

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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
Sanquetta Cowan-Williams, Commissioner
Everett D. McPherson, Sr., Commissioner

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 Vice Mayor Murvin at 6:07 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor W. Keith Babb, Jr. at 6:16 PM
Vice Mayor Clara Murvin
Commissioner Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Michael E. Jackson, City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk

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. Proclamation - Recognizing City of Pahokee's Parks & Recreation Baby Blue Devils Football and Cheer Teams

2. Proclamation - February 2025 as Black History Month

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to accept the proclamation for February 2025 as Black History Month. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

3. 1st Quarter FY 2024-2025 Financial Report - Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to "suspend having this report, until we get all the necessary documents that we need to follow along". Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 28, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

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 2025-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ONE (1) NEW MEMBER AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING/ADJUSTMENT/PLANNING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Resolution 2025-10. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2025-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-11. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2025-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RE-ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE EXISTING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR SIX CENT LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-12. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2025-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PROCUREMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-13. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

5. RESOLUTION 2025-14 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CMM ROOFING, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ROOF TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE PARKS & RECREATION SPORTS COMPLEX ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2025-14. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Big Dog Express of South Florida, Inc. Agreement Extension

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 Cowan-Williams to discuss using some of the surtax dollars for lighting throughout the city and different areas for safety reasons. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to have a workshop on semi-trucks coming throughout the city, so that we can put an ordinance in place. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to "have a workshop to come up with an ordinance for dilapidated buildings and unused building, so that we can see the economic development of our city, to start growing, and to move our city forward". Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add infrastructure improvement, which can either be a workshop or a discussion item at a Commission Meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add the surtax discussion to a future agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to "go ahead with MLK, look for an engineer, and whatever else we need to do, to have a plan in place to spend the \$250,000". Following Commissioner Boldin's questions, the City Manager provided a brief overview of what the \$250,000 is earmarked for. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McPherson amended his motion to have staff provide a status with documents. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

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 Commissioner Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk