



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Tuesday, July 22nd, 2014**

Pursuant to due notice the Budget Workshop meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 E. Main St., Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on July 22, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 6:07 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	Present via telephone
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Poston	Absent
	City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

Topic:

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City Manager Moore provided a Budget Timeline and advised that the First Budget Public Hearing tentative schedule is Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The Second Budget Hearing tentative schedule is Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. He announced that the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue has sent a letter with the proposed millage and stated he will ask for the Commission’s approval to submit a millage rate of 6.5419, during the Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting. City Manager Moore discussed the DR-420, Certification of Taxable Value, and advised it has to be submitted each year. City Manager Moore stated there is a deficit of \$153,508 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Mayor Walkes requested for City Manager Moore to reach out to the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, in regards to Palm Beach County Fire Rescue’s millage rate.

City Manager Moore advised the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office has provided a notice of one percent (1%) increase for the City of Pahokee Law Enforcement Service for October 1st, 2014 through September 30th, 2015. City Manager Moore discussed the Budget Highlights. He advised salary increases were not added in the budget and some of the numbers were rolled over from current year’s budget. There are several indicators for projecting revenues and the information was provided via the DR-420. City Manager Moore advised Staff and the Commissioners will provide input, in regards to balancing the Budget. City Manager Moore advised he is not certain if the Area Agency on Aging will continue to provide the annual funds of approximately \$24,000 for transportation for the Senior Citizen Program.

Commissioner Biggs and Commissioner Babb requested for City Manager Moore to send a letter or an email to Area Agency on Aging, in regards to the funds for the transportation for the Senior Citizen Program.

Commissioner Babb advised grants are one of the main areas that can be utilized to increase the Budget and requested to know how much focus is towards grants, even though there is not a full-time Grant Writer.

City Manager Moore replied the City of Pahokee has continued to submit, as well as apply for, grants. He advised that the City of Pahokee has been communicating with Area Agency on Aging. City Manager Moore and the Commission discussed the palm trees that were approved by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Landscaping project on SR 715 and SR 15.

Mary Dobrow mentioned that the palms trees that were to be donated to the City of Pahokee, from RC Hatton, were sawed down because the City of Pahokee did not have the means or the manpower to plant the trees.

Lisa Adams stated three (3) years ago, the former Mayor J.P. Sasser announced that the City of Pahokee will receive a grant from FDOT and the citizens could decide on how the funds would be spent.

Joann Culberson complained that a tree planted on SR 15 is in her yard and blocking her driveway. She advised the tree is a safety hazard and mentioned that no tree was planted in her neighbor's yard.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk



Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

