

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 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, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Mayor Colin Walkes	Present
	City Commissioner Keith Babb	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Absent
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	Interim Acting City Manager Arthur Ivester	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Absent
	Sergeant At Arms Lieutenant Picciolo	Present
	City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

**Approval of Additions, Deletions, and Agenda Items:**

Add:

Report of the City Manager:

Restaurant update  
O'Say - Day Care

Delete:

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting – October 28, 2014

Presentations:

Employee of the Quarter – Nylene Clarke  
Director of the Quarter – Anika Sinclair

**Approval of Additions, Deletions, and Agenda**

**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. Commission Workshop – October 14, 2014
2. Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting – October 14, 2014
3. FRDAP Workshop – October 28, 2014
4. Commission Workshop – October 28, 2014

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Babb.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

### **Proclamations:**

1. Ratification – Recognizing Alice T. Williams
2. Ratification – Recognizing Ronald Leonard

### **Approval of Proclamations**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

3. Certificate of Appreciation to Kirk Patrick

Mr. Kirk Patrick thanked the City of Pahokee and all that have gone above and beyond. He advised he will like to host a toy drive on December 20, 2014, in the Cafeteria. Mr. Patrick requested permission to use the Cafeteria.

### **Approval for Kirk Patrick to use the Cafeteria on December 20, 2014**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

### **Approval of Certificate of Appreciation to Kirk Patrick**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Babb.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

### **Presentations:**

1. **Regine Cordon – Palm Healthcare Foundation** – Regine Cordon advised Palm Healthcare Foundation is a foundation located in West Palm Beach, but it provides funding for health initiatives throughout Palm Beach County. Palm Healthcare Foundation has a new initiative that was launched in October, which is a community driven, multiyear, place-based funding approach. Palm Healthcare selected the following six (6) communities, based on need in the areas of Healthcare, to do the place based initiative: the Glades area, Jupiter, Delray Beach, Riviera Beach, Lake Worth, and Boynton Beach. Ms. Cordon advised Palm Healthcare does not control what the funding will be used for, but it supports the goals of the community through funding. Palm Healthcare Foundation will partner with the communities for five (5) to seven (7) years, helping them along with consulting services, as well as the funding, to move the initiative along. The goal is for the community to work together. Ms. Cordon advised every year, two (2) more of the communities will be brought in, at a higher level, because the entire six (6) communities cannot be funded at one time. The initiative will begin with Delray Beach and Jupiter, and the other four (4) communities will be determined based on the work that is done in the community, the evaluations, the discussions with the consultants, and the Board of Trustees.
2. **Mary Evans, Tri-Cities Education Coalition – Pahokee Elementary and KEC Canal Point Elementary FCAT Level 5 Certificates** – Mr. Eddie Rhodes presented certificates to recognize FCAT Level 5 students at Pahokee Elementary and KEC Canal Point Elementary.

Dr. Michael Shoemaker, Palm Beach School District 6 Superintendent, congratulated the students and the parents. He advised the FCAT Level 6 students were recognized. Dr. Shoemaker thanked the Commission for its ongoing support and acknowledged one of the newest AP's, Chauncey Williams. He advised they will be back on December 9, 2014, to recognize the FCAT Level 5 students at Pahokee High School and Pahokee Middle School. Dr. Shoemaker announced that Palm Beach County School District offers a GED Program.

Mayor Walkes thanked the Tri-Cities Education Coalition for being present and for cheering the success of the students in the community.

3. **Caroline Kennedy – CPK1, Inc.** – Ms. Caroline Kennedy advised her company, CPK1, Inc., is a trucking company and it has a three (3) year contract, working with the Army Corp of Engineers and Thalle Construction, on Lake Okeechobee. CPK1, Inc. has contacted Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and was advised to request a letter of support from the City of Pahokee. Ms. Kennedy stated her drivers live at the Pahokee Campground and Marina. CPK1, Inc currently has 25 trucks and will acquire 25 additional

trucks. Ms. Kennedy advised she is looking to hire owner operators and her staff is committed to working with young people who are interested in driving a truck, as well as owning and possibly operating.

Mayor Walkes encouraged that the Commission support CPK1, Inc., regarding the matter.

Commissioner Babb expressed his concern regarding the truckers that drive through the City of Pahokee. He advised exemption should be in support of the truckers that are doing business within the City of Pahokee.

Commissioner Biggs requested for City Attorney Brandenburg to review the Letter of Support.

Assistant Acting Interim City Manager Washington advised she and Interim City Manager Ivester will reach out to City Attorney Brandenburg.

**Approval for staff to draft a Letter of Support to FDOT for CPK1, Inc. to the trucking route**

**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

4. **Pastor Patricia Wallace – PSW – Lift Station – Cafeteria Rental** – Pastor Patricia Wallace stated her church cannot expand because the lift station on 825 Larrimore Road needs to push and connect to the City of Pahokee. She advised they are not connected to the City because they failed to provide an outlet during the time of infrastructure on Larrimore Road.

Acting Interim City Manager Ivester stated all parties have signed the contract; therefore, the City of Pahokee will follow up with Palm Beach County.

Pastor Wallace requested a waiver of the Cafeteria fee for March 7, 2015 and March 8, 2015, for their Annual Church Anniversary and a youth event.

**Approval to allow Harvest to use Cafeteria for \$250 per day on March 7, 2015 and March 8, 2015**

**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**

**Motion carried (3) aye, (1) abstain, and (1) absent.**

Pastor Wallace requested an advertisement of support for Peerless Songs of Worship (PSW), a gospel group, in support of their first work.

**Approval for \$50 Advertisement support for PSW**

**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**

**Motion carried (3) aye, (1) abstain, and (1) absent.**

Pastor Wallace mentioned the scholarship for students that are interested in Law Enforcement.

Mayor Walkes advised it is not legal for the City of Pahokee to offer scholarships, using City funds. He advised there can be a fundraiser, from the City's perspective, to support the scholarships.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Walkes thanked staff for the Veteran's Day event and Mr. Kirk Patrick for organizing the Dot & Ruby Helping Hand Community event. Mayor Walkes bid all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Report of the City Manager:**

Interim City Manager Ivester stated he and Assistant Interim City Manager Washington met with Mr. Ricky Butts, regarding the Funeral Home. He advised December 11, 2014 is the mandatory Sexual Harassment Training with Public Risk Management (PRM), for all employees and it will be available via online for any employee or Commissioner that is unable to attend the training. Tri Cities Barbecue is December 5, 2014, in Belle Glade, and the Christmas Parade is December 8, 2014. Interim City Manager Ivester stated the Ribbon cutting at Commissioner's Park was on Monday, November 24, 2014 and a KABOOM Grant of \$15,000 has been granted for Martin Luther King (MLK) Park. He requested the Commission's permission to close the City Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

**Approval to close City Hall at 3:00 p.m. on November 26, 2014**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

Acting Interim City Manager Ivester thanked Mr. Kirk Patrick for Dot and Ruby Helping Hands Event. He advised the Tiki Bar, officially known as "Pahokee Mo's", opened on Monday, November 24, 2014 and they are making efforts to obtain their liquor license.

Assistant Interim City Manager Washington advised Mrs. Lynette Butts of O'Say, originally submitted a request to have her business tax renewed, to open up her daycare. This matter was presented to the inspectors and per their request, Mrs. Butts submitted the blueprints. Assistant Interim City Manager Washington advised the City of Pahokee has to send the plans to Calvin, Giordano & Associates, for review. The plan review fee is \$2,000 and Mrs. Butts is requesting a payment plan.

**Approval for staff to work with Lynette Butts on payment arrangement for plan review**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

Assistant Interim City Manager Washington advised Senator Joseph Abruzzo and Representative Kevin Rader were instrumental in helping the City of Pahokee receive the Economic Development Transportation Funds (EDTF) of \$210,000. Assistant Interim City Manager Washington and Interim City Manager Ivester will follow up with City Attorney Brandenburg in regards to the item.

Mayor Walkes advised there is a letter of support from all three (3) of the Mayors of the Cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay, in support against an article written in the Palm Beach Post, per Ms. Villanueva's request.

**New Business:**

**Credit Card Bill** – City Clerk Sinclair advised there will be a \$300 refund from the Florida League of Cities for two (2) of the registrations.

**Approval of Credit Card Bill**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

**RESOLUTION 2014 – 53 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2015 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Approval of Resolution 2014 – 53**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

**RESOLUTION 2014 – 54 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN WASTE SYSTEMS AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.**

**Approval of Resolution 2014 – 54**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.**

**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) absent.**

**Citizen Comments:**

**Deborah Abner** requested a follow up on a request in regards to animals running loose in the neighborhood.

Assistant Interim City Manager Washington advised nothing was found in the City Ordinance, in regards to the matter, but the City of Pahokee can piggyback off of Palm Beach County and adopt its own.

**Cindy Anderson**, representative of Thalle Construction, advised Thalle Constructions is giving the City of Pahokee a \$1,000 donation for Academic. Ms. Anderson presented the check to the City of Pahokee.

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Babb** encouraged the Commission to learn to work together as best as possible and advised the recordings of the Commission Meetings give an overview as to how the Commission is projected.

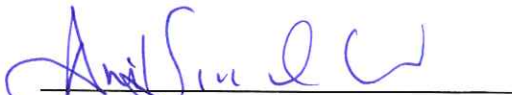
**Commissioner Biggs** thanked Mr. Kirk Patrick for a job well done in the community. She advised there has been a divide in the community for the last three (3) to four (4) years and there is a problem with the way the Commission operates. Commissioner Biggs requested for the letters from David Ruiz be put on the website, so that the citizens may read them at their own discretion. She advised the City of Pahokee is taken as a joke. Commissioner Biggs stated the Commissioners can work together, if there are no hidden agendas. Commissioner Biggs provided the 2015 Legislative Priorities.

**Vice Mayor Walker** announced that Anquan Boldin gave away approximately 350 turkeys to families, today. She thanked Dot and Ruby Helping Hands and Mr. Kirk Patrick for a job well done and announced that the Lake Shore Class of 1966 sent turkeys for the Commission to give to families. Vice Mayor Walker thanked Staff for generating a 'Thank You' letter to the Lake Shore Class of 1966 and she thanked Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) and My Brothers and Sisters Keeper, for allowing families to do a holiday shopping event, which will be on December 8, 2014. She thanked staff for the opening dedication at Commissioner's Park and reassured staff that they are appreciated. Vice Mayor Walker encouraged all to continue to encourage and support the students, as it relates the FCAT.

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