



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 27, 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 27, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:37p.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	Absent

Ms. Nylene Clarke substituted for Ms. Warner as Acting Deputy City Clerk.

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mayor Babb recommended adding Special Workshop on the Gymnasium to the agenda.

Approval of adding Special Workshop to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walker added the Body Art Studio.

Approval of adding Body Art Studio to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda with additions.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only): (none)

Public Service Announcements: (none)

Approval of Minutes:

1. June 13, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting

Approval of June 13, 2017 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.
Motion carried (4) aye; (1) nay (Walker).

Consent Agenda: (none)

Ordinances: (none)

Resolutions: (none)

Public Hearings: (none)

Proclamations: (none)

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced the Citizen Academy was an excellent event and encouraged the residents to attend this event in the future. Also, he announced the Annual 4th of July Fireworks on the Marina. He suggested having the 4th of July activities enhanced to an all day event.

- Commissioner Walker advised she intended to organize an activity for the 4th, but was unable to this year.

Mayor Babb announced the City of Pahokee is looking forward to business development and economic development in the City. He explains are looking to recruit and attract businesses to Pahokee and we are working on our infrastructure. Also, he gives a brief description on bring housing to the City of Pahokee and asked residents to be patient.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson explained the City is attempting to receive some of the legislative funding in advance, so the City can proceed to work on a list of project for improving the City's infrastructure. Mr. Williamson handed out pamphlet for Ms. Sofia Valiente titled "Rooted in the Muck" and gave a brief description of its recognition to the Glades area. He announced Parks & Recreations has completed the first phase of its beautification, now we are moving to the second phase (such is landscaping, additional painting, pressure washing, & etc...). This project will also include the painting of the Old Pahokee High School.

- Mayor Babb suggested placing a flag pole in front of the Old Pahokee High School.
- Mr. Williamson replied it's in the working. We are trying to make it look inhabited even though it's not.
- Mayor Babb advised he has been advocating these improvements for the longest.

Mr. Williamson explained that the City of Pahokee is working on the lease agreement with Everglades Preparatory Academy.

- Mayor Babb inquired the status on reaching an agreement on the utilities with Everglades Preparatory Academy.
- Mr. Williamson replied the main part was with SWA and we have figured out what the bills were and who was paying what portion.
- Commissioner Hill inquired if the City can revisit this contract or lease.
- Mr. Brandenburg responded no because if the Commission wished to revisited that voting it had to be at the very next meeting after the vote took place. Therefore, it's final because of the Robert's Rule of Order.
- Vice Mayor Holmes replied we have to be careful on how we make decisions.
- Mr. Williamson replied he would like the Summer Enrichment Program to be allowed to eat in the cafeteria that's what he want to add to the lease.
- Mr. Brandenburg replied that lease could have been completed better and there's no question that Everglades Preparatory Academy provide a good public service. The City can at any time call Everglades Preparatory Academy and discuss this lunch issue.

- Commissioner Walker inquired was Solid Waste included in the lease.
- Mr. Brandenburg replied in the letter to Everglades Preparatory Academy it will clarify that they are responsible for their utilities.

Old Business:

1. Appoint Charter Review Committee

*Vice Mayor Holmes appointed Sandy Maynor to replace Julia Hale on the Charter Review Committee.
Commissioner Hill appointed Benn y Everett, III to the Charter Review Committee.*

Approval of Appointed Members to the Charter Review Committee.
Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Appointing an Alternate Member to the Charter Review Committee.
Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.
Motion carried unanimously.

*Commissioner Walker appointed George Houze to the Charter Review Committee.
Commissioner Walker appointed Herbert Crawford as the Alternate to the Charter Review Committee.*

Approval of Appointed Members to the Charter Review Committee.
Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Holmes.
Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the City Attorney:

Mr. Brandenburg brings to the Commissions attention Senate Bill 8A (which relate to Medicinal Marijuana Dispensary) that allows municipalities to ban them entirely. If they are not banned entirely, they are allowed any place you allow pharmacies.

New Business:

1. Lieutenant Picciolo (PBSO Report) (*none*)
2. Body Art Studio

Commissioner Walker inquired why this business is being denied the opportunity to operate in the City of Pahokee on Bacom Point Road and why it's only acceptable on Rardin Avenue and South Lake.

- Mr. Williamson replied we were not aware that a tattoo parlor was opening on Bacom Point Road until we received a phone call and we sent Code Enforcement Officers out there. There was no business licenses applied for here in the City of Pahokee, so we advised that first they must apply for a business license with the City. The cost for business taxes for a tattoo parlor is about \$600. 00 and they didn't want to pay that. However, zoning doesn't state that a tattoo parlor can be allowed in core areas. Therefore, it's at the discretion of the City Manager rather we want to allow this type of business in the core areas. I told the owner we are not approving this business to operate in the core at this time, but we will look for other areas.
- Vice Mayor Holmes stated 75% of our community has tattoos and I suggest before we make decisions like that it should come before the Commission.
- Mr. Williamson replied no, you don't bring zoning questions before the Commission.
- Vice Mayor Holmes responded that's not a zoning question.
- Mr. Williamson replied you are going to disrupt the process of the zoning department and that's day to day operations.

- Mr. Brandenburg advised he would take a look at this issue and bring back to the Commission.
- Vice Mayor Holmes advised you have to be mindful about how you tell people they can put the tattoo parlor on Rardin Avenue.
- Mr. Williamson replied I never said that because that's still the core of the City.
- Commissioner Walker inquired why is our fee so high for a tattoo parlor.
- Mr. Williamson replied that fee was established over twenty (20) years ago.
- Commissioner Walker stated we need to revisit that because it's not fair.
- Mayor Babb replied if we decide to as a Commission.

Citizens Comments:

Ms. Edna Stephens announced she is here on a positive note, I don't think the Commissioner know what Everglades Prep is all about. We have just been accredited as a high school for the next ten (10) years. Everglades Prep has always paid our utilities and Solid Waste should give us our own dumpster. We have never been approached about using the cafeteria for the summer program lunch, our problem with Parks & Recreations is that they never make a schedule to do anything. They just embark on us. The only thing the City does for Everglade Prep is take care of the lawn and they don't always do that. Since the increase of 5%, can we schedule a time that we can use the gym because we are paying for that. I did invite the Mayor and Commission to come visit our school.

- Mayor Babb advised we understand the importance of Everglades Prep.
- Vice Mayor Holmes replied the City Manager should notify us.

Ms. Linda Johnson inquired when should Everglade Prep expect this letter. We would appreciate being added to the agenda and being notified to attend discussions or motions. Which school has the highest increase of African American students in Palm Beach County? Everglades Prep.

- Commissioner Hill replied I have no issues with Everglades Prep nor Florida Krystal, but I am an advocate for the City of Pahokee. At the end of the day, it was a contract. The City Attorney and the City Manager says it's not a good contract. So, that is my concern not the money. If the tables were flipped, I wonder what would be said.
- Mr. Williamson replied we would get the letter out once the Solid Waste issue is settled.

Mayor Babb went back to an add-on of the Gymnasium.

Approval of a Special Workshop on the Gymnasium Friday, June 30, 2017 at 11:00am.

Motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rashonda Love (Heavenly Gifts) advised she is looking for a building to host a graduation party for four (4) of her girls on July 15th. I am asking the City to give us a location. Ms. Diane has offered us the cafeteria.

- Mayor Babb encouraged Ms. Love to contact City Hall.
- Mr. Williamson inquired if Ms. Love came to City Hall.
- Ms. Love replied she has sent emails and had contact with the pervious Deputy City Manager.
- Mayor Babb advised the Commissioner email address is on the website.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Walker requested allowing Ms. Love to use the building for that purpose.

- Mr. Williamson replied she would have to go through the proper steps for that use of the building, also there's liability issuance. I will talk to Ms. Love about it tomorrow.
- Commissioner Walker replied she's sick of the Commission allowing Mr. Williamson to dictate to the Commission what they can or cannot do. I am not saying we don't have to follow procedures.
- Mr. Williamson advised that's a day to day decision.

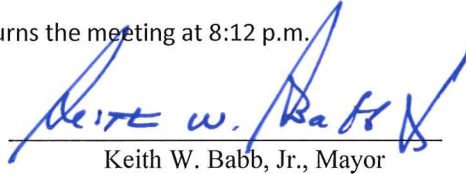
- Mayor Babb replied I will let the City Manager to work with this individual on this event because I don't have any information on this.
- Commissioner Walker replied every year this young lady hosts an event in the cafeteria and explained details of what Heavenly Gifts provide. What's the status on Everglades Prep letter?
- Mayor Babb replied once the Solid Waste issue is resolved, the letter goes out within twenty-four (24) hours.
- Commissioner Walker inquired has anything been done to address Mr. Morrison concerns.
- Mr. Williamson replied the entire City has storm water issues and we have to address it as we get funding.
- Commissioner Walker replied the City Manager should inform the Commission that he has address the issues or his decision.
- Commissioner Walker inquired why hasn't the water park been opened all summer.
- Mr. Williamson replied we have found a major issue last summer which cost \$5,000.00 each time we turn the water park on until it's resolved we cannot afford a \$5,000.00 bill.
- Commissioner Walker replied our children are worth more than \$5,000.00. Why are we not operating the restaurant on a temporary bases until we get an operator in there? The season is about to start.
- Mr. Williamson replied I am establishing an economic pipeline.
- Commissioner Walker replied you are delaying the progress of Pahokee. Thanks everyone for their attendance.

Commissioner Hill said good night.

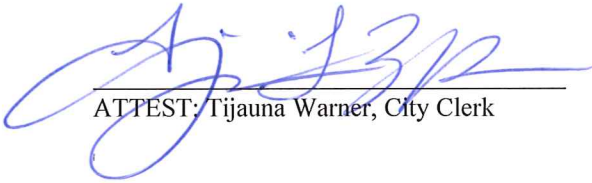
Commissioner Murvin bid good night.

Vice Mayor Holmes announced he was impressed to see the former chief deputy of PBSO at the Preventing Crime in the Black Community.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:12 p.m.



Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk