Avenue, stated she is concerned about the block party that is currently being held on both Rardin Avenue and Buddy White Avenue, on Sundays. She advised this is an annual issue that needs to be resolved. Ms. Maybin also noted that Freddie Peterkin was never the Assistant Pastor at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and advised she will contact the editors in regards to the typo.

Mayor Walkes advised the City of Pahokee could work in conjunction with Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) for strict enforcement on permitting. The individual that is responsible for hosting the block party needs to be identified and made aware of the permitting process. Mayor Walkes stated there are Ordinances in regards to the overcrowding of streets.

Vice Mayor Walker suggested restricting the block party to a designated area and blocking some of the streets to eliminate disturbing residents in that area.

Commissioner Hill advised it is unfortunate and there are issues that have to be addressed. She stated the Citizens need to take pride in the City and refrain from littering after the events. A Workshop or a Town Hall Meeting will be necessary to address the concerns.

Sergeant Cohen suggested that the people responsible for the events should sign for permits and the City of Pahokee should have PBSO assigned for the event to help control the crowd.

Vice Mayor Walker stated the event does not need to be terminated, but it needs to be structured. She advised there is not much for the Citizens to do.

Commissioner Babb suggested extending the Martin Luther King Jr. Park hours, to eliminate the block party on Rardin Avenue.

Commissioner Hill stated even if the park hours are extended, there will be a block party on Rardin Avenue.

City Manager Moore advised in the past, PBSO stated that there will additional costs for this time of the year.

Mayor Walkes advised the City of Pahokee will communicate with PBSO.

Consent Agent:

1. **RESOLUTION 2014 – 05 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH RICHARD HARTLEY, CPA.**

Approval of Consent Agenda 2014 – 05

Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance:

1. **ORDINANCE 2014 – 01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AMENDING THE CITY OF PAHOKEE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM DENSITY (SF-7) DISTRICT TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 170 SOUTH BARFIELD HIGHWAY PARCEL ID 48-37-42-17-03-000-0140, PAHOKEE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Nakeischea Smith, representative of Calvin Giordano & Associates (CGA), advised the property at 170 South Barfield Highway is an one (1) acre site that is currently used as a professional and medical office. The site was constructed in 1990 and has been operated as a commercial location for professional and medical offices upon construction, although the zoning map never reflected this information. However, the site was zoned as Single-Family Residential; therefore, the applicant is requesting that the inconsistency be corrected and for the site to be rezoned to the appropriate Commercial Zoning category. Ms. Smith advised CGA is recommending the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) category to replace the Single-Family Residential use.

Approval of Ordinance 2014 – 01 First Reading

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Babb.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations:

1. **Dana Little presented an update on the Glades Regional Master Plan. (See attached)**
2. **David Disbow and Johnathan Welch, of Organic Green Solutions. (See attached)**

Commissioner Biggs asked if there would be local preference, if the project is a success and she inquired about the jobs that would be available.

Johnathan Welch replied yes, there will be local preference, and advised ultimately 120 jobs will be created. There will be six (6) facilities and Pahokee will be one of the six (6) potential facilities.

Commissioner Hill inquired about the effect the project will have on the environment.

Johnathan Welch replied there will be no negative effect to the environment. There are certain standards that the company has to comply with and they would not be granted approval if there were to be a negative effect.

Vice Mayor Walker inquired about the prospective location for the project.

Johnathan Welch advised the prospective location for the project is the Old US Sugar property, but other locations are being viewed as well.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Walkes requested the fees associated with the Cafeteria rental will be waived for Thursday, March 27th, 2014, for the Relay for Life Meeting. City Manager Moore will formulate the Relay for Life Team registration, and provide resources for a tent.

Approval to Waive Fees for Cafeteria Rental for the Relay for Life Meeting on March 27th, 2014

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.

Motion carried Aye (4) Absent (1).

Report of the City Manager

Sergeant Clinton Cohen announced there are Crime Stoppers cards circulating throughout the Community, which explain four (4) ways crime can be reported. On April 2nd, 2014, there will be a Crime Stoppers Walk throughout the City, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City Manager Moore requested the Commission's approval to move forward with foreclosing on the Old Hospital's property.

Approval to Foreclose on the Old Hospital at 200 Barfield Highway

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Moore advised he has been working with Career Source Palm Beach County, in regards receiving additional employees and he has been working with Lutheran Services representatives on the lease for the Old Lord's Place Location. The Marina Request for Proposal (RFP) Committee will meet the following week, on either March 31st, 2014 or April 1st, 2014. City Manager Moore announced the Palm Beach County League of Cities' Luncheon, as well as the Arch Luncheon, are tomorrow, March 26th, 2014. West Tech's Open House is April 3rd, 2014, and the Great American Cleanup is April 5th, 2014.

The Commission agreed to have a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 9th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The Town Hall Meeting will include PBSO, the Fire Rescue, and associated businesses in the area, to address the block party issue on Rardin Avenue.

Old Business

Gymnasium Renovation Project – City Manager Moore advised the City of Pahokee is waiting on a timeline from Palm Beach County.

Vice Mayor Walker suggested that the Gymnasium be pressure cleaned.

Mayor Walkes suggested for the facilities to be improved.

City Manager Moore advised the City of Pahokee has not moved forward with some of the improvements due to the amount of upcoming expenditures.

Economic Development Initiative – City Manager Moore advised he, continually, has been encouraging Hibbett Sports to bring their business to the City of Pahokee. He mentioned the presentation by Organic Green Solutions and

advised he has spoken to three (3) different entities in regards to the Old Hospital. City Manager Moore advised he is not pleased with Pahokee Plaza's progression. City Manager Moore stated he hopes that one (1) of the Two (2) prospective entities that are interested in the property, present an acceptable proposal before the Commission.

Mayor Walkes suggested placing the Pahokee Plaza property on the Enterprise Florida's website.

City Manager's Performance Plan – City Manager Moore advised the Commission designed certain things for him to accomplish over the months, as well as requested feedback on the surveys. He stated he is not sure as to how the Commission would like to proceed.

Mayor Walkes advised the Commission could move forward with the implementation of the City Manager's Goals & Performance Measures/Evaluation.

The Commission agreed to utilize the City Manager's Goals & Performance Measures/Evaluation in the interim, until it is time to complete the annual evaluation.

Five Year Economic Development Plan Workshop – The Commission agreed to have the Workshop on Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Hill suggested that City Manager Moore rearrange each title on the survey.


Vice Mayor Walker announced that the Stop the Violence Seminar is being organized and there will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. There will be a GIN Luncheon on April 22nd, 2014, to recognize individuals that surpass their call of duty. Vice Mayor Walker inquired if City Manager Moore will have a Finance Report available for the following meeting. Vice Mayor Walker requested that City Manager Moore reach out to Mr. Roy Dan and Mr. Gregory Cleveland. Vice Mayor Walker thanked all for being present at the meeting and bid everyone good night.

City Manager Moore requested to present the Finance Report at the meeting on April 22nd, 2014.

Mayor Walkes advised Mr. Cleveland would like to be placed on the next agenda, for a presentation.

Commissioner Biggs announced that four (4) of the Commissioners and City Manager Moore were on Representative Radar's Newsletter. Elected Officials Ethics Training Meeting will be at the Palm Beach County League of Cities next meeting. She advised it is important that the Commission attend the meeting. Commissioner Biggs thanked everyone for attending the meeting and bid all good night.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 9:16 p.m.



Colin O. Walkes, Mayor



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk