



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

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, April 12, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 7:00p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Commissioner Allie Biggs	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Vice Mayor Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lt. Daniel Picciolo	Present
	Deputy City Manager Tammy Jackson-Moore	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

City Manager Mr. Williamson requested adding an amended Resolution 2016 – 15 to I7, 2016 – 16 to I8, and Mayors Proclamation to K1.

Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

1. March 22, 2016 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting.

Mayor Babb advised he has to minor corrections to the March 22, 2016 Minutes. First correction, after the swearing in under the Roll Call it says Mayor Walkes, it should be Mayor Babb. Final minor correction, Mayor Babb recognizes the senior citizens facility, it should be the Glades Health Care Facility.

Approval of Minutes with corrections.

Motion by Vice Mayor Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Biggs.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Public Service Announcements:

Mrs. Regina Bohlen announced on Thursday night at 6:00 in the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Office we are doing a "New Business Roundtable". We are partnering with the TED Center, the City of Pahokee, and the Chambers for an entrepreneurship course. If it goes well, we are going to do a series of five (5) and you receive a certificate at the end of the course. Please invited everyone interest in opening a business or has opened a business.

Vice Mayor Walker inquires if Ms. Bohlen expected a small turn out because of the location.

Mrs. Bohlen advised there's enough room around the table to fit ten (10) or twelve (12) people and extra chairs could be added, if needed.

Vice Mayor Walker announced the "Relay for Life" will take place at Parks & Recreation Field on May 13th & 14th. I would appreciate everyone attending and showing their support for this event.

Commissioner Biggs announced it has been a joy to serve her community for these fifteen (15) years. She has done the best to make sure our City is heading in the right direction. One (1) person among five (5) and we all try to work together. She didn't regret a moment of this, God made me to serve my community. People can see you, but they don't know your heart. The Lord speaks to her two, three, and four in the morning, waking her up, letting her know he wanted her here (City Commission). She's grateful because the Lord has given us (City of Pahokee) another soldier to carry this torch on. Ladies and Gentlemen let's embrace each other and Pahokee citizens let's stop fighting each other. Love like God wanted us to love, Pahokee is one of the greatest cities I've ever seen. I am so happy that Tasha Murvin will have this seat. Thank you all so much.

City Clerk Tijauna Warner swears in Mrs. Clara Murvin as City Commissioner.

Former Commissioner Biggs passed on the torch (Sunshine Law, City Ordinances, and Ethics) to newly elected City Commissioner Clara Murvin.

Mayor Babb presents 2016-2017 City Commissioners unless Governor Scott recalls somebody.

Commissioner Murvin thanks the citizens of Pahokee for the opportunity to serve them as their Group Two (2) City Commissioner. I want to first give thanks to God for giving me the vision and courage to take on this new endeavor, to my husband and my family for giving me the motivation, and to County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay for her trust and endorsement. I would like to send a special thanks to Commissioner Ms. Allie Biggs for leading by example, Commissioner Biggs if I could be just half the Commissioner you were that will be more than a blessing. To my fellow Commissioners, City Manager, and the Mayor I thank you for the space to work beside you and I pray that we in exemplify the first display of unity with one vision to elevate our City. To you (all the citizens of Pahokee), I thank you for all your undying support, it may have been just a valid choice to you, but each one is more than that to me. To me each voter signifies an individual that believed and trusted in me to be your voices, so now my work begins. I would like you the citizens to remember is that what's required to move the City forward, it's not just us (City Commissioners), but includes you all. We have to be like minded and willing to put aside our personal agendas, as well as feelings toward specific individual in order to gather the vision of building our City. Together we can make big progress and create bigger opportunities for all of us. We all have one main aspect in common, we all say that we have a love for Pahokee, now let's transform the words into action and put our minds and ideas together, and let's start attending the meetings in multitudes. I challenge you all to research your City, make yourself knowledgeable of the laws, and choose to hold your City Officials accountable. Thank you and God bless you.

Mayor Babb welcomes Commissioner Murvin to the dais and knows she's going to do a fantastic job. Congratulations to Mr. Herbert Crawford for running outstanding race, they both worked very hard doing their campaigning. Mr. Crawford you should be commended for coming to support your opposing candidate during their swearing in.

Selection of Vice Mayor:

Commissioner Murvin motioned appointing Commissioner Hill as Vice Mayor.

Approval of Appointing Commissioner Hill as Vice Mayor.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried (4) aye; (1) nay.

Mayor Babb congratulates Commissioner Hill, the motion passed.

Ordinances:

1. **ORDINANCE (first reading) 2016 -02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AMENDING THE PAHOKEE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO APPEAL CHAPTER 10-1 THROUGH 10-55 TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 10 TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR**

OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approval of Ordinance 2016 - 02.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Mayor Babb allows newly appointed Vice Mayor Hill to say a few words.

Vice Mayor Hill apologizes for her appearance. It's a lot been going in my life for the past week. I feel as though many burdens have been taken off of my shoulder. I don't normally speak about the law issues that I have been enduring, I have to talk about cause that's how I can deal with it. My legal issues as of the day before Thursday (the criminal charges) have been taken care of, I am now cleared. My issues with Mr. Crawford and the Election Commission will be cleared within the next two weeks. We have come to an agreement and everything worked out very well for me. I have waited for a very long time to say that, I've been here and I've been very quite. This has been a very bittersweet moment for me, but I promise the citizens that I'll do all I can to move this City forward. This is why I was placed in this seat and I know for a fact that God placed me here for this reason because I have true testimony for anybody. I know that I was put through that for a reason and it didn't make me stronger, it made me a different person and better. I want to say to our newly Elected Commissioner to just continue, don't allow fear of other folks to stop you. I want us all to try to move forward. I want to say to my citizens that I do apologize for what has been going on for the past four years. Again, I'll do all I can to move this City forward, I love you guys and I love the City.

Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR PNC BANK SIGNATURE BUSINESS OPTIONS CREDIT CARD WITH LIMIT OF \$40,000.**

Mayor Babb announced we are going to let the City Manager advise us of why the increase in the credit card limit is necessary.

City Manager Mr. Williamson informed that the City credit rate is currently \$10,000, which is a low amount for any municipality. The City has been making our payments on time and automatically for the past couple of months, so we have built that credit limit up. Normally municipalities have a credit limit of \$100,000 and more, an increase to \$40,000 suggest we are moving in the right direction. In the past, we have had situations where we had to adjust for a trip (when all the City Commissioners attend) because our credit limit is low. So, the opportunity for the City to increase the credit limit is a good thing, it doesn't mean the City is excessive spending. It allows us to pay our bills on time and have the funds in case of any emergency situation.

Commissioner Holmes believes that the City Attorney asked the City Manager for the credit card statement and there are some things on our credit cards I would like for you to explain. It looks like you are renting a car in College Park, Georgia.

Mr. Williamson advised that was a connected flight to Tallahassee which he was late for.

Commissioner Holmes advised that was one of them and inquired if all of them were connected late flights.

Mr. Williamson replied like I said there were to connected flight that I missed and had to book a rental. You can't flight to Tallahassee without it being a connected flight. Why? I don't know.

Commissioner Holmes advised last time we had a meeting I requested that our City Clerk have a take home vehicle. She took it home one day and the next you made her park it. Could you explain to me your reason?

Mr. Williamson replied the City Clerk lives two (2) miles from City Hall. First of all, we have never allowed the City Clerk to take a vehicle home. So, I thought that would be a challenge to explain to the public. Why we allowing our

City Clerk to drive a vehicle home (who live right here in town)? Also, that should be a conversation that the board has. I jumped out there kind of fast, so I pulled that back.

Commissioner Holmes acknowledged what the City Manager is saying. Now, we have never had a Deputy City Manager and you let her drive a City vehicle home and she's not a Charter Officer. Let me explain something, our City Clerk is a Charter Officer. If she can't take her car home, I don't see why you or the Deputy City Manager should take a car home. We need to start saving money and all of us need to park our vehicles at City Hall.

Mr. Williamson advised in my contract I am entitled to a City vehicle. Second, as the City Manager I have the authority over all the fleet vehicles. So, on my calendar I have over thirty (30) meetings and sometimes I go directly from my house to those meetings (not City Hall first). Therefore, I split these meeting with the Deputy City Manager which has to go to meeting before heading to City Hall. When there's an emergency in this City, they don't call the City Clerk; they call the City Manager or the Deputy City Manager. So, the decision to allow my Deputy City Manager to take a vehicle home is validated. Now, that I have a City vehicle it cuts the cost from flying to Tallahassee on a plane to driving. The City Manager has the final decision of the vehicles, even for the City Clerk.

Mayor Babb suggested having a workshop on it. But, the City Manager has a point. He has authorization over the fleet and an umbrella over day-to-day operations. Although, Commissioner Holmes has a point because she is a Charter Officer. In the future, we should make a motion, have a discussion and vote. We need to sit down and talk to the City Clerk and see the necessity of her using the City vehicle. That may put some additional responsibilities on her, if the vehicle is at her home. The vehicle can be vandalized or she can get up on a Saturday morning, jump inside without realizing it's the City vehicle.

Commissioner Holmes requested to see the credit card receipt every month.

Mayor Babb advised he thinks we were doing that in the past and I have that as part of my agenda. I think it's a good suggestion, that's part of the checks and balances of the Commission. I think we should do that.

Commissioner Holmes asked the City Attorney is the City Manager in charge of the City Clerks vehicle.

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg answered the City Manager is in charge of deciding which one of the City's employees are entitled to a City vehicle. On the other hand, the City Clerk works directly for the Commission and the compensation for the Clerk (benefits and other items) are decided on by a majority vote. Then, the City Manager will accommodate the Commission.

Commissioner Holmes makes the motion for the City Clerk to be allowed to take her City vehicle home, just like the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Walker advised at a pervious making it was brought up by Commissioner Holmes and the City Manager replied we will discuss it. So, I don't know if that happened or not (apparently didn't).

Mayor Babb advised I can't justify a City Clerk using a City vehicle when she only lives two (2) miles away from her job. I would have a talk or dialog with the City Clerk to see if it's necessary for her to have the City vehicle. Again, I can't see any justification for that.

Commissioner Hill asked where you have to relocate.

City Clerk Ms. Warner replied Canal Point.

Commissioner Walker inquired if any of us had a conversation with the City Clerk.

Commissioner Holmes advised I've had a conversation with the City Clerk. She is a Charter Officer which means we have the umbrella over our City Clerk. I motion that we let the City Clerk drive her City vehicle to Canal Point.

Mayor Babb asked have you spoken with her and there was actually a need for the City car.

Commissioner Holmes replies yes, I have.

Mayor Babb asked Commissioner Holmes have you conducted any research that have the similar distance that allows the City Clerk to drive a vehicle home.

Commissioner Holmes replied yes, I have.

Mayor Babb asked Commissioner Holmes which one of those.

Commissioner Holmes advised the City of Opa Locka, everybody drives a car.

Approval of City Clerk taking the City vehicle home.

Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried (3) aye; (2) nay.

Mayor Babb advised to let the record reflect that Commissioner Holmes had to be excused from the meeting.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 09.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION 2016 – 10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FORIDA, SUPPORTING PALM BEACH COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY'S PLAN TO ENACT A ONE-CENT SALES TAX TO PAY FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS, PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PLACE REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 BALLOT FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF SUCH SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
3. RESOLUTION 2016 – 14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE SHARED DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF A PROPOSED ONE CENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 10 and 2016 - 14.

Motion by Commission Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

4. RESOLUTION 2016 – 11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIJAUNA WARNER AS CITY CLERK.

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advised when looking through the resolutions, it appears that the City Commission never made a resolution appointing her as the City Clerk and this corrects that issue.

Commissioner Walker inquired so we do this before we do her ninety (90) day evaluation (which has pasted).

City Attorney advised in the past when a person is designated as City Clerk we do a resolution right then.

Commissioner Walker thanks the City Manager for the clarification.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 11.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION 2016 – 12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH

**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR STATEWIDE SCHOOL READINESS
CHILD CARE SERVICE.**

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 12.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

6. RESOLUTION 2016 – 13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR CSC SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDER FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 13.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION 2016 -15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS (OCR) OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL BASH.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 15.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

8. RESOLUTION 2016 – 16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING VARIOUS INTERNAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FY2016 BUDGET.

Approval of Resolution 2016 – 16.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Proclamation:

1. Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

Approval of Proclamation Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Mayor Babb announced I will be presenting this proclamation on April 29 at the State College to the volunteers.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb advised I just like to encourage the City Commission to take a look at the Glades Regional Master Plan. The dialogue of the City Manager encouraged me to read it, so I encourage the Commissioners. It's a document that the County received \$1.9million from the Federal Government to conduct a study of the Glades, to identify problems and find solutions. Why the County hasn't moved forward in implementing that document is a mystery to us. I think it would be beneficial for all (City Commissioners and citizens) to take a look at the documents. Go on the website and google Glades Regional Master Plan and it will come up. We just going to encourage you to do that because we are going to have some dialogue with the County Commissioners. Palm Beach County unemployment rate fell to 4.5% in January, so the unemployment rate for the County is going down; but, for the Glades area we are still at unemployment rate of around 40%. So, I want to challenge this Commission to create jobs for our residents. We need to do whatever it takes to bring unemployment rate down in our area. Bringing in new businesses is still our goal, but our current businesses are struggling because they don't have support from our community. We want to recognize shops at home as much as possible and recognize our locate businesses. Thriftway is planning on a \$200,000-\$300,000 expansion and they also own some property next to the Church of God. They are considering doing some

low-income affordable housing. There are a lot of things going on in Pahokee, just at the bottom you'll be able to see some of the things that's going on.

Also, I like to recognize local businesses (on a monthly bases) to get them to continue to serve Pahokee and allow them to share with the public what they are doing. I think we should recognize two (2) businesses a month and rotate it between the City Commissioners. I would like to recognize at our next meeting Thriftway Super Market and Glades Health Care Center. Also, I would like you the Commission to take the initiative to support creating jobs for college and high school students during the summer break. We can ask each business to hire at least one (1) student for six (6) weeks. That will help that student get supplies and clothing for school.

Commissioner Walker announced Glades Career Source had a discussion yesterday on Job Readiness (age ranging 16-24), which place the students or individuals on a job.

Mayor Babb advised I would like for us to have a job fair (which would be competitive) with twenty (20) businesses. Also, the Chambers have been working with a gentleman by the name of Mr. Jimmy, who has been working for six (6) years with an Apprentice Program (which pays you while you study, receive training, and work). About two (2) years ago, we had a Job Fair and about 150 people showed up (which was successful), but only one (1) of them followed through. In June, we are having a Career Educational Fair to explain to them about this opportunity.

Mayor Babb motioned that the credit card report be sent to the City Commissioners every month.

Mr. Williamson advised I will send you the credit cards report each month, but you may motion if you think is necessary.

Mayor Babb encourage the City Commissioners if there are some major questions, let's do it in the workshop instead of our regular Commission meeting.

Mr. Williamson suggested attending the one-on-ones (with the City Manager) will give them the opportunity to address any issue or concerns.

Mayor Babb advised that the credit card reports needs ratification by the City Commissioners at the Commission meetings. Look at the incident with Senator Rubio and Commissioner Clinton, they all had some problems with credit cards. Therefore, we need transparency and accountability.

Commissioner Walker mentioned we also did a monthly report with the gas cards as well. Also, related to the credit card report I noticed Commissioner Holmes had one and I hope you are sharing the information with all the Commissioners (I didn't receive this information).

Mayor Babb recommends honoring two (2) previous mayors like we did with Commissioner Biggs, that's something we don't normally do. I was here for twelve (12) years and we I left last year, I didn't get that recognition (I am focusing on me). It's just a courtesy we should do. JP Sasser and Mayor Whitaker didn't get recognized. In addition, we want to recognize every past mayor by putting their portraits on the wall.

Commissioner advised I brought the forth and they decided to just recognize deceased mayors.

Mayor Babb replied if that was voted on, then let's just do the deceased mayors (portraits on the wall). Mayor Padgett is the longest serving mayor and commissioner in the history of Pahokee, he serve a term of twenty-five (25) years.

In addition, I was asked that we include some additional information on our website. They gave an example, South Bay has were you can click on the code of ordinance, public notices, document center, and you go to their budget. Belle Glade also has a quick link that goes to their pension plan, financial statement, so they have a lot more information. I'm not saying we can do this over night, but look into it and provide an update.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson thanks Commissioner Walker for mentioning the "Relay for Life", I forgot that in my save the dates. We have finished on the construction project on the picnic shelter on the public side of the Marina. We are expecting the delivery of the picnic benches that being prepared by West Tech. We are in the process of selecting a company to place the MLK Playground equipment in the play (I know that was Commissioner Walkers' concern). Right now, we trying to get the roof repair the Parks and Recreation and we are breaking down that project into sections. I am excited

about the direction the City is going in. I didn't grow up here, but when I listen to the citizens about how this community was I know we are going to get this community back like it was. It's going to take all of us working together to ensure that Pahokee receives its fair share from the government. We need to get aggressive about the federal funding from the federal government. Lastly, I want to personally thank my Director of Public Workers Mr. Alvin Johnson for them doing a tremendous job here in the City of Pahokee. When issues arise here in the City of Pahokee, Mr. Johnson goes right out with his team (once they're aware of the issue). So, I encourage the community when you see illegal dumping or trash outside on the streets, please give us a call. We may not address it that day, but the day after we will try. Thank you Mr. Johnson for doing all you do.

My grandmother past about a week and a half ago, I was out last week. I was raised up poor, for most of my life I was raised by my grandmother. My grandmother has thirteen (13) kids, my mother was the oldest kid, and I was the oldest grandchild. I would come home from college and she would always say "Alright now, do the right thing". So, my grandmother didn't graduate from high school, but she had thirteen (13) kids and ten (10) of them sent to college. My grandfather's ninety-two (92) and they have been married for sixty-four (64) years and he's still living. Last week when I went home, it was a happy time. It reminded me why I'm here in the City of Pahokee, I am here to do the work for the City of Pahokee. My grandmother gave me the strength that I needed. I've been here a year and I want to ensure the essence of how I was raised as a child has allowed me to be patient here, has allowed me to understand this community, and I know I am not from Pahokee. So, that's why we (Mr. Williamson and Mrs. Moore) fight so hard for the City of Pahokee. I'm not going until the job is done. I am to take this opportunity to thank the staff who gave me the cards, flowers, called, or texted. I greatly appreciate that and it makes me feel like I am home.

Mayor Babb asked for an update status on the hiring of three (3) vacancies (financial director, code enforcement officer, and a grant specialist).

Mr. Williamson advised we are shifting out to get a grant writer and adjusting Mr. Raju salaries to cover the cost of a full-time grant writer. We are currently in the process of transferring one (1) of other staff to the code enforcement officer position (which should occur in the next week or so). I have given our HR Director to go head and start formatting the advertisement for the financial director position. Physically, we would have someone in this position by mid part of June.

Mayor Babb announced the City Manager assured me of a nice entrance sign to welcome people home.

Report of the City Attorney:

City Attorney Mr. Brandenburg advised there's three (3) ordinances he would like the Mayors advice on. First, a new County Ordinance is being adopted that relates to public parks, allowing the police to give trespass notices which don't allow them to come back to the park for a period of time. Is that an ordinance that you would like me to prepare and for you to consider here in the City?

Mayor Babb asked for some examples and how much time are the suspended from the park.

Mr. Brandenburg advised he don't have the schedule of how long their expelled for, but I can put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Brandenburg asked would you like me to amend the ordinance in reference to the sale of property because of the size of the signs.

Mayor Babb replies long as it's visible enough for people to know the property is for sale.

Mr. Brandenburg asked would you like a provision that requires dumpster enclosures.

Mr. Williamson advised I think we should move forward with that. We need to start cleaning up the eye sores and improve our quality of life.

Mayor Babb advised the City Attorney to move forward.

Mr. Brandenburg announced in the past we weren't able to find the company that owned the Old Hospital site. We have located and served the owners of the Old Hospital site, they have hired a local attorney that has responded to the lawsuit. The attorney inquired about potential for settlement and suggested replacing all the broken windows with glass (not board them up), all the doors would be replaced with new doors, the building would be locked/secured, the entire exterior would be cleaned, grounds would be cleared of trash/cut, and hiring an on-site caretaker. The City's goal was to obtain titles and ask other agencies for funds to demolish it, because we didn't own it we lost an opportunity from SWA. Yet, we don't know the amounts that will be available next year. Those amounts next year won't be sufficient funds at one time to demolish the Old Hospital site.

Mayor Babb advised the offer is something they should be doing and I didn't hear anything about them reimbursing the funds the City has put into this site. If we get this property and demolish it, then we can build a hotel. There are only a few sites that if a hotel chain came in that available, that's the Old City Hall/Water Plant and the Old Hospital site. That's a weak offer and we can counter offer. The Old Hospital site is a great space for a hotel.

Mr. Williamson advised there are over \$2million in code violations and they haven't offered anything. Typically, we get 10% of the code violations and they didn't mention that. We have to hold this company accountable.

Mr. Brandenburg explains when you foreclose on a code enforcement lien, you get the property (you don't get the money). The issue is, is the property underneath that building worth more than \$250,000 because if it's not you've just bought yourself a loss. The \$250,000 you get from the County you can spend somewhere else on a solid budget in the City. If you spend it on knocking down a building and the land is worth \$180,000, you have lost \$70,000. You don't ever get the amount of the lien above the value of the property and that property is not near \$2million.

It is very difficult to try to estimate the cost of an asbestos abatement and it's possibility it could run higher than \$250,000.

Vice Mayor Hill asked where does this stop and why can't we have a sit down with the owners. This is a very big building in our company and it can make a big difference in our community.

Mr. Brandenburg advised the owners are constantly traveling and it's not likely that we will get these owners to come in and sit down to talk to you. They are trying to get someone to purchase the property.

Vice Mayor Hill suggested moving forward with the foreclosure.

Mayor Babb suggested having a workshop on the Old Hospital site with more details.

Old Business:

1. Gymnasium Update

City Manager Mr. Williamson advised the City is still working with a private benefactor and a cost analyst.

New Business:

1. Community Relations Board (alternate member)

City Clerk Ms. Warner advised we have two (2) applicants, Ms. Patricia Wilson and Ms. Annie Coor.

Commissioner Murvin motioned appointing Ms. Patricia Wilson as the alternate to the Community Relations Board.

Approval of Appointing Patricia Wilson as Community Relations Board (alternate member).

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.

Motion carried on unanimously.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Murvin quotes "Surrender to what is, Let go of what was, and have faith in what will be". Goodnight.

Commissioner Walker asked have we set a date for the Town Hall meeting.

Mr. Williamson responded no ma'am.

Commissioner Walker motioned canceling the May 24, 2016 City Commission meeting because that's the same night as the Pahokee High School Graduation at 7pm.

Approval of Canceling May 24, 2016 City Commission Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried on unanimously.

Commissioner Walker inquired about the restroom situation on the Marina.

Mr. Williamson suggested having port-a-potties around the Marina as we research that information.

Commissioner Walker required recognizing the students for Pahokee High that are participating in the Youth Entrepreneurs at Central Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce. They did a great presentation with submitting their business proposals. We did have two (2) presentations yesterday at the Roundtable. Thanks everyone for being here and welcomes Commissioner Murvin to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Hill asked the Commission will they approve me attending a grant writing workshop to get certified as a grant writer. I will be able to assist the City with the grant writer situation. The entire workshop is \$999 and I will pay for airfare/hotel in Atlanta.

Mr. Williamson advised the funds are in the budget.

Commissioner Walker questions will this interfere with day-to-day operations, you probably need to hear from the attorney about this.

Mr. Brandenburg replied we will have to be careful and make sure it doesn't interfere with staff. The trip and expense have to be primarily for the benefit of the City not for the betterment of individual. This is knowledge you will bring back and share with the City.

Mayor Babb required seeing addition information and then voting on it.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:40p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk