

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

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 25, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:36p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

Roll Call:	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice Mayor Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	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. Picciolo	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mr. Williamson added City Managers Evaluation & Contract to Q2. Commissioner Walker added recognition of the City Attorney to Q3. Mayor Babb request moving presentations up.

Approval of the Agenda with additions.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations:

1. Alzheimer's Community Care

Commissioner Holmes presented a certificate to Alzheimer's Community Care for Business of the Month.

2. GM Refrigeration & Hardware, Inc.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Mr. Bobby Colvin inquired about the roll call procedures requested that the Mayor be last as he is the tie breaker.

Rev. Benny L. Everett, III expressed his purpose is in regards to the City Manager's Contract and his vision for the future of our City. After having conversation with the City Manager he's supporting the renewal of the City Manager's Contract because he has moved the City in an upward motion.

Public Service Announcements: *(none)*

Approval of Minutes:

1. March 28, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting

Approval of March 28, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.
Motion carried (4) aye; (1) nay. (Commissioner Walker haven't seen the minutes).

2. April 11, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting

Approval of April 11, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.
Motion carried (4) aye; (1) nay. (Commissioner Walker hasn't seen the minutes).

Ordinances: (none)

Resolutions: (none)

Public Hearings:

1. ORDINANCE 2017 – 02 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 2-149, NOTICES, PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Approval of Ordinance 2017 - 02.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE 2017 – 03 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 4.1 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PROHIBIT THE OUTDOOR, STREETSIDE, CURBSIDE DISPLAY OF RETAIL ITEMS FOR SALE AT THRIFT STORES AND SALVAGE SHOPS; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Carl Morrison supports the ordinance just thinks it should be amended to allow them to place items out on the weekends.

Ms. Sanquetta Cowan expressed support of the ordinance to improve the City because Pahokee is moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Walker inquired if the business owners are aware of this ordinance.

Mr. Williamson replied yes, these particular owners are renters.

Commissioner Walker advised I personally spoke to the owners about the appearance of these properties.

Commissioner Murvin reported I also went to the owners and the information that went to them was incorrect. Vice Mayor Holmes advised the owner that her business was about to be closed and that was not true. I hope and pray that we as the Commission take the correct information. Also, citizens you can request this information from the City because it's public records. We are trying to pass an ordinance to beautify our City. I totally agree with this ordinance.

Vice Mayor Holmes replied I didn't go to Rhonda with the attitude Commissioner Murvin is talking about. I support her business and wanted her to be aware of it. I think she's really trying to pull it together. We have to step down and talk to our constituents. So, when I do it don't knock me if you don't have the right answer to the questions.

Approval of Ordinance 2017 - 03.
Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.
Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations:

1. **Municipal Clerks Week**

Approval of Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.
Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Babb presented a certificate to GM Refrigeration & Hardware for Business of the Month.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb thanks the City staff for working very hard on the Re-dedication of the Marina with the Robbin Cutting Ceremony with Former Officials (which are engraved on a plaque on the Marina) on Saturday, April 22nd. In the past, we had several hurricanes that destroyed the Marina and a lot of times that takes years to rebuild. But, the Commission at that time with the assistances of the Marina Operator wrote a lot of grants to rebuild the Marina. In addition to that, City staff built a pavilion for people to sit up there and look out among the lake. We just want to ask our citizens to come out and support all activities in the City of Pahokee. The second event was the Great American Cleanup (thanks to the Chamber and the City) with about sixty (60) volunteers. We just want to ask everyone to come out and help clean up when you can around your own home and property. Also, thank the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue for coming out and showing their support.

Mayor Babb advised we have two (2) follow-up items. Former Commissioner Biggs asked us to look into the permit cost for a shed. I believe that the City Manager has already spoken to her, but there's no ordinance on our books.

Mr. Williamson advised you have to provide a survey of the property in order to place a shed there and sometimes those cost are included in that survey. I think that's where the conversation with Ms. Biggs goes. It's actually a state code, not the City's.

Mayor Babb replied the second concern Ms. Biggs had was in reference to Rev. Jesse Biggs Boulevard. She felt that some of the residents and some of the businesses didn't know that was the official name. On record that is the official name, however the name prior to that can still be used as an alias. We can't force residents to use the name, but the City has changed the name to Rev. Jesse Biggs Boulevard.

Mayor Babb recapped the travel to Tallahassee on March 7-8, 2017 which was a huge success. We went to Tallahassee to advocate for Palm Beach County Days. During that trip we spoke to the Senate President, the Chief Financial Officer (Jeff Atwaters), and the Chair of the Senate Appropriation Committee (someone who controls the money flow). I think those meetings were very important and we went to a lot of workshops. Secondly, the trip to Washington was for the Legislative Conference. At that conference, we got a chance to speak with elected officials on a national level. We met with Senate Bill Nelson, Representative Alcee Hasting, and others. There was a threat by President Trump to eliminate the CBGB Program which supports small rural cities and counties. That's how we received a lot of our infrastructural improvements based on those funds. So, we had to go up there in advocate on behalf of the City of Pahokee and all small cities. I think a lot of individuals know about Pahokee now, thanks to the City Manager.

Mayor Babb inquired about the status on the Deputy City Clerk position. If anything happened to Ms. Warner, we probably wouldn't have a meeting unless the City Manager is going to take minutes.

Mr. Williamson replied we have not identified an individual yet. We going to look through the month of May and we'll have someone in place by June. She has a training coming up and June, so I have to have someone in place by then.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson reported the City is spending about 20.5% less than last year, I passed out a financial report to the Commission as an overview. We have \$1.8 million in our account and \$800,000 of that is our special fund for the Cemetery. The rest of that amount is divided up into general operating funds and infrastructure projects funds. We have been successful in spending less in the past twelve (12) months because we have been able to identify resources and product. We have changed the process of what we spend, how we spend, and when we spend. My Finance Director has done a good job in automating the systems that we have for bill paying and tracking our expenditures. We now have an updated financial system in City Hall there's no longer a DOSS System. Actually, directors will have a key into the system and I can respond directly. This is something that we needed here in the City of Pahokee. We still have a secondary accountability process on files. I am very excited about the system we have and we are spending less. During the summer, the spending may spike. Also, we met with the Secretary of Transportation while in Tallahassee. That ten (10) minute meeting with the Secretary of Transportation got us the \$4.6 million for the City of Pahokee (Barfield Highway). There's a lot of conversation that happens in Tallahassee and the water is one. It is an exhausting effort for the citizens here and we are making a difference and that bill has changed. We will continue to advocate and represent our areas. Those trips we are taking are very important for the City of Pahokee. We have about \$4 million in legislative request, we don't know how that's going to turn out. In 2015, most of the municipalities in Palm Beach County got nothing. It's another year for me. In 2015, we got \$1.2 million for the Marina. In 2016, we got close to \$10 million in infrastructure for the City of Pahokee. We have been very blessed with leadership and have changed the brand for the City of Pahokee. We need that affordable housing to come here in the City of Pahokee and I think we are very close.

Report of the City Attorney: (none)

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

1. **Lieutenant Picciolo (PBSO Report)** (none)

2. **City Manager's Evaluation & Contract**

(Brief recess for the City Manager to retrieve his contract)

Mr. Brandenburg announced the changes to the City Manager's contract. Section 2B allows him to give thirty (30) days notice instead of sixty (60) days notice. The second change is on Section 3A which is the termination of the City Manager without cause requested 100% of unused sick and vacation time. The next change is in Section 5 which is the salary, he's requesting the salary increase to \$125,000 per year. Next, 5B is removed. In Section 6B, if the City Manager leaves he gets the full sick and vacation time even if he's work one (1) month in that year. Next, he's requesting increasing vacation to 140 hours per year and sick time to 120 hours per year. Next, he's asking when his automobile reaches 100,000 miles that the City purchase him a new automobile. Last, 9H he's requesting that an additional 3% of his salary goes to the League of Cities Retirement.

Mayor Babb requested having a special meeting next Tuesday to discuss he contract.

Mr. Williamson replied I'm going to be in Tallahassee next Tuesday.

Mayor Babb responded we can meet him halfway on this contract, but it's going to take a little work.

Commissioner Murvin replied we can do this tonight.

Vie Mayor Holmes responded we can't do this tonight, it's too much. We need to take our time and review this contract because this is the first time we've received this. I request when we do complete this contract, the City Manager needs to move to this area within six (6) months.

Commissioner Hill replied I think we can negotiate tonight.

Commissioner Walker responded I haven't even seen the contract and I would like an opportunity to do so.

Mayor Babb announced we are going to try to negotiate tonight. Starting with his salary, he's asking for a \$25,000 increase I would recommend an increase of \$10,000.

Commissioner Murvin replied I looked a Riviera Beach starting their City Manager off with \$130,000, so I can say \$120,000.

Commissioner Hill agreed with the \$120,000.

Vice Mayor Holmes replied we are not Riviera Beach, they revenue is different. We can't do that. I can give him a raise, I think \$110,000 is a good salary.

Commissioner Walker replied I don't agree with \$125,000, but I can support the \$110,000.

Mayor Babb responded \$112,500 is calculating from last year and this year.

Commissioner Hill replied I think he did well on his evaluation.

Commissioner Murvin agreed with Commissioner Hill and advised she's sticking with the \$120,000.

Mayor Babb counter offered \$115,000.

Commissioner Walker replied some of these projects were already in the making. He gets credit for it because he's the City Manager at this time. He didn't initiate it. We are giving him credit for something he didn't do. Mr. Mayor you need to make up your mind.

Mayor Babb replied we are trying to negotiate.

Commissioner Murvin replied you can look at South Bay and their City Manager is at \$125,000.

Vice Mayor Holmes replied I can do the \$125,000, if he agrees to relocate to Pahokee in the next six (6) months.

Mr. Williamson replied you can't make that requirement on the City Manager. I am an ICMA Certified City Manager. So, a City Manager when you do his contract you do it on his performance. I don't know any other City Manager that delivered \$10 million in eight (8) months. You had a wish that you could repair McClure Road, you had a wish that you could repair Barfield Highway, you had a wish that you could demolish the old water plant, you had a wish that you could take on two (2) major projects (didn't have the money to do it), you had a wish that you can figure out how to get Glades Citizens Villa paved. Now, those are projects in the making. I appreciate the negotiations, I appreciate the offer, but judge me on my performance. You might not like it, but you are going to respect it. Don't count my pennies. I'm not going anywhere, I'm committed to this. All I ask is to treat me fairly. I work hard for this City. This administration has laid this foundation. On some weekends, I stay right here in Pahokee. I spend my money in the City, before I leave I buy groceries here. So, let's get back to my performance. Let's do some business tonight for a change for the City Manager.

Commissioner Hill replied I can move down to \$118,000.

Commissioner Murvin responded I can go \$118,000.

Mayor Babb advised I can do \$118,000.

Approval of City Manager's Salary \$118,000.
Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.
Motion carried (3)aye; (2)nay.

Mayor Babb discussed the next change which is if he's terminated he receive all vacation and sick time, if he resign we'll give him what directed in the policy.

Mayor Babb discussed added 140 hours vacation time and 120 hours sick time. Does anyone have a major problem with that? Hearing no response, let's go to the next section.

Commissioner Walker replied I don't agree with it.

Mr. Brandenburg advised next item is the automobile.

Commissioner Hill replied I don't agree with the automobile.

Mayor Babb agrees with Commissioner Hill.

Mr. Williamson replied you can't remove that.

Mr. Brandenburg advised the next item is an additional 3% towards his retirement which will be 6%.

Mayor Babb recommended 5% towards retirement.

Commissioner Murvin agreed.

Commissioner Hill agreed.

Vice Mayor Holmes has nothing to say.

Commissioner Walker advised exclude her as well.

3. Recognition of the City Attorney

Commissioner Walker wants to recognize the City Attorney for always supporting and sponsoring event in the City of Pahoee.

Mayor Babb replied we may want to consider giving him a raise.

Commissioner Walker replied we need to vote on giving him a plaque.

Approval of Recognition of the City Attorney with consideration of a raise during budgeting.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Lewis Pope (resident) is asking for letter of opposing the manure recycling plant that's coming on 880. We have a letter from Taco Bell saying that they will not buy any produce from this area, if the manure facility comes into the City. Also, we need an ordinance that will not allow a manure recycling plant within the City.

Commissioner Walker replied I thought the City Attorney was going to attend a meeting and get back with us about it.

Mr. Brandenburg replied I did attend that meeting and think there are very serious concerns revolving around that type of facility. I don't recommend the Commission consider going forward with EcoGreen.

Approval of Letter Opposing Manure Plant.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leonard Rolle (resident) advised I lease a piece of property out on State Market Road. I've did everything he said do.

Mr. Williamson replied I never seen these documents before.

Vice Mayor Holmes responded this young man been going through this for a while. We need to handle this.

Mr. Brandenburg suggested that he come in tomorrow morning to discuss this with the City Manager.

Mr. Williamson advised he can come in at 8:00am.

Ms. Caroline Villanueva (Florida Crystals) requesting the City of Pahokee to oppose the Manure Plant.

Mr. Carl Morrison Sr. (resident) concerned with the policy in reference to recreational department. I see employees get a discount and commissioner get it for free. If a citizen wants to use the facility for a funeral service, can the fee get waived. Why do the commissioners get to use it for free?

Mr. Brandenburg replied they don't get it for free, only for public gathering (such as meetings).

Mr. Morrison requested a status on vegetation which he requested six (6) months ago.

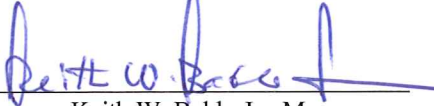
Mr. Williamson replied we've been working with the County and finally got a work order from FDOT. We will follow-up on that.

City Commission Comments:

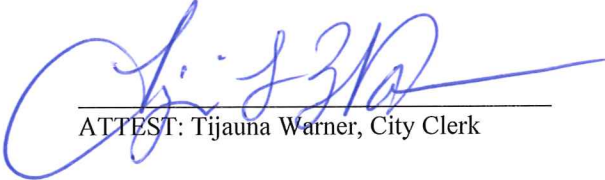
Commissioner Hill thanks Vice Mayor Holmes for helping to lead the Commission in the right direction when responding to the audience.

Commissioner Murvin announced she's very impressed with the City Manager promoting Pahokee. We are a team and we may not agree all the time, but we all have to be accountable. The City Manager has a vision for the City and we need to work with him.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk