

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

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, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 7:07p.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	Present
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	Interim City Manager Arthur Ivester	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lieutenant Picciolo	Present
	City Clerk Anika Sinclair	Present

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

Add:

**Proclamation**

First Responder's Week

**New Business**

Cost Of Living Adjustment

**Report of the City Manager**

Financial Report for the Reserves

**Approval of Additions and Agenda**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. Special Meeting – November 5, 2014
2. Commission Workshop – November 25, 2014
3. Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting – November 25, 2014
4. Commission Workshop – December 9, 2014

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. **RESOLUTION 2015 – 01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT FOR THE ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MARCH.**

2. **RESOLUTION 2015 – 02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT FOR THE PAHOKEE CHURCH OF GOD, INC. HOMECOMING PARADE.**
3. **RESOLUTION 2015 – 03 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, SUSAN BUCHER AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 10, 2015.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Proclamation:**

1. Senior Master Sergeant Clarence Law, Jr.
2. Certificate of Appreciation – Battalion Chief Joey Cooper
3. First Responder’s Week

**Approval of Proclamations**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice Mayor Walker requested for City Clerk Sinclair to redo the Proclamation for Senior Master Sergeant Clarence Law, Jr., for signatures.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Walkes advised he attended the Governor’s Inauguration on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. He requested the Commission’s approval for the \$140.00 for his trip to the Inauguration.

**Approval for the City of Pahokee to pay \$140.00 for Mayor Walkes’ trip to Tallahassee, to the Governor’s Inauguration.**

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

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

Mayor Walkes thanked the Committee for a job well done and for working together to minimize the confusion. He mentioned the Delegates Meeting at the Alzheimer’s facility in Pahokee and he encouraged to Commission to work together to move the City of Pahokee forward. Mayor Walkes thanked the City of Pahokee’s Staff for their hard work.

**Report of the City Manager:**

Interim City Manager Ivester announced a Business Community Meeting for minority and women businesses, in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade. He provided a document for wages in the State of Florida and announced that Palm Beach County has the highest rate of pay in the State of Florida. Interim City Manager Ivester advised he attended the Business Development Board (BDB) Meetings twice this week and he has a meeting with City Attorney Brandenburg on Friday, January 16, 2015, to discuss the 26 acres. He stated he followed up with Ricky Butts and Staff will show Mr. Butts other areas that he may consider for the Funeral Home. Interim City Manager Ivester advised the City of Pahokee has attempted to schedule a meeting with Dr. Shoemaker, Palm County West Area Superintendent, to discuss the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement. He will also be meeting with Mr. Aronson, Principal of Pahokee Middle School about the Interlocal Agreement. Interim City Manager Ivester announced that the lights at the Marina will be fixed by the end of the month and staff is currently obtaining quotes for the lights at the Parks and Recreation facility. Selection Marina Committee meeting will be on February 12, 2015.

Mayor Walkes suggested that the Commission invite the two (2) candidates to present before the Commission, as opposed to having the Committee review the proposals.

City Attorney Brandenburg suggested that the Commission adopt a motion to thank the Selection Marina Committee for their past services and to advise them that the Commission will review the proposals, since there are only two (2) proposals.

**Approval to thank Selection Marina Committee, but the Commission will review the proposals**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Interim City Manager Ivester advised FPL will begin removing the palm trees from Larrimore Road in either March 2015 or April 2015.

Mr. Michael Jordan, representative of both Education and Neighbor Development and Housing Trust Group, advised they would like to apply to Florida Housing Finance Corporation, subsidiary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the State of Florida, to provide affordable elderly housing in Pahokee. Florida Housing Finance Corporation request that the City supports the idea. He advised the process of the project is competitive and he requested a waiver of the fees for the project. Mr. Jordan provided contact information to the City of Pahokee.

City Attorney Brandenburg advised he has an issue with indicating to the Federal Government that the City of Pahokee is making a contribution to a project, in which it is not and knowing from the very beginning that there will not be any contribution. He recommended that the Commission authorize him to speak with Mr. Jordan, regarding the item, if the Commission desires to move forward with the item.

**Approval for City Attorney Brandenburg to meet with Michael Jordan to determine how the City can assist**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Cathie Morelli presented a proposal for Pahokee Farmer's Market, for the Commission's review.

**Approval for City Attorney Brandenburg and Interim City Manager Ivester to work with Cathie Morelli on Farmer's Market**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Morelli requested permission to have signage in front of the old fire station.

Mayor Walkes requested for Interim City Manager Ivester to follow up with Ms. Morelli regarding the item.

Tonya Davis Johnson shared information in regards to the Business Community Meeting that will be at the West County Senior Center on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

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**Approval for Commission approval is required prior to funds taken from reserves**

**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Hill.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to rearrange the agenda**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

**City Manager's Position**

**Approval of January 20, 2015 City Manager Workshop and February 3, 2015 City Manager Interviews**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to Interview the Top three (3) Candidates**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to move down to the next candidate, if one drop out**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business:**  
**Credit Card Bill**

**Approval of Credit Card Bill**  
**Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Babb** encouraged the Commission to work together. He thanked the City of Pahokee's Staff for filling in the potholes and for attempting to fix the floor in the City Hall. Commissioner Babb encouraged all to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) March on January 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

**Commissioner Biggs** thanked the City Manager Selection Committee for their recommendations. She advised Pahokee will continue to work and move forward.

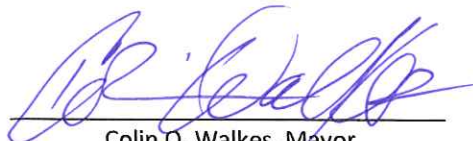
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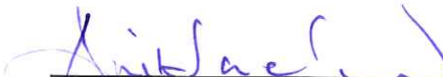
**Approval of Reconsideration for Marina RFP Committee**  
**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**  
**Motion carried (3) aye and (2) nay.**

**Approval to keep current Marina Selection Committee with the change of Barrett to Bud Mickens.**  
**Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried (4) aye and (1) nay.**

**Vice Mayor Walker** commended Staff for keeping the City Clean. She requested an update on the picnic area.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

  
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Colin O. Walkes, Mayor

  
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ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk