

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
Tuesday, October 14th, 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 October 14, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 6:10 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
	Temporary Deputy City Clerk Ebony Bruton	Present

Topic:

Commission Meeting Agenda, October 14, 2014

City Manager Moore and Vice Mayor Walker requested to add the following Additions respectively:

Additions

Presentations: Southern Waste Systems – Mr. Antony Badala
New Business: Memorandum from City Manager: Rumor/Allegation Sexual Harassment

Consent Agenda

City Manager Moore discussed Resolution 2014 – 46, which pertains to the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a standardized procedure for providing security information, from the County to the City.

Report of the City Manager

City Manager Moore discussed the Complaints Log and the Florida’s Heartland REDI Inc Letter of Support. The Florida’s Heartland REDI Inc has changed their charter; therefore, only a Commission or a City Manager will serve on their board. City Manager Moore recommended that either he or Commissioner Biggs be appointed to serve on the board. He advised Sergeant Cohen will provide an update on the National Night Out Against Crime. City Manager Moore requested for the November 11, 2014 Commission Meeting to be canceled, in observance of Veterans Day. He stated he had an opportunity to discuss various initiatives, along with Roads and Streets, with Senator Latvala, today. City Manager Moore advised the Water Main Replacement Project is progressing, and he announced that he and Mayor Walkes are scheduled to meet with Mr. Gent, School Board Superintendent, and his team on Friday, October 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.; the Interlocal Agreement with the school is one of the topic for discussion. October 20, 2014 is a floating holiday for the staff; therefore, city departments will be closed. City Manager Moore thanked all for supporting the Health Fair on October 11, 2014.

Old Business

Conchy Mo Restaurant Lease – City Attorney Brandenburg reviewed the Sublease Agreement for Restaurant.

Budget Amendment – City Manager Moore reviewed the Budget Amendment that corresponds with the lease of the Restaurant.

Economic Development Initiative – City Manager Moore stated he has had contact with one of the representatives from the Biomass Company and a proposal was submitted for the twenty-six (26) acres near the sewer plant. He advised there is a group that has expressed interest in the Old Pahokee Plaza property, but they did not meet the deadline for submitting a proposal.

New Business

Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference – Vice Mayor Walker advised she wanted everyone will be aware of the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference and to find out who will attend the Conference. The Conference will be November 13, 2014 through November 14, 2014.

City Manager Moore advised the City of Pahokee budgeted for only one League of Cities Conference. City Manager Moore advised he will bring the calculated cost and recommendation back to the Commission.

Medical Marijuana – City Manager Moore stated Medical Marijuana is being discussed in several cities and it is in the agenda so that the Commission may review it. A ordinance may be passed to prevent stores from being placed within the City.

City Attorney Brandenburg stated it is a proposal to put more ordinances in place for the type of facility for the first year, until the Cities determine exactly how they would like to handle the growing and dispensing of marijuana within their City limits, if the ballot issued passes and if the legislature implements it.

Goodwill OJT Plan – City Manager Moore advised a representative from Goodwill discussed the possibility of using some of Goodwill's employees to work with the City of Pahokee for twenty (20) to thirty (30) hours per week, for ninety (90) days.

Memorandum from City Manager: Rumor/Allegation Sexual Harassment – Vice Mayor Walker addressed implications the memorandum made toward her. She inquired if the City of Pahokee has received any formal information or documentation regarding the issue.

City Attorney Brandenburg stated he has asked staff and as of today, no formal or written documentation was received.

Commissioner Babb advised there is a formal complaint filed with the EEOC on sexual harassment. The document indicates that the City of Pahokee has been advised. He indicated that due process should be granted in regards to this issue.

Mayor Walkes advised his decision would be to suspend the City Manager without pay and relinquish his vehicle, cell phone, and laptop.

City Attorney Brandenburg stated until he receives and reads the formal complaint, he cannot provide any recommendations.

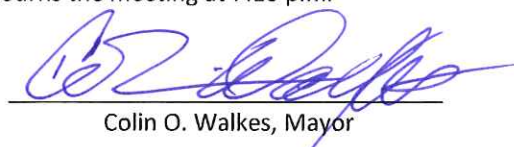
Commissioner Biggs discussed a newsletter that criticized a few of the Commissioners and she advised the entire Commission is dysfunctional.

Commissioner Hill agreed with Commissioner Biggs regarding the newsletter and advised some of the citizens are spreading rumors, without facts.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk



Colin O. Walkes, Mayor