

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 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]

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:12 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 Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney via telephone (later arrived 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 for approval of the agenda as presented. 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)

Annie Ifill, on behalf of the University of Miami, shared information regarding a study on brain health and the call for participants, ages 60 and above.

Emilio Perez commented in regard to the Demolition Contract.

Vanessa McCrae lodged a complaint regarding PBSO.

Robert Love echoed Emilio Perez's comments, personnel matters, and ARPA funding.

Joshua Brown encouraged the community to come together in a positive manner and commented in regard to the Town Hall Meeting.

Sam McKinstry echoed questions from the Town Hall Meeting and requested the status of the FDEP matter.

Barbara Brown commented regarding the Park in Glades Citizen's Village, inquired as to when the sidewalks will be fixed, and other items concerning Glades Citizen's Village.

Thelma Freeman echoed complaint regarding the ARPA funding and application, and commented regarding a personnel matter.

Discussion ensued.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. December 13, 2022 Workshop Minutes
2. December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: 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.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

None.

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2023 - 01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, RATIFYING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 6 TO THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 01. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

2. RESOLUTION 2023 - 02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 18 PERTAINING TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) CONTRACT G-1753, FM 442030-01-54-1 FOR THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 02. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

None.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb discussed the live streaming of the meetings, requested for the Commission and community to conduct themselves decent and in order at the meetings, and discussed upcoming event(s). He requested clarification regarding the demolition contract and the status of items at the Marina. Discussion ensued.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

By consensus of the Commission, the groundbreaking of the 60 units at the old hospital site was scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Lucas discussed several action plan items, outstanding items, City development, upcoming event(s), and accomplishments to date for the past 10 months. Discussion ensued.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to add Ordinance 2019 - 02 to future agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and failed 2-3.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to add the cancellation of Mr. Lucas' contract with cause to future agenda. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to add cancellation of Attorney Weeks contract with cause to future agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and failed 2-3.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Vice Mayor Murvin commented in regard to the meeting, conduct, and previous personnel matters.

Commissioner Gonzalez inquired about lawsuits pending against the City, the Henderson Fund, a past project on East Lake, and the RV Park/docks. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Boldin discussed conflict management.

O. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

None.

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

None.

Q. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez 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 8:34 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk