

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 28, 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, February 28, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:30p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice Mayor Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Commissioner Clara Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	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:**

Mayor Babb advised one addition adding a Proclamation to K1.

**Approval of the Agenda with Amendments.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Public Service Announcements:**

Mrs. Margret Smart (resident) announced Red Cross Pillow Case Project March 14, 2017 at Pahokee Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders). On March 25, 2017 we will be installing smoke detector in the Trailer Park.

Mrs. Regina Bohlen (resident) announced the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce sending out opposition cards in reference to buying of land south of Lake Okeechobee. Also, I Love Pahokee Day is on March 11, 2017 with games, food, fun, & face painting. Please come out and join us at Commissioners Pahokee from 10:00am-4:00pm.

**Approval of Minutes: (none)**

**Ordinances: (none)**

**Resolutions: (none)**

**Proclamations:**

1. Harvest A.M.E. Day

**Approval of Alma Harvest A.M.E. Day Proclamation.**

**Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentations: (none)**

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Babb requested the City Clerk prepare a Proclamation for Rev. Benny L. Everett, III to present at his installation.

**Approval of Rev. Benny L. Everett, III Proclamation.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Babb announced the March 14, 2017 City Commission Meeting will be cancelled due to the Commission being out of town at the National League of Cities Congressional Conference.

*Mayor Babb presented the practical guide of the code of ethics.*

**Report of the City Manager:**

Mr. Chandler Williamson (City Manager) announced the gymnasium project is moving forward, we will submit the notice to proceed on construction. Last week in Tallahassee, we finally got all four (4) of our legislative priorities on the record. So far, we have about \$3.3 million in legislation. Next week is Palm Beach County Days and we will be in Tallahassee working with our leaders. Following that, we come back and some of the Commissioner will be heading to Washington, DC. for the National League of Cities Congressional Conference and that's an opportunity to engage our officials at the federal level. Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Murvin, the Mayor, and myself will be traveling to Washington, DC. It should be a meaningful trip.

Mayor Babb announced in the last twelve (12) months the City of Pahokee has secured nearly \$7million for projects for infrastructure. So, if we can get this \$3.4 million that would be approximately \$10 million. We don't hear that enough or give ourselves enough credit for it. Hopefully, within the next year you should be seeing some major changes.

**Report of the City Attorney:**

Mr. Gary Brandenburg advised the City Manager and I have been to mediation for the foreclosure on the Old Hospital and was unable to reach any type of agreement with the owner of the property. The case will be going to trial next Monday.

Commissioner Walker inquired when is the City Manager leaving for Tallahassee.

Mr. Williamson replied after work.

Commissioner Walker responded I just wanted to make sure you are there.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Lieutenant Piccolo (PBSO Report) (no report)
2. Appoint Board Members (Community Relations Board, Pahokee Revitalization Corp., and Cemetery Advisory Board)

*Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) read into record the following:*

Commissioner Walker appointed Anthony Jackson to the Community Relation Board as a Regular Member.

Commissioner Murvin appointed Bryan Myers to the Community Relations Board as an Alternate Member.

Vice Mayor Hill appointed Colin Walkes to the Community Relations Board as an Alternate Member.

**Approval of Appointed Members to the Community Relations Board.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) read into record the following:*

Commissioner Walker appointed Anthony Jackson to the Cemetery Advisory Board as a Regular Member.

Commissioner Holmes appointed Sandy Maynor to the Cemetery Advisory Board as a Regular Member.

Vice Mayor Hill appointed Lewis Pope III to the Cemetery Advisory Board as a Regular Member.

Commissioner Murvin appointed Patricia Wallace to the Cemetery Advisory Board as a Regular Member.

**Approval of Appointed Members to the Cemetery Advisory Board.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*Ms. Tijauna Warner (City Clerk) read into record the following:*

Vice Mayor Hill appointed Benny L. Everett, III to the Pahokee Community Revitalization Corp.

**Approval of Appointed Members to Pahokee Community Revitalization Corp.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Murvin inquired if the Education Board would be did tonight.

Mr. Williamson replied no.

Commissioner Walker inquired the status of the Economic Development Board.

Ms. Warner replied they are still functioning.

**Citizens Comments:**

Mr. Leonard Rolle came to give a status of meeting with the City Manager and I have decided to move my business out of the City of Pahokee. I have talked to my lawyer and now I am ready to play ball.

Mr. Brandenburg advised the type of business this gentleman own is only allowed in the light industrial areas of the City of Pahokee. He has to have a base in the light industrial area, but if one calls for service he can leave and go fit that tire. He's unable to find myself a stop in the light industrial area.

Mayor Babb inquired the City Attorney recommendation on refunding his money.

Commissioner Holmes inquired for future references where are the light industrial areas.

Mr. Williamson replied the light industrial area of the City of Pahokee is located on State Market Road from the Rehab Center until the County Gas Station. He can't come into the core of the City of Pahokee to set up a base. When you get a business license in the City of Pahokee and you operate one (1) day, you do not get a refund. But, I will issue a refund.

Commissioner Walker inquired how are citizens informed about the specific zoning, is it on the website.

Mr. Williamson replied yes, you can even pull it up on municode.

Commissioner Holmes inquired is there a problem that you can't find space on State Market Road.

Mr. Rolle advised I can get a location.

Commissioner Holmes replied we can fight for you if you don't have a location.

**City Commission Comments:**

Commissioner Holmes announced that I would like the City Charter revised to have the City Manager report to the Commission before allowing him to terminate a direct supervisor.

Mayor Babb inquired City Clerk when is the next Charter Review.

Ms. Warner replied 2018.

Mr. Brandenburg advised the Charter Review Committee meets every five (5) years. If the Commission determines it need reviewing in between that time you can do so. We need to make sure we are not changing the Charter in the way that it conflicts with other provisions. For instance, the Commission would like a say in the hiring of department heads. Then, you only need to change the personnel rules. Taking control over the City Manager with respect to firing a department head maybe interfering with his right to terminate an employee which may hamper his control over the department heads.

Commissioner Holmes inquired if we have an employee of the City of Pahokee driving a vehicle home to Port St. Lucie.

Mr. Williamson replied I have an individual driving the vehicle because they have meetings in the morning in West Palm Beach, therefore they can go straight to their meeting instead of driving to Pahokee picking up a car and heading to Palm Beach. That person is allowed to periodically take the vehicle home.

Commissioner Murvin addressed the greenery on South Lake that Mr. Morrison had concerns about at the last meeting, I have been working with the county to get that issue resolved.

Commissioner Walker thanks Mayor Babb for going to Tallahassee representing the City of Pahokee in reference to the water. I want to thank the City Manager and staff for the social that was provided for the campers at the Marina and the Commissioners that were able to attend. We started that about three (3) years ago to show our appreciation to them. At one point, we had old business to remain on our agenda. However, many times our old business is forgotten. I requirement we have old business continue to be followed-up and addressed on our agenda. Please place the camera in the Cemetery under old business to keep up with that process. We don't receive any updates on our various departments that we may need to be aware of.

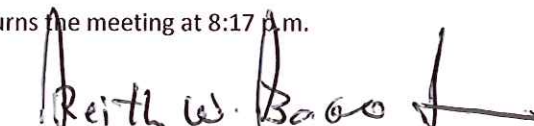
Mr. Williamson replied in the Weekly Report I include the information from the department heads. All of that information is included in the City Managers Report.


Mayor Babb advised that would kind of interfere with the way he manage the staff.

Commissioner Walker responded this came from concerned citizens.

Mayor Babb recognized Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Holmes for representing in their African Attire for Black History Month.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

  
Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

  
ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk