

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, June 27, 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  
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:02 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.  
Vice Mayor Clara Murvin  
Commissioner Derrick Boldin  
Commissioner Juan Gonzalez  
Commissioner Sara Perez  
Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

### 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)*

Ms. Annie Ifill (*Healthier Glades*) gave a brief overview of mental health events.

Ms. Jinga Oglesby-Brihm (*Empower Healthcare*) gave a brief overview of their mental health program.

Ms. Ida Pringle (*resident*) inquired about the status of the splash pad, Larrimore Road, McClure Road, and a loan.

Ms. Loletha Kimes (*resident*) expressed concern with the business grant offered by the City.

Mr. Robert Love (*non-resident*) expressed concern what saying that was said at the pervious and inquired where is the first phase that was completed at Martin Luther King Park.

Ms. Shelia Williams (*resident*) expressed concern with a tree that's on an empty lot next to her house.

Mr. Shaquille Bussey (*Loletha Kimes*) expressed concern with the vacant property auction process.

Ms. Cynthia Hall (*Robert Love*) inquired if a grant was awarded to the tire man and expressed concerns with the City Manager being honest.

Ms. Tammy Bussey (*business owner*) inquired about the status of Barfield Highway, schedule for trash pick-up, and expressed concern with the condition of roads and property.

Ms. Adams gave a brief update on Barfield Highway, Larrimore Road, and Martin Luther King Park.

Ms. Thelma Freeman (*non-resident*) inquired about being fired, rental assistance, and ARPA Funding.

1. May Business of the Month - Empress Beauty

*Commissioner Perez presented Ms. Tiana Mitchell (Empress Beauty Owner) with May Business of the Month.*

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Empress Beauty as May Business of the Month, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Proclamation - Honoring Former Police Officer Donna Marie Salvatore

Ms. Norris-Weeks read Donna Marie Salvatore Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Donna Marie Salvatore Proclamation, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

3. Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce - Mary Lou Bedford

*Mary Lou Bedford gave a brief overview of the Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.*

4. Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County

*Frank Hayden (Membership Chair) gave a brief overview of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County.*

5. Merrill “Lucky” Noel

*Not present.*

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. June 13, 2023 City Commission Workshop Minutes

2. June 13, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Consent Agenda Items, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

*None.*

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES**

*None.*

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

- A. RESOLUTION 2023 - 30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MOU TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAREERSOURCE PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023-30 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023-30.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve Resolution 2023-30, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2023 - 31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT NO. LPA0252 BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR EAST LAKE VILLAGE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023-31 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023-31.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023-31, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

- C. RESOLUTION 2023 - 32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY REGARDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ROUND 2 FINAL INSTALLMENT FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATION, PROVIDING FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023-32 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023-32.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023-32, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- D. RESOLUTION 2023 - 33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 7 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023-33 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023-33.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023-33, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion 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*)

*None.*

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb suggested appointing Benny Everett III to the Pahokee Housing Authority Board.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve appointing Benny Everett III to the Pahokee Housing Authority Board, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas gave updates on the following: splash pad, algae bloom, fleet and take-home vehicle policy, public works schedule during hurricane season, annexation, Phase IV Reconstruction, McClure Reconstruction Project, and grant assistance from Treasurer Coast Regional Planning Council. Also, he warned citizen to be careful before signing with any contractors coming through their neighborhoods soliciting for repairs and replacements through state programs. If you are replacing roofs, electrical services, HVAC, windows, solar panels, or plumbing; all requires the contractor to come to City Hall and pull a building permit. Mr. Lucas announced the closure of City Hall for the 4th of July and upcoming events/meetings.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

*No Report.*

**N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

Vice Mayor Murvin requested adding Emergency Basis Process for Floating Docks as a future agenda item.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve adding Emergency Basis Process for Floating Docks as a future agenda item, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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Commissioner Perez requested adding the City Manager's and City Attorney's Contract as a future agenda items.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve adding the City Manager's and City Attorney's Contract as a future agenda item, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion failed 2-3.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Commissioner Perez requested adding the City Manager's Evaluation and Contract as a future agenda item.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve adding the City Manager's Evaluation and Contract as a future agenda item, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-2.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin

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

Vice Mayor Murvin advised no comment.

Commissioner Perez advised there's someone illegally dumping tires around the town because he doesn't want to pay the fee for a container. She informed the commission that she has an issue with the splash pad.

Commissioner Boldin thanks everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Gonzalez advised no comment.

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna L. Warner, CMC, City Clerk