

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

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 April 10, 2018.

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

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Commissioner Benny L. Everett, III	Present
	Commissioner Felisia Hill	Present
	Commissioner Clara Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Diane Walker	Present
	City Manager Chandler Williamson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Deputy Feaman	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mr. Williamson added Ordinance 2018 – 01 to H1.

Approval of the Agenda with additions.

Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Everett.

Motion carried (4) unanimously.

1. Selection of Vice Mayor

Approval of appointing Clara Murvin as Vice Mayor.

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Mayor Babb conveyed having citizens submit comment cards by 7:00p.m.

- Commissioner Everett inferred that comment cards are submitted prior to the meeting which was determined at the last commission meeting and a discussion ensued.

Approval of establishing a fifteen (15) minutes time window to submit comment cards from the start of meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Temekia Powell (*Pahokee United Leadership Outreach*) inquired if there's a way for citizens to submit comments online.

- Mayor Babb responded we will research that and get back with you.
- Mr. Williamson informed there's an email cycle on the City's website that allows that.
- Ms. Powell introduced Pahokee United and gave her contact information at (770)695-5638.

Ms. Regina Bohlen (*Pahokee Chamber of Commerce*) announced on April 12th LORE is conducting a housing workshop in Belle Glade Library. Also, she announced on April 21st is the Great American Clean-up and you can call to register at the Chamber (561) 924-5579 or the City.

Public Service Announcements: (*none*)

Approval of Minutes: (*none*)

Consent Agenda: (*none*)

Ordinances:

Mr. Brandenburg read Ordinance 2018 - 01 into the record.

Commissioner Everett inquired if this ordinance was a coincident or if it's in reference to the Marina. He advised in reference to the Marina, he's prepared to take action.

- Mayor Babb pointed that their mixing two (2) topic and expressed his concerns with grant funding being rejected because of a timeframe and skipping the bid process which are included in this ordinance. He advised the Commission need to review this ordinance and make sure there's nothing in there that we are going to regret.
- Commissioner Hill replied she thinks that we need to get this ordinance passed.
- Mr. Brandenburg informed the Commission this is only the first reading.

Approval of Ordinance 2018 - 01.

Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Everett.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2018 - 16 into the record.

1. **RESOLUTION 2018 – 16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS No. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,800.00, TO THE 2017 - 2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Approval of Resolution 2018 - 16.

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2018 - 17 into the record.

2. **RESOLUTION 2018 – 17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSISON OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.**

Approval of Resolution 2018 – 17.

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Mayor Babb suggested adding language to have an external entity conduct sexual harassment claims and a discussion ensued.

- Mr. Brandenburg instructed to add language that state Human Resource and the City Attorney conduct the initial investigation and depending on the nature require and external entity to investigate.

Approval of Resolution 2018 – 17 with amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Walker.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings: *(none)*

Proclamations: *(none)*

Presentations:

1. Business of the Month – Hikari Protection Agency

Commissioner Murvin presented Hikari Protection Agency with a certificate for Business of the Month.

2. Business of the Month – Pahokee Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Babb presented Pahokee Chamber of Commerce with a certificate for Business of the Month.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb congratulated Vice Mayor Murvin and Mr. Williamson on their achievements. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Great American Clean-up and if you can't attend you may clean-up your own property. Mayor Babb recommended hosting a City Manager and Commissioner Company Retreat and gave a brief description of some topics he would like to address.

- Mr. Brandenburg informed the Commission to make sure they are not violating the Sunshine Laws.

Approval of staff gathering information to conduct a company retreat.

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Everett.

Motion carried unanimously.

Also, Mayor Babb informed the citizens that he will be having surgery again on his left eye scheduled for April 25th at Palm Beach Garden Surgical Center.

Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Williamson informed the citizens that we are heading into hurricane season and the City will provide preparedness information on the City's website. He advised the City has hired an additional Code Enforcement Officer (part-time) that will be working on the weekends and gave a brief description of changes within the Code. Mr. Williamson reported he was hesitant about having a discussion about Technomarine which has a lot to do with Ordinance 2018 – 01 and he doesn't feel comfortable without it being addressed.

Report of the City Attorney:

Mr. Brandenburg notified the Commission that Ms. Sara Perez has filed a second lawsuit against the City of Pahokee, the Canvassing Board, Commissioner Hill and the Supervisor of Elections regarding the election and he will keep the Commission posted. He explained that the candidate can't be represented by the City which places a burden on Commissioner Hill which is a requirement by the law.

- Mayor Babb inquired if the Commissioner could be reimbursed for the cost of an attorney if she wins that case.
- Mr. Brandenburg replied no they're not entitled to a reimbursement; it depends on the type of case.

Mr. Brandenburg explained the situation with 171 Booker Place and that the previous owner signed off on it being demolished. But, the tax directed sold the property before the City could demolish it. The new owner said that it's a

value building and their going reconstruct it; therefore, don't knock it down. Mr. Brandenburg recommended filing a lawsuit asking the courts to deem it dangerous and a nuisance, so it can be demolished.

Approval of the City Attorney filing a lawsuit against the owners of 171 Booker Place.

Motion by Commissioner Everett. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business (*none*)

New Business:

1. **Lt. Picciolo (PBSO Report)** (*none*)
2. **Appoint Member – Pahokee Community Revitalization Corp.**

Approval of appointing Thomas Padgett, Jr. as a member of Pahokee Community Revitalization Corp.

Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Everett inquired about the Marina and Technomarine. He expressed concerns with losing time and money with this project

- Mayor Babb advised Commissioner Everett he can bring that up under Commission Comments.
- Mr. Brandenburg recommended waiting on documents before discussing this matter due to the fact it can put the City in a possession to be sued. He informed because of the discussion tonight, you may have put yourself in a position to be sued.
- Commissioner Everett inquired asking a question regarding the project put the City in a position to be sued. He doesn't want it to be communicated that he's putting the City in a position to be sued and a discussion ensued.

Citizens Comments:

Rev. Margaret Smart (*resident*) expressed concerns with trash pick-up. She advised someone was cutting down trees and weed which was placed on the trash pile after the deadline and she don't want to be reliable for it.

- Mr. Williamson advised that was FP&L and informed it's a State road.

Mr. Mansie Miller (*resident*) redacted his comment card.

Ms. Lynda Moss (*resident*) indicated concerns with the comment cards being submitted fifteen (15) minute from the start of meetings and explained citizens don't know how Commissioners feel until the end of the meeting.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Hill thanks everyone for attending and read a scripture to the citizens. She explained her situation which has taken place while serving the citizens and how it made her strong enough to take anything coming in her direction. She informed everyone that she will just fine.

Commissioner Walker inquired about the meeting with Mr. Santiago.

- Mr. Williamson replied we haven't had a meeting with Mr. Santiago.
- Commissioner Walker expressed concerns with the parks in the City not being available to the community and not activities.
- Mr. Williamson said it's maintained and they use it all the time.
- Commissioner Walker wanted an update of the director's salaries.
- Mr. Williamson replied he sent that out two (2) months ago.

Commissioner Everett explained that he still had a pressing concern regarding the ordinance that was passed tonight and wanted some insight from the City Manager in reference to his un-readiness.

- Mr. Williamson gave a description of the project with Technomarine.

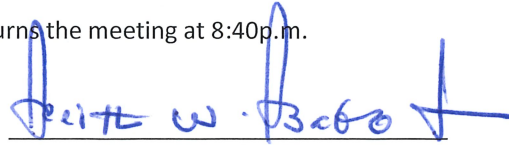
- Commissioner Everett expressed that was facts and not hearsay.
- Mr. Williamson advised there's no physical work being done and a discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Murvin announced on April 13, 2018 FRRRC Second Chance Workshop will be held at Glade Central High School from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.


Commissioner Everett announced Pahokee Elementary will be taking a trip to St. Augustine and the Kennedy Space Center, they're addressing the Commission for assisting with the expense. Commissioner Everett informed he doesn't want anyone misrepresenting him, he will not knowingly place the City in a legal bind.

Commissioner Walker asked for a follow-up on the baseball fields, track fields and basketball courts.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:40p.m.



Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor


ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk