

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor
Clara Murvin, Vice Mayor
Derrick Boldin, Commissioner
Juan Gonzalez, Commissioner
Sara Perez, Commissioner

CITY STAFF:

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Murvin at 6:09 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Ida Pringle led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr. (via telephone)
Vice Mayor Clara Murvin
Commissioner Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Juan Gonzalez
Commissioner Sara Perez
Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney
Nylene Clarke, Deputy Clerk

D. ADDITIONS OF EMERGENCY BASIS FROM CITY MANAGER, DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

(This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to speak. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. A public comment card should be completed and returned to the City Clerk. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium or unmute your device, and prior to addressing the Commission, state your name and address for the record)

Vaugh Jones inquired about the ARPA program. Discussion ensued.

Former Commissioner Allie Biggs read a letter, in regard to the recent Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General (OIG) Report.

Annie Ifill provided a public service announcement on a Domestic Violence Campaign and upcoming events.

Ida Pringle commented on the splashpad, the restroom at the park, obtaining a ramp, and the ARPA funds. Discussion ensued.

Robert Love commented in regard to yielding time, Barfield Highway, and previous management.

Joann Culberson commented in opposition to Ordinance 2023 - 07, the fence around the field, tractors on the road, mentioned previous management, and commented regarding the restroom at the park.

Carlos Lammons, representative of the Baby Blue Devils, thanked the City for its services and commented in support of the fence around the field.

Alphonso Smith, Jr., representative of the Baby Blue Devils, commented in support of the fence around the field.

1. Proclamation - Proclaiming October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Proclamation Proclaiming October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 26, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. RESOLUTION 2023 - 63 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 2036; AUTHORIZING EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF ONE CENT SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
3. RESOLUTION 2023 - 64 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION THAT THE AGENDA AND COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS BE SUBMITTED TO ALL CITY COMMISSIONERS AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO A REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin for approval of the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed (4-1).

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

G. OLD BUSINESS (*discussion of existing activities or previously held events, if any*)

None.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2023 - 07 (first reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26(F)(1) OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION" TO LIMIT DEBATE TO TWO MINUTES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A ONE (1) MINUTE REBUTTAL; AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26 (G)(1) ENTITLED "CITIZEN'S RIGHTS" TO PROHIBIT YIELDING TIME TO ANOTHER SPEAKER; RENUMBERING AND REORDERING AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2023 - 07 was read into the record by Attorney Norris-Weeks and explained by Mr. Lucas.

Public Hearing opened at 6:48 PM for public comment.

Former Commissioner Regina Bohlen expressed concern with the section limiting Commissioners to two (2) minutes.

Robert Love expressed concern with the section limiting Commissioners to two (2) minutes and the yielding of time.

Joann Culberson commented in opposition to Ordinance 2023 - 07.

Loletha Kimes commented in opposition to limiting the Commissioner to two (2) minutes.

Public Hearing closed at 6:55 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2023 - 07 (First Reading).

Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed (3-2).

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2023 - 62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EMERGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLIMATROL QUALITY ALUMINUM PRODUCTS AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FENCING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 2023 - 62 was read into the record by Attorney Norris-Weeks and explained by Mr. Lucas. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve Resolution 2023 - 62. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

J. NEW BUSINESS (*presentation by city manager of activity or upcoming event, if any*)

1. Discussion and direction on legislative priorities

Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item and requested for each Commissioner to submit their top five (5) priorities back to him by October 12, 2023. Additionally, an update on the memorial benches was provided. Discussion ensued.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Cancellation of the November 28, 2023 City Commission Meeting, due to the FLC 2023 Legislative Conference.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to cancel the November 28, 2023 City Commission Meeting. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Mr. Lucas provided updates on City projects and announced upcoming events.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Discussion ensued regarding a recent incident pertaining to youth football and honorees for Veterans Day. No vote(s) was/were conducted.

O. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (*community events, feel good announcements, if any*)

Each present commissioner provided their respective comment(s). Discussion ensued.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Murvin adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Deputy Clerk