

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 27, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkes at 7:06p.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:**

Delete:

Old Business  
Resolution 2015 - 05

Add:

Presentations  
New Pahokee High School Football Coach – Alphonso Smith

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

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting – December 9, 2014
2. Commission Workshop – January 13, 2015

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentation:**

Mayor Walkes read the Florida First Responders Proclamation and the Certificates of Appreciation for both the Community Relation Advisory Board and Code Enforcement Advisory Board into record. The following acknowledgements were presented:

**Florida First Responder Awareness – PBSO**  
**Florida First Responder Awareness – PBCFR**  
**Certificate of Appreciation – Community Relation Advisory Board**  
**Certificate of Appreciation – Code Enforcement Advisory Board**

**Consent Agenda:**

**RESOLUTION 2015 – 04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND CAREERSOURCE PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC FOR THE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentations:**

**New Pahokee High School Football Coach – Alphonso Smith**, shared his decision for returning to the City of Pahokee and he advised he would like to instill the same plan for the football team that was utilized by Mr. Foster, Former Football Coach of Pahokee High School.

The Commission congratulated Mr. Smith on his new challenge.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Walkes thanked staff for keeping the community clean. He announced that he and Vice Mayor Walker attended a Disparity Study on last weekend and he encouraged all to get involved.

Ricky Butts, of Butts Funeral Home, advised he is making efforts to bring a funeral home facility to the City of Pahokee and in the near future.

**Report of the City Manager:**

Interim City Manager Ivester provided an update for the Larrimore Road tree removal. He advised he attended the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Meeting and the changing of the City's Slogan was discussed. The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce would also like to entertain the possibility of creating a new slogan.

**Approval for the City of Pahokee and the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce to work together to expedite changing the City's Slogan**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Interim City Manager Ivester advised the City of Pahokee met with the Palm Beach County School District, in regards to the Interlocal Agreement.

**Approval for the City of Pahokee to work with the Palm Beach County School District to develop an Interlocal Agreement**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Interim City Manager Ivester advised two (2) bids were received for the Marina Request for Proposal (RFP).

City Clerk Sinclair advised the Marina Selection Committee will meet on February 12, 2015.

Interim City Manager Ivester advised the wind has delayed the progress for the lights on the pier at the Marina. The City of Pahokee will aim to have the lights completed by the end of the month. He discussed the lights at the Parks and Recreation Facility and advised the City of Pahokee has been acquiring quotes for \$8,000 to \$12,000. Interim City Manager Ivester announced that someone is interested in renting the house at the Cemetery and he requested for City Attorney Brandenburg to work with the person.

Interim City Manager Ivester announced that the City of Pahokee would like to host a Meeting with the City of Belle Glade and the City of South Bay, in regards to preparing for Palm Beach County Day.

**Approval for Interim City Manager Ivester to work on the details for a meeting to discuss Palm Beach County Day Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Interim City Manager Ivester advised the USDA Emergency Equipment Grant project is completed; he is requesting to borrow \$119,000 from reserves to close out the grant. The USDA Grants Representatives informed the City of Pahokee that the funds will be reimbursed within two (2) days after closing.

Assistant Interim City Manager Washington provided an update on other returns from grants that the City of Pahokee has received.

**Approval for \$119,000 to be taken from Reserve and will be reimbursed within two (2) days Motion by Commissioner Biggs. Second by Vice Mayor Walker.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

**City Manager's Position**

Mayor Walkes requested for City Attorney Brandenburg to prepare a contract that is in favor of the City of Pahokee for the Commission's review.

The Commission agreed to do a live scan background screening on all three (3) candidates.

**Approval for the City of Pahokee to do background checks on all three (3) applicants Motion by Commissioner Babb. Second by Commissioner Biggs and Vice Mayor Walker.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION – 2015 – 06 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND LSF PALM BEACH CHILDREN & HEAD START SERVICES.**

**Approval of Resolution – 2015 – 06 Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ITB 2014 – 05 Surplus Properties**

City Attorney Brandenburg recommended that the City of Pahokee proceed with the lease on the Surplus Property and wait until the end of the lease to determine what to do with the property. This in return, will require the City of Pahokee to reject the bids on the property.

**Approval of ITB 2014 -05 Surplus Properties Reject bids City recommend proceed with lease and wait until after lease Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Second by Commissioner Babb.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen Comments:**

Mr. Richard Brown, resident, inquired about the City Manager's pay.

Mayor Walkes advised the City of Pahokee will wait for City Attorney Brandenburg to provide a recommendation, in regards to the City Manager's pay.

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Babb** requested for the City of Pahokee to make a proclamation for Superintendent E. Wayne Gent.

**Approval of Proclamation to Superintendent E. Wayne Gent for his service to the Glades.**

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


**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Biggs** thanked Representative Rader's Staff for being present and welcomed Mr. Ricky Butts aboard. She apologized to Mr. Colvin and thanked him for his tolerance. Commissioner Biggs encouraged the all to stay focused for the City Manager's Interview on February 3, 2015. She thanked City Attorney Brandenburg for all of his assistance and expressed appreciation for Interim City Manager Ivester and Assistant Interim City Manager Washington.

**Commissioner Hill** advised she appreciate all for attending and she encouraged everyone to continue to move forward, effectively and fairly.

**Vice Mayor Walker** announced that a Youth Empowerment Summit (Y.E.S.) is being organized and the first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. She advised the Veteran's Outreach will be on February 28, 2015. Vice Mayor Walker requested for the Commission to review the Proposed Bill from Senator Clemens, for the following Commission Meeting and she provided information for the GED Course at Pahokee High School.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Walkes adjourns the meeting at 8:09 p.m.



Colin O. Walkes, Mayor



ATTEST: Anika Sinclair, City Clerk