

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 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 Lucas, Interim City Manager  
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Lynne Ladner, Interim Finance/Human Resource Director

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on July 12, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:06 p.m.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin conducted the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb  
Vice Mayor Clara Murvin  
Commissioner Derrick Boldin  
Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Rodney Lucas, Interim City Manager  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Sara Perez

### D. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Babb requested adding the Centennial Committee to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to add the Centennial Committee to the agenda,  
Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### E. CITIZEN 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*

Mr. Samuel McKinstry (resident) inquired about the status on the marina repairs, how the city plans to ensure a venue that has a deck that's sinking, and if the city has structural plans.

### F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

### G. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Beautification of City Benches and Trash Receptacles

Mr. Lucas informed the Commission that staff had a suggestion to look at getting the schools involved with doing beatification of City benches and trash receptacles. Also, spotlighting the palm trees around the city by alternating the color mulch around them. Mr. Lucas advised he'll have staff come in and present it to the Commission once it is put together.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None.

**10. RESOLUTION(S)**

- A. RESOLUTION 2022 - 25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, TOGETHER WITH A ROLLED-BACK RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 25 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 25.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 25, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 26 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 26.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 -26, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions.

Vice Mayor Murvin inquired does it cover the entire area of State Market Road.

Mr. Lucas responded yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- C. RESOLUTION 2022 -27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN LED LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 27 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 27.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 27, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

## **H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb thanked the Centennial Committee, staff, and volunteers for the 4th of July. It was like a homecoming or family reunion. Mayor Babb advised he provided a mayor's proclamation to the family of late Robert Jordan Sr. who was a long-time resident of Pahokee and to Mrs. Mary Jackson on her 90th Birthday. Also, he wanted to address some concerns in reference to the overgrowth, trash, and debris on Bacom Point Road. He advised he received some information from the Florida League of Cities where some cities are being aggressive with proper code enforcement and securing them through foreclosure.

## **I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas gave a status report on outstanding items:

Audit findings (FY2019 - 20 and FY2020 - 21) from Joint Legislative Auditing Committee due July 29, 2022.

Inspector General Palm Beach County - Audit of Account Payable Expenditures and Cash Disbursement activities from October 1, 2017 (FY2018) to present. He advised it could take up to 6 to 9 months from June 1, 2022.

Going to Mediation Conference on Miller v. Pahokee Monday, July 18, 2022.

Finding Letter from FDEP, March 24, 2022 at the Marina & Campground amended Public Hearing Request to 30-day extension to avoid \$2,500 in penalties and \$1,000 fine per day. Pending next step letter from FDEP.

Community & Economic Development is working on updating Grant listing on outstanding items and new grant applications. Community & Economic Development Department will give an update of all City Projects at the next Commission Meeting July 26, 2022.

Public Works is working on getting the restaurant up and operational by the end of July, 2022 to get running by mid-August, 2022.

Mr. Lucas gave an Incident/Accident/Issues report:

Incident report from Parks & Recreation from Saturday, July 9, 2022 several kids from outside Pahokee attending the football completion had altercation in the gym parking lot and Palm Beach County Sheriff Office restored order.

Public Works through a vendor tree contract removed the seven (7) dead trees along Main Street and Big Dog Trash Service removed the trees and grind the stump at no additional cost.

Mr. Lucas advised staff had a preliminary development meeting with an area church to expand it by 10,000 square feet near 4th Street. Staff is working on several beautification ideas to bring before the City Commission at the next meeting, July 26, 2022. Public Works experienced for the first time all five (5) of our riding mowers (two (2) at the cemetery), plus the backhoe, and three (3) riding mowers at Pubic Works) were down for repairs causing a delay in mowing at all parks, around town, and cemetery. As you are aware, we are in the process of bringing to the Commission a resolution to purchase lawn equipment, gators, and a passenger van through combination of either a 3-year lease with maintenance agreement or purchase out right. We are pending all bid number for July 26, 2022 Commission Meeting,

Mr. Lucas informed the Commission that we are looking at several combinations of options to address keeping up on the mowing, edging, and trimming around the city during hurricane season:

1. We are opening up seasonal hiring of six (6) potential workers for 120 days
2. Use 6 to 8 worker through CareerSource or Labor Ready
3. Piggy back on Pahokee Housing Authority contract to use local Pahokee business called Sun Jack Lawn Maintenance to mow MLK, Commissioners Park, and Marina & Campground with special assignments to clean-up the brush and grass inside the Marine and Pier along the campground around the cabins and edge of walls all the way to the end of the campsite.

Mr. Lucas advised we are pending bid numbers from Sun Jack Lawn in order to proceed and bring the contract to the Commission for approval. I have authorized overtime for staff on Saturdays up to eight (8) hours as needed for us to maintain the City's lawn and landscaping throughout the City.

Mr. Lucas reported Mr. Pinkney made it official last week, he resigned to take a new job with the City of Boynton Beach Parks and Recreation. In the meantime, Greg Williams will be Interim Director and Ron Osborne will be the Interim Assistant Director. We will internally post the Director position over the 30 to 45 days before going externally. Also, on July 6, 2022, the city held an all-employee meeting in the gym where we signed the updated City Handbook, conflict of interest forms, and took photos by department, Commission, and an all-team picture.

Mr. Lucas announced upcoming events and meetings:

July 14, 2022 Town Hall Meeting in the Gym at 6:00pm

July 26, 2022 Budget Workshop in the Commission Chamber at 5:00pm

July 27, 2022 Palm Beach County League of Cities Membership Meeting in Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center, 151 Civic Center at 11:30am

August 6, 2022 in Pahokee High School Gym 900 Larrimore Road from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

1. Palm Beach County Revitalization Neat Grant - Awarded \$10,000 MLK Park & \$10,000 Splash Pad
2. Early Learning Coalition Grant - Awarded Amount \$20,000 for services related to Parks & Recreation Training/Bonuses/Salaries

#### **J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised a lot of cities are putting out an RFP for Property Managers in reference to foreclosing on properties. She advised she has a sample ordinance that she can bring back to the Commission to review at the next commission meeting.

Mayor Babb advised he wanted to follow-up on the Charter Review Committee. He inquired when the last time the Charter Review Committee met.

Ms. Warner advised the last Charter Review Committee Meeting was conducted in 2017.

#### **K. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Boldin thanked everyone for watching and thanked the Centennial Committee for putting on great fireworks. He thanked everyone for working together and moving Pahokee forward. Commissioner Boldin advised staff is working hard enough if you can't see it. They received the Palm Beach County Neat Grant for \$10,000 for MLK Park & \$10,000 for Splash Pad. Also, we received the Early Learning Coalition Grant for \$20,000.

Commissioner Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming out on the 4th of July, the Centennial Committee, and Interim City Manager Rodney Lucas. It was nice to see all the kids laughing and playing, we need to continue to come together and make things better for our city and the citizens.

Vice Mayor Murvin thanked the community for coming out on the 4th and the Centennial Committee. I think we have another event coming up a Gala or something planned for the end of the year. Also, hurricane season is approaching please get your supplies because supplies are running low. Vice Mayor inquired about the status of the memorial bench for Diane Walker and having the scoreboard up before football season.

**L. ADJOURN (BY MOTION AND APPROVAL OF MAJORITY PRESENT)**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 6:52pm.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk