

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 31, 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 Monday, March 31, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 10:19 a.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Topic:

1. PEACE Meeting

City Manager Moore advised he communicated with Mayor Steve Wilson and City Manager Lomax Harrelle of City of Belle Glade about the PEACE Meeting scheduled for March 31, 2014. He was advised that the City of Pahokee will no longer require to provide transportation because Palm Beach County School District will be providing ten buses. There was no indication given as to how many residents from Pahokee will attend. Manager Moore advised the City of Belle Glade requested that the three cities share the cost for the meals. City Manager Moore advised he verified with City Attorney Brandenburg if expenditure of meals will qualify as an appropriate use of fund. This will be acceptable based on the research and information provided if the Commission decide to approve it.

Commissioner Biggs advised the City of Belle Glade attended the Commission meeting and requested the Commission assistance and in the future when the PEACE organization meets the City of Pahokee should have a representative present. The City of Pahokee is always assisting the City of Belle Glade but they do not reciprocate.

Commissioner Babb inquired if an itinerary was received. He advised PEACE meeting is an unbudgeted item and whether or not feeding the participants is necessary. Commissioner Babb asked how can the Commission decide if meals should be served at this event versus another community event. Commissioner Babb advised the City of Belle Glade does not assist the City of Pahokee when asked; such as the Fourth of July Fireworks and Tri-Cities dinner to discuss the issues in the Glades. Commissioner Babb asked if other organizations in Eastern Palm Beach County will provide meals for the participants and appreciated the City of Belle Glade attending the commission meeting to ask for participation.

Commissioner Biggs advised the bus will pick up in Belle Glade at 4:30 p.m. and schedule to return late that night. The organization uses the Nehemiah Process and that is the reason why meals are provided to the participants.

Mayor Walkes provided the below itinerary:
4:30 p.m. – Transportation pick up in Belle Glade
7:00 – 8:30 – PEACE Meeting
8:30 – till – Dinner and transportation back to Belle Glade

Mayor Walkes suggest in the future we ask what are the participating churches contributing. City of Belle Glade is requesting Pahokee pays a third of \$4,308.48 for the meals that will be provided. Mayor Walkes understands the Commission's concerns and in the future if a representative is present at the meetings the Commission will be better prepared. Mayor Walked suggested budgeting funds for this event in the next budget year.

Commissioner Babb advised he supports the initiative but is does not agree with the financial burden for the City and the need for participants to eat at Golden Corral.

Commissioner Hill is concerned that other organizations will want the same support from the City and the City cannot say no because we are considering approving this item.

Vice Mayor Walker advised the idea of PEACE is to unify the communities within the Tri Cities and that she supports. Vice Mayor Walker agrees that a representative attend the schedule meetings and staff should contact Rev. Rease of St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church for a schedule.


Approval to pay a third of PEACE Meeting bill in the \$1,436.16

Motion by Commission Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.

Motion Carried three (3) Ayes and two (2) Nays

Vice Mayor Walker nominated Commissioner Biggs as the liaison for PEACE organization and she will designate an alternative if she cannot attend.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sasser adjourns the meeting at 10:48 a.m.


ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk


Colin O. Walkes, Mayor