



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:35p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

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

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

Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) requested adding Res 2016 – 17 to I1, Old Hospital Site to O2, and PBSO Update to O3.

**Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):** None

**Public Service Announcements:**

Mayor Babb announced our May 24, 2016 City Commission Meeting has been cancelled due to Pahokee High School Graduation. We will meet again on the twice Tuesday of June (which is June 14, 2016). The City Clerk in the future will handle all the comment cards, announcements, and enforce the three (3) minute clock.

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**Ordinances:**

1. ORDINANCE (second reading) 2016 – 03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSISON OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 2-2. SALE OF ANY CITY REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, TO MODIFY THE SIGNAGE REQUIRED TO BE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY FOR SALE; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES

**Approval of Ordinance 2016 - 03.**

**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.**

**Motion carried on unanimously**

2. **ORDINANCE (second reading) 2016 – 04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE CITY’S CONTINUING CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE’S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY’S FIRE/RESCUE MSTU (MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT); PROVIDING FOR INTENT, PURPOSE AND CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVENESS OF REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS**

**Approval of Ordinance 2016 - 04.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Resolutions:**

1. **RESOLUTION 2016 – 17 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.**

Mayor Babb advised the Cultural piece was removal from the Infrastructure Surtax and expressed the funds can be allocated towards other projects (such as the old high school).

Commissioner Holmes inquires if the portion of funds returned back to the City was known.

Mr. Brandenburg (City Attorney) advised 20% will be divided among the Cities.

Commissioner Holmes advised we will probably get about 2% out of dividends.

Mr. Williamson replied that’s probably about \$300,000.00.

Commissioner Holmes inquired if our taxes will be raised one (1) cent and we only can get \$300, 000.00.

Mr. Williamson advised that will allow us to address some of these projects we don’t have funding for and everything will be allocated fairly across the board.

Commissioner Holmes replied I would hate for our City to have an increase in sales tax, and then the money just disappears. The issue happened a couple years ago when money just disappeared.

**Approval of Resolution 2016 - 17.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

**Public Hearings:** (Read in Ordinance Section)

**Proclamations:** None

**Presentations:**

1. **Sherryl Carter**

*Vice Mayor Hill presented a certificate to Sherryl Carter for Employee of the Quarter.*

2. **Jonathan Johnson** (not present will present later in the meeting)



### **Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Babb advised the City had two incidents today. The City had a fire right next to the food pantry and the daycare, but there were no injuries or death. However, the school has been damaged and probably will not be used for several months. The second incident was a Public Works staff member passed out and ran into a palm tree (vehicle accident), there was one (1) staff injured and two (2) getting checked out for injuries. Hopefully, we will get more information from the hospital. Also, the City vehicle was totaled. Again, the May 24, 2016 City Commission meeting is cancelled due to the Pahokee High School Graduation. I am just asking the Commission to look into plans being in place for emergency and entering into a contract with an electrical company. Also, the Commission can look into hiring a community workforce of about ten (10) to twelve (10) individual on a contractual bases for assisting with Public Works (when they get behind on picking up trash or after large events). We don't have enough staff to clean the entire City, yet those individuals will be used as extra staff for \$10.00 an hour. Also, I need staff to look into the Marina Restaurant Contract (for concerned of the citizens) in reference to the utility bill. We don't want to put any hardship on businesses, yet if there are bills that were unpaid we need the back pay. If those payments are not made, then they will be in violation of the contract. I am directing the staff to move forward with the vendor on a payment plan. I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Mayor Meet & Greet. Also, I want to follow-up with the City Manager on all the former mayors' portraits being displayed on the wall here at the City Chambers.

Mr. Williamson inquired do you want all former mayors or all deceased mayors portraits displayed.

Mayor Babb advised all former mayors and in the event that we can't get a picture we will put up a plaque.

Mayor Babb wanted to follow-up on youth employment during the summer. My question to the City staff is where they are with that for this summer.

Mr. Williamson responded some of the business advised they don't have the funding for hiring additional staff and others advised they will look into it for next summer (not prepared for this summer).

Commissioner Walker inquired what are we as a City doing to reach out to Workforce for the summer program that they provide (with the salary).

Mr. Williamson replied Workforce has already provided us with two (2) interns.

Commissioner Walker questioned we only had two (2) positions.

Mr. Williamson replied we sure can use the help, but that's all Workforce paid for.

Mayor Babb would like the City to present a Key to the City to County Commissioner McKinlay (she has done a lot for the City). I would like to invite her out to present and have her speak on some of the things the County is doing. I would ask the Commission to vote on this.

### **Approval of Presenting the Key to the City to County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

Mayor Babb announced that Commissioner Murvin will select the next two (2) businesses for the month of May. Following Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Holmes will select two (2) businesses for the month of June, and then we will continue down from my left to my right with Commissioner Walker and Vice Mayor Hill. Just want to let everyone know, Commissioner Walker has been in the hospital for a couple of days and is on the phone for this meeting. We want to wish her a full and speedy recovery and we have a card for her. So, Commissioner Walker we wish you well and to recover.

*Mayor Babb presented a certificate to Jonathan Johnson for Employee of the Year.*

### **Report of the City Manager:**

Mr. Williamson discussed Commissioner Holmes issue with annexation. The City is working to give you an update on annexation between this Commission Meeting and the next Commission Meeting, we will have enough time to bring you a report. We just received the funding to work on MLK Baseball Field, I would like to see the baseball field brought up to standards with a softball team and baseball team (here in the City of Pahokee). Just give us a little more time to add the score board and other things. We want to improve the City by proposing an ordinance that requires our City to enclose these dumpsters off from view. Most of these dumpsters are in an odd area and opposing this ordinance will help beautify the City. City Hall has a dumpster that sits on the sidewalk, so we are going to fix ours first. We are going to have to work with our landlord to help beatify their areas. I think landlords with multi-units should paint their buildings every five (5) years and have proper parking for their tenants. A gentleman in the last Commission Meeting announced if you want to be a slumlord come here to the City of Pahokee and we want to change that. It's time to clean-up, it's time to paint, and it's time to change our City. We have to be prepared for economic development and we can't negotiate our ordinances any longer. We need to change some of our ordinances to hold the landlords accountable. We are preparing for 2017 Legislation in Tallahassee and getting everything together now. We have to continue building our relationship with the State Senate and Government. We have been reviewing the utility payments for Pahokee Mo's and as soon as we get those numbers we will take the appropriate steps. We have to find out if he paid, when he stopped paying, and calculate what he owes to the City.

#### **Report of the City Attorney:**

Mr. Brandenburg inquired if the City Commission wants him to draft an ordinance for the dumpsters, rental units, and the other items that the City Manager asked for.

#### **Approval of City Attorney drafting an ordinance for dumpsters and multi-units.**

**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hill.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

#### **1. Palm Beach County Trespass Ordinance for Parks**

Mr. Brandenburg presented a draft of the Palm Beach County Trespass Ordinance and explained that it gives PBSO the ability to enforce it.

Mayor Babb suggested a motion to adopt a similar ordinance.

Commissioner Walker suggested scheduling a workshop for the topic.

Mr. Brandenburg suggested drafting an ordinance that applies to the City and then if you want to conduct a workshop before adopting it.

Commissioner Walker advised the workshop gives the community an opportunity to engage as well because they're going to be the most affected by the change.

Commissioner Holmes advised we have to be mindful that Pahokee don't have any activities for our kids.

Mayor Babb replied we can always look at the penalties as well to make sure they're not too harsh.

#### **Approval of City Attorney drafting an ordinance for Park Trespassing.**

**Motion by Commissioner Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.**

**Motion carried on unanimously.**

#### **2. Old Hospital Site**

Mr. Brandenburg advised the representative for the Old Hospital Site is preparing a presentation for the City Commission on June 14, 2016.

#### **3. PBSO Update**



Lt. Picciolo advised they are investigating the situation with the fire, but they have a concern with the homeless. PBSO have arranged for an organization to come out and assist the homeless, everyone is participating in the program except for one (1) individual. In the last week or so, there have been no alerting incidents within the City. PBSO created a park, walk, and talk program (PWT) which encourage deputies to get out and community with everyone. So, if you see the deputies out communicate with them.

Mayor Babb announced that PBSO has a website that will inform you on what's happening in your community.

Lt. Picciolo responded yes, go to [pbso.org](http://pbso.org).

Mayor Babb announced the Criminal Justice Academy on June 9, 2016 at the Belle Glade Library (please take a flyer on the way out).

#### **Old Business:**

##### **1. Gymnasium Update**

Mr. Williamson advised we have formally started a conversation with the private benefactor and the City Attorney to form a partnership. Typically, when a private benefactor is doing business with a City they want to enter into a public-private partnership to ensure all of the concerns are addressed before supplying their resources for this type of project. Our City Attorney will be meeting with them sometimes next week and forming some type of language.

**Citizens Comments:** *Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) announced all public comment cards.*

Mrs. Mary Dobrow expressed concerns with the marina pool and security. The marina pool is being used by others besides the campground guest. I have seen it with my own eyes and my customers said it was left a mess.

Mr. Williamson responded these issues happen on weekends, therefore we can hire a lifeguard or staff for the pool on the weekend.

Ms. Sanquetta Cowan invites City Commission to the Young Authors/Achievers Celebration on May 26, 2016 at 1pm.

Ms. Deborah Abner advised she is following up with the concession stand at the MLK Park and that she heard its some issues with the park.

Mr. Williamson responded the concession stand isn't open unless there's a baseball game taking place.

Ms. Abner replied we have other events at that park (such as gospel singing, church events, and other things) when we would like to use the concession stand.

Ms. Pearl Freeman inquired if the Community Relations Board was a help to the City.

Mayor Babb replied they were and the reason they were dismantled was stated in the letter. We appreciated all their service and they have the opportunity to re-apply or join new boards. This way we allow others an opportunity to serve on the boards.

Ms. Hazel Lucas, Esq. announced legal services to residents of Pahokee and the CLT Palm Beach County's building success in the County (passed out flyers to everyone).

Mayor Babb announced that we are going to try to setup a workshop for the community to be aware of what's being offered.

Rev. Lonnie Spry advised concerns with City streets, boards, and the finance director vacancy.

Mayor Babb replied the City Manager addressed the road being repaired. As far as the boards, we will try not to appoint family members and we are in the process of hiring a finance director.

#### **City Commission Comments:**

Commissioner Murvin announced the Young Singers of the Palm Beach are having a Choir in the Glades on May 17, 2016 at 6:30pm located at the Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade. Also, there are two (2) Habitats for Humanity Houses, one (1) in Belle Glade and one (1) in Pahokee (accepting application until May 27, 2016).  
Good Night.

Commissioner Holmes advised there's no excuse not to hire a finance director. Also, the mayor needs to start tweaking his speech.

Mayor Babb suggested supporting businesses in the community, everybody needs to work with everybody.

Commissioner Walker advised we need to bring closure to the City's slogan.

Mayor Babb suggested at the next meeting the City Manager will address that.

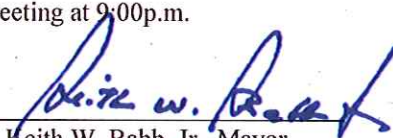
Commissioner Walker suggested adding time limit on hiring a finance director and adding it to the next agenda. Also, an update on the status of the property going out for sale.

Ms. Warner replied we have just approved Ordinance 2016 – 04 in reference to the signage and the amount of time the signs have to be placed on the property before sale. Hopefully, the property will be out for sale by next week Thursday.

Vice Mayor Hill thanks everyone for coming out.

Mayor Babb thanks everyone for coming out and tells everyone good night.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:00p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk