

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, June 28, 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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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 June 28, 2022.

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney Lucas, Interim City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk via phone

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approved the agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### E. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

*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 Commission, state your name and address for the record.*

Sam McKinstry (*resident*) inquired what does the city own at the Marina Campground and accused the city of stealing \$3.2 million.

Carl Morrison Sr. (*resident*) inquired about the status of the past due audit, city phones, and update on the DEP violation.

Alphonso Smith Jr. (*resident*) expressed concerns with Parks & Recreation having representation for all sports.

### F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. May 10, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes

2. June 14, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve consent agenda items, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Strategic Planning

Mr. Lucas requested the City Commissions input for community priorities, vision & mission statements, and core values. A discussion ensued regarding strategic planning.

**H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None.

**H. RESOLUTION(S)**

None.

**H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb congratulated the Centennial Committee for the outstanding Juneteenth Event. He announced the next event will be the 4th of July Celebration and expressed concerns about the commission coming together. Mayor Babb expressed concerns about the citizens seeing the progress of the city such as the hotel, amphitheater, swimming pool, new housing development, job and economic development, local hiring, new city hall, annexation, and making the city beautiful.

**I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas gave a brief report on public works projects and equipment. A discussion ensued about city projects.

**J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised she will be working with the City Manager to figure thing out with the Charter Review Committee and with ninety (90) days after the appointment they will have to present to the Commission.

**K. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Perez advised her support of getting different committee and boards operational.

Vice Mayor Murvin inquired about the status on city pending lawsuit from Mr. Thompson.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised she's not aware of any pending lawsuits from Mr. Thompson.

Vice Mayor Murvin advised she agree with Commissioner Perez and wants to come up with a solution for the youth using the pool. Also, informed that businesses are coming to Pahokee and we have to do better branding of our city and stop putting out negative information. Vice Mayor Murvin thanked the citizens and advised them to come be a part of the growth.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised the workers comp with Mr. Thompson is being handle by the League of Cities under the insurance.

Commissioner Gonzalez - no comment.

Commissioner Boldin advised documentation beats conversation and so does participation beats conversation. We've been working very hard, but this is not something this commission can do alone. Get involved and get on the committees, show-up to the Town Halls. If you need a job, look for it. If you qualify, apply for the job. Let's work together.

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

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk