

RESOLUTION 2008-61

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ACQUISITION OF 10,000 ACRES OF U.S. SUGAR LAND ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PAHOKEE.**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Sugar has announced that it intends to sell all of its land to the State of Florida, and to cease operations within the next six years; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of U.S. Sugar could have a devastating impact on the economic condition of Pahokee and the surrounding Glades area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee needs to grow and prosper economically, through job enhancement, industry, housing and an increased tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been historically difficult to acquire any of the surrounding farmland for the City's future growth; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the long term financial health of the City of Pahokee that some of the U.S. Sugar land be deeded to the City.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, THAT:**

*Section 1.* The City Commission of the City of Pahokee hereby supports the acquisition of 10,000 acres of U.S. Sugar land for the City of Pahokee.

*Section 2.* The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to lobby the State, the South Florida Water Management District, Palm Beach County and all other relevant government agencies for the purpose of acquiring approximately 3,000 acres of U.S. Sugar land surrounding the City of Pahokee.

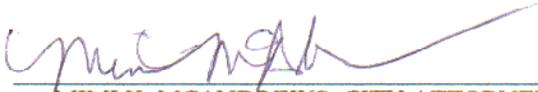
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission during the regular meeting on 12th of August, 2008.

  
ATTESTED: RAQUEL DIAZ, CITY CLERK

  
WAYNE WHITAKER, MAYOR

MAYOR WHITAKER \_\_\_\_\_  
VICE MAYOR BABB \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSIONER BIGGS \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSIONER WALKER \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
MIMI K. MCANDREWS, CITY ATTORNEY

