

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 13, 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 June 13, 2017.

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

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice Mayor Nathaniel Holmes	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Absent
	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:

Commissioner Walker added seating on the dais to Q3. Mr. Brandenburg added Old Hospital Site to O1. Commissioner Walker added rescheduling of workshop to Q4.

Approval of the Agenda with additions.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.

Motion carried (4) aye; (0) nay (Hill absent).

Mayor Babb announced Commissioner Hill was planning on attending the meeting via phone but she was unable to attend.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only): (none)

Public Service Announcements:

Commissioner Walker announced the GIN Community Award Recognition Celebration on June 27, 2017 from 11:30am – 1:30pm. The Glades 2017 Community Awards Recognition Celebration is designed to bring the Western Communities of Palm Beach County together to honor and pay tribute to individuals, who have made outstanding contributions to local organizations and to the Glades Communities. This event is \$20 for the lunch and \$25 for the plaque (if you are going to honor anybody).

Approval of Minutes:

1. **May 23, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting**

Approval of May 23, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried (3) aye; (1) nay (Hill absent).

Consent Agenda: (none)

Ordinances: (none)

Resolutions: (none)

Public Hearings:

Mr. Brandenburg read Ordinance 2017 – 04 into the record.

1. **ORDINANCE 2017 – 04 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, MODIFYING SEC. 2-26. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, PERTAINING TO RULES OF PROCEDURE (3), REGARDING THE ORDER FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE ON A MOTION; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

(Public Hearing Opened 6:51pm)

(Public Hearing Closed 6:52pm)

Approval of Ordinance 2017 – 04 (second reading).

Motion by Vice Mayor Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried (4) aye; (0) nay (Hill absent)

Proclamations: (none)

Presentations: (none)

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced the City Commission (Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Holmes, and Commissioner Murvin) attended the Preventing Crime in the Black Community Convention and gave a brief description of the event. He reflected on attending the Citizens Criminal Justice Academy which is hosted every Monday at the Belle Glade Library from 5:30pm -8:00pm and asked the public to come out to participate in the Academy. Mayor Babb asked the City Manager to give an update on the storm-water drains.

- ❖ Mr. Williamson explained the situation of someone stealing the storm-water drain’s covers.
- ❖ Mr. Williamson advised he plans to include the storm-water drains cover issue in Phase III Project and we are working on that.
- ❖ Mayor Babb inquired does the City know the locations of missing drain covers and explained the liability that falls on the City.
- ❖ Mr. Williamson replied we have been locating the area where covers are missing, but the public can report any missing covers they’re aware of to the City.

Mayor Babb announced Commissioner Hill select the next two (2) businesses of the month. Mayor Babb asked the City Attorney what would be the protocol for cancelling a meeting (such as a workshop which doesn’t require a quorum).

- ❖ Mr. Brandenburg explained the Mayor will cancel the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Walker inquired if the Mayor cancelled the meeting yesterday.
- ❖ Mayor Babb replied he didn’t cancel the meeting yesterday.

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Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson announced the following information for the City of Pahokee:

- Marathon Gas Station is installing the last part of their renovations and plan to buy the adjacent property to try to open a restaurant or something.
- Most businesses are complying with the ordinance we voting on last summer (upkeep of businesses and homes), but we are expecting to address the noncompliant individuals.
- Plan to assist or help senior with the painting/upkeep of the home through some type of program.

- ❖ Mayor Babb replied in the past the City had a program that was in the Community Development Department that assisted low-income residents with the upkeep of their homes.
- ❖ Mr. Williamson replied we are working with SHIP Program and advised Ms. Adams (Community & Economic Development Director) to come up and explain it.
- ❖ Ms. Adams advised we currently receive funding from the County and it isn't the City of Pahokee dollars (it's the County's). The County has a waiting list and I have started the application process with residents. If anyone is interested, please come in and start the application process.
- ❖ Mayor Babb asked to seek grants on our own behave, so we can assist with the process.
- ❖ Ms. Adams replied that's something we are already working on.

Report of the City Attorney:

1. Old Hospital Site

Mr. Brandenburg asked for a motion to authorize the payment on the tax for the Old Hospital Site.

- ❖ Vice Mayor Holmes inquired the amount of the back taxes.
- ❖ Mr. Brandenburg advised \$21,000.00.

Approval of Paying Back Taxes of \$21,000.00 on the Old Hospital Site.
Motion by Vice Mayor Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.
Motion carried (4) aye; (0) nay (Hill absent)

Old Business: *(none)*

New Business:

1. Seating Arrangements On The Dais

Vice Mayor Holmes agreed to switch seats with Commissioner Walker.

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

3. Appoint Charter Review Committee

Vice Mayor Holmes appointed Julia Hale to the Charter Review Committee.
Commissioner Murvin appointed Former Commissioner Allie Biggs to the Charter Review Committee.
Commissioner Walker appointed no one at that time (will have a name at next meeting).
Mayor Babb appointed Sanquetta Cowan to the Charter Review Committee.

Approval of (3) Members Appointed to the Charter Review Committee.
Motion by Vice Mayor Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.
Motion carried (4) aye; (0) nay (Hill absent)

4. Rescheduling June 12, 2017 Workshop

- ❖ Vice Mayor inquired the purpose of the Workshop.
- ❖ Mayor Babb explained the purpose of the workshop is for an update on the City's Strategic Plan, the overall Vision of the City, and Policy & Procedure.
- ❖ Commissioner Murvin replied majority of the information you at scheduling the Workshop for is placed in our weekly report that we receive from the City Manager.
- ❖ Mayor Babb expressed from time to time Commissioner's have reported some policies need to be implement for us to receive reports and to inform the citizens as well.
- ❖ Commissioner Murvin announced we've been conducting Town Hall Meetings and Workshops that individuals are not attending. We can see the progress here in the City and we get weekly reports from the City Manager.
- ❖ Commissioner Walker replied she hasn't seen or heard anything about our Strategic Plan and I would like to know.
- ❖ Commissioner Murvin responded that was discussed at the State of the City Luncheon.
- ❖ Commissioner Walker explained it's to inform the citizens about the City.
- ❖ Vice Mayor Holmes expressed this Workshop is needed and explained he's asked for credit cards reports in the past and didn't receive them.
- ❖ Commissioner Murvin replied the City Manager just gave the Commission credit cards reports last meeting for the past six (6) months.

Approval of Rescheduling June 12, 2017 Workshop.

Motion by Vice Mayor Holmes. Seconded by Commissioner Walker.

Motion failed (2) aye; (2) nay (Hill absent).

Citizens Comments:

Mr. Jimmy Kellerher (IBEW) announced and explained the upcoming work with the Hybrid Apprenticeship Program in the City of Pahokee and asked for the City of Pahokee to conduct a Career Day.

- ❖ Mayor Babb encouraged the City and City Commissioner to support this because he's still receives positive feedback from the last Career Day.

Mr. Michael Ross (resident) expressed hopes that the City of Pahokee would sale the Old Hospital Site to him, so that he can open a Detox Center. He advised he has been approved for a \$575,000 Grant, if the Commission agrees.

- ❖ Mayor Babb advised the City will mostly like put out an RFP and allow everyone to submit a proposal.

Mr. Andrei Rolle (LIUNA) thanks residents that have helped with his construction projects and want to make sure the residents of Pahokee work. I just wanted the Commission to be informed.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Walker thanks the residents for attending and their comments. She expressed her surprise about the rescheduling of the workshop outcome. Also, Commissioner Walker inquired about the letters that Everglades Prep may or may not be receiving from the City of Pahokee.

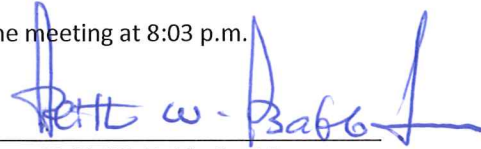
- ❖ Mr. Williamson advised no letters have been sent out to Everglades Prep because one (1) Commissioner had concerns.
- ❖ Mr. Brandenburg explained this already been voted on by the City Commission and advised the letter be sent out to Everglades Prep.
- ❖ Commissioner Walker explains concerns with the City Manager attending Tallahassee frequently.

Commissioner Murvin had no comments.

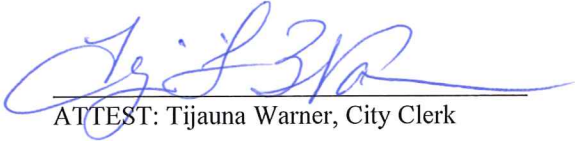
Vice Mayor Holmes had no comments.

Mayor Babb had no comments.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:03 p.m.



Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk