

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 08, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Michael E. Jackson, City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:04 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McPherson led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Swearing-In Ceremony - Newly Elected Official and Unopposed Incumbents

The City Clerk conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Commissioner Scott, Mayor Babb, and Commissioner Boldin.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Michael E. Jackson, City Manager

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

E. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS *(agenda items only)*

1. Commission on Ethics Overview - Gina A. Levesque, Intake and Compliance Manager for Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics
2. Proclamation Honoring Former Vice Mayor Clara Murvin
3. Proclamation Honoring Coach Ronald Osborne

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 25, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. RESOLUTION 2025-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AS CANVASSED AND CERTIFIED BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept the consent agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

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

1. Update - City Projects

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2025-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A VICE- MAYOR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.04 (B) OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE’S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Scott to appoint Commissioner Cowan-Williams as Vice Mayor. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

2. RESOLUTION 2025-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, UPDATING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE’S VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept Resolution 2025-19 with Mayor Babb as the voting delegate, Commissioner Boldin as the first alternate, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams as the second alternate, Commissioner McPherson as the third alternate, and Commissioner Scott as the fourth alternate. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

3. RESOLUTION 2025-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A NEW MEMBER TO THE PAHOKEE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL A VACANCY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF RONALD OSBORNE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept Janice Williams as the nominee for the Pahokee Housing Authority Board. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

4. RESOLUTION 2025-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A SIX (6) MONTH EMERGENCY AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-21. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

5. RESOLUTION 2025-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER’S EXECUTION OF TIME EXTENSION #1 TO THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT - SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SCOP) WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR CONTRACT G-2129 FM# 448100-1-54-01, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A," EXTENDING THE PROJECT COMPLETION DEADLINE RELATED TO MCCLURE ROAD FROM PALM ROAD TO SOUTH LAKE DRIVE; PROVIDING

FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2025-22. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

6. RESOLUTION 2025-23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE EMERGENCY AGREEMENT WITH C.A.P ENGINEERING, INC. RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM \$50,000 TO \$125,000; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2025-23. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed 4-1.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams

7. RESOLUTION 2025-24 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MOMENTUM CEI LLC. FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, FOR THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-24. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

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

1. Discussion of acquiring better city vehicles - Commissioner Boldin

The Commission discussed the potential acquisition of improved city vehicles. The general consensus was not in favor of proceeding at this time.

2. Discussion of recognizing the students who made all fives last year - Commissioner Cowan-Williams

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to spend up to \$500 to recognize the students that made all fives at the local elementary and high school. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add purchasing security enhancements at the Marina. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add the discussion of a job fair. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add the discussion of MLK Design Phase. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to add a policy for collecting funds. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to add the Marina Update. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS *(items not on the agenda)*

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

Q. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to adjourn. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk