

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 24, 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  
Vacant, Finance/Human Resources Director

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:09 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 at 6:11 PM

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager at 6:11 PM

Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager (Acting City Manager)

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney via telephone (later in person)

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 with the deletion of the two presentations by Palm Beach County Victim Services and The Brewer Group. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and 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)*

Sharon Robinson yielded her time to Robert Love, who commented regarding the agenda.

James Scott inquired as to when there will be Finance Reports.

Carlyle Nelson expressed concern regarding the proposed transitional home.

Anita Flores expressed concern regarding the proposed transitional home. Discussion ensued.

Robert Love continued his comments.

Bobby Colvin commented regarding the gate entrance and ARPA funding.

Loletha Kimes requested for the cane field to be cut, behind McClure project, and discussed a board walk.

Antoinette Kelly expressed concern regarding the reentry center and the lack of respect for the City. Discussion ensued.

1. Palm Beach County Victim Services - Jacqueline Jackson, Project Coordinator  
Not present.

2. The Brewer Group - Jack Brewer, CEO  
Not present.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin 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. Update - City Projects  
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager, provided the update on City Projects.  
Discussion ensued.
2. Discussion and direction to hold a workshop to discuss pros and cons of annexation  
Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item and sought direction. Discussion ensued.  
By consensus of the City Commission, a workshop will be held.

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

None.

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2023 - 03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF ARPA FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED BUDGET ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING FURTHER ACTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by Mr. Lucas.  
Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to table Resolution 2023 - 03 until the next meeting, to get proper wording and proper documentation. 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*)

1. Introduction, discussion, and direction of City Manager performance evaluation form and timeline  
Carlos Mangual, Interim HR Director/Operations Manager, provided an overview of the item and requested that the Commission provide the forms back to him by February 28, 2023. Discussion ensued.

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb provided follow up from Citizen's Comments and discussed the City's achievements thus far.

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas announced upcoming events.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

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Attorney Norris-Weeks announced that the Charter Review Board has completed its work, discussed a resolution for legislative priorities, and followed up on the request for litigations. Discussion ensued.

**N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Boldin encouraged all to continue working together to move forward, and answered a question regarding the splash pad. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Perez thanked all for their love and support during her recent loss, encouraged the residents to hold the Commission accountable, commented regarding ARPA funding, and provided a recap of City accomplishments. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gonzalez commented in regard to the East Lake property, funding for City projects, and inquired about the demolition of the old house on Bacom Point Road. Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Murvin encouraged all to distribute accurate information and commented regarding East Lake project. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to have the City Attorney draft an amended Rules of Procedure to include and address disruptive behavior from the audience and Commissioners. 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

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

None.

**Q. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and 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 9:00 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk