

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 14, 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

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:10 PM.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin 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 (left meeting at 9:19 PM)

Commissioner Sara Perez at 6:11 PM

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney at 6:13 PM

Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant (Acting 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. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

### 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)*

Annie Ifill provided a public service announcement on an upcoming Youth Summit, Let's Move Campaign, and Mental Health First Aid Training.

Dorothy Williamson commented in regard to the Barfield Highway project, requested that a speed bump be placed on the road, requested for some of her property to be replaced, and requested for the road to be watered more. Discussion ensued.

Keshia Williams echoed Ms. Williamson's comments.

Regina Bohlen provided a public service announcement that County Commissioner Sara Baxter will be holding a Town Hall on March 15, 2023, at Seminole Ridge High School.

Jamila Boyce expressed concern regarding the Barfield Highway project and inquired about summer programs.

Robert Love played a recording and his comments followed.

Loletha Kimes Sobers inquired about East Lake Village and code violations.

Isabelle McDonald expressed concern about not receiving follow up for annexation, ARPA funding for businesses, and the condition of roadways.

Yarnell Williams, owner and operator of EEMC Consulting, provided a public service announcement on a business mentorship collaboration.

1. Glades Regional Office - Greetings from Mrs. Angela Moore and Mrs. Marcia Andrews  
Mrs. Moore, Glades Region Superintendent, introduced staff and allowed them an opportunity to speak. Marcia Andrews, District 6 School Board Member, provided closing remarks. Discussion ensued.  
Donia Roberts and Keith Wedgworth, on behalf of LORE, provided the LORE update.
2. Summer Program and Job Fair - Charles Duval, Career Source Director  
Charles Duval provided information on an upcoming summer program, and a job fair on April 12, 2023. Discussion ensued.

#### **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. February 28, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes  
Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and 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*)

1. Discussion and direction Jeff Winter as grant writer consultant  
Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item. Discussion ensued.  
By consensus of the City Commission, the City will do an RFP. Attorney Weeks suggested bringing a resolution back at the next meeting for consideration.
2. Discussion and direction on extending MOU agreement with Rebel Recovery  
Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item. Discussion ensued.  
By consensus of the City Commission, the item will be brought back for consideration.

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

None.

#### **I. RESOLUTION(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2023 - 13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ROUND I INSTALLMENT 2 FOR THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND REPRESENTATION, PROVIDING FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE.  
The resolution was read into the record by Attorney Norris-Weeks and explained by Mr. Lucas and Gregory Williams, Director of Parks & Recreation. Discussion ensued.  
Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 13. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez
2. RESOLUTION 2023 - 14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A NOT-FOR-PROFIT SUBRECIPIENT GRANT PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$15,148.00); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record by Attorney Norris-Weeks and explained by Mr. Lucas and Peggy Boule-Washington, Director of Community & Economic Development. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 14. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

**J. NEW BUSINESS** (*conversation about an activity or event upcoming, if any*)

Representatives from Rio-Bak Corporation provided an update on McClure Road project. Discussion ensued.

James Washington, representative of Rosso Site Development, Inc., provided an update on the Barfield Highway project. Discussion ensued.

Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager, provided an update on City Projects. Discussion ensued.

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to cancel the March 28, 2023 City Commission Meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Mayor Babb discussed PBC Day 2023, extended congratulations to Principal Dennard and Natashia Blake, announced upcoming awards and proclamations, requested an infrastructure risk analysis, requested placing pictures of mayors in the Commission Chambers, and shared information about Robert's Rule of Order. Discussion ensued.

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas provided an update on the Parker Building and announced upcoming events, along with Mrs. Boule-Washington. Discussion ensued.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Norris-Weeks discussed the upcoming Special Magistrate Hearing and announced the FLC grant services program. Discussion ensued.

**N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to add to future agenda items, to do proclamation(s) honoring and recognizing coaches from Pahokee Middle/Senior High School and Parks & Recreation. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Perez

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

Vice Mayor Murvin provided information for a NEAT Grant.

Commissioner Perez suggested for the City Manager to answer residential questions by the following meeting, discussed financial reports, infrastructure, and announced upcoming event(s) in spanish.

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**Q. ADJOURN**

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk