



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 9th, 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 September 9th, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 6:06 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
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Luty	Present
	City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

Topic

Proposed Millage & Tentative Budget

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Moore advised:

On July 22, 2014, the City Manager executed a Certification of Taxable Value (DR-420) and Maximum Millage Levy Calculation Preliminary Disclosure (DR-420MM-P). Palm Beach County Property Appraiser had provided notification of estimated Taxable Value and Net New Construction. The proposed millage rate submitted and placed in the newspaper by the Property Appraiser on behalf of the City of Pahokee was 6.5419, which is the City's proposed aggregate millage rate for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

In accordance with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Bill, the Commission shall hold a public hearing to adopt a tentative millage rate and thereafter the tentative budget. As stipulated in the TRIM Bill, the first substantive issue(s) to be discussed shall be: 1) The percentage increase in millage over the roll-back rate needed to fund the budget, if any and 2) The reasons ad valorem tax revenues are being increased, if increased.

At Palm Beach County's Board of County Commission's meeting Monday 9/08/14, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue tentatively scheduled and submitted for approval the assessment of 3.4581 mills for the City of Pahokee. This action impacts the City's ability to set its millage rate leaving a maximum millage available for the City to assess its citizens of 6.5419. If the millage rate is set at the proposed aggregate millage rate of 6.5419 it will result in a percentage increase in millage over the roll-back rate of 5.68%. However, if the City sets its tentative millage rate at the roll-back rate 6.1903, it will result in a percentage increase/decrease in millage over the roll-back rate of 0.00%. Either action, to adopt the roll-back rate of 6.1903 or the proposed aggregate rate of 6.5419 requires a majority vote from the Commission. Appropriate budgetary comparisons cannot be effectively made until this millage rate has been set.

Approval to Receive and File Public Notice
Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Tentative Budget Comparison by Fund showed a Total Budget of \$4,607,615 for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 with a 6.5419 millage rate and a Total Proposed Budget of \$3,847,527 for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 with a 6.5419 millage rate. The 2014-2015 Budget shows a decrease from the 2013 - 2014 budget in the amount of \$760,088 or a 16.50% decrease with 0.00 millage increase.

Consider TRIM Resolution: Tentative Millage For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

RESOLUTION 2014 - 36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, FIXING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, AND DECLARING A TAX LEVY UPON SAID PROPERTY.

Approval of Resolution 2013 – 36
Motion carried by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.
Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Budget Resolution: Tentative Municipal Budget For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

RESOLUTION 2014 - 37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO FINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND FUNDING OF THE TENTATIVE MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

Approval of Resolution 2014 – 37.
Motion carried by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.

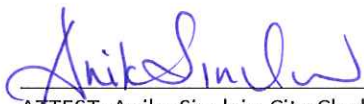
Mayor Walkes requested a detailed explanation as to where the City of Pahokee lost the \$760,088.

City Manager Moore advised the Human Resources Department decreased by 58.86%, which was a difference of \$43,851, due to a position being unfunded. The Comprehensive Planning budget was reduced by \$5,000. He advised the Police budget was reduced by \$24,829, primarily due to the City of Pahokee requesting adjustment from Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO). A grant adjustment was made to the Roads & Streets budget, which caused it to decrease by \$54,943. City Manager Moore advised due to a grant adjustment, the Community Development budget decreased by \$7,289. The Recreation budget was reduced by \$777,394 because the City of Pahokee requested for Palm Beach County to take over the Gymnasium Project. The two (2) buses were purchased from the Recreation budget and the generator grant was moved out of the budget as well. City Manager Moore stated that some of the Parks budget expenses were moved to Public Services. The LED Lighting Project constitutes the \$59,900 reduction in the Non-Departmental budget.

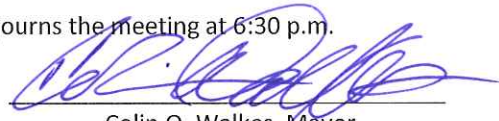
Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Moore announced the 2014 – 2015 proposed millage rate of 6.5419 is 0.00 mills above the 2013 – 2014 millage rate, as compared to the roll-back rate of 6.1903. The City's percentage increased in millage over Roll-Back rate is 5.68%. The next meeting for the final Budget Hearing will be held on September 23rd, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk



Colin O. Walkes, Mayor