

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 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 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 6:08 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

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant (Acting City Clerk)

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the two additions:
Proclamation for Lynda Hendrix Moss and Resolution 2022 - 54. Duly seconded by
Commissioner Gonzalez 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)

Sam McKinstry posed questions regarding City business and contracts.

Jennifer Showalter commented regarding Palm Beach County educational concerns that directly affect Pahokee.

1. Proclamation - Expression of Sympathy - Lynda Hendrix Moss

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the proclamation for Lynda Hendrix Moss.
Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. October 11, 2022 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

Later in the meeting, Peggy Boule-Washington, Community & Economic Development Director, provided an update on City projects, beatification projects, and upcoming City events. Discussion ensued.

H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. ORDINANCE 2022 - 03 (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26 ENTITLED “CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS GENERALLY” AND 2-29 ENTITLED “ORDER OF BUSINESS”; RENUMBERING AND REORDERING AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 PM for public comment. Hearing none, it closed at 6:31 PM.

It was the consensus of the City Commission to revise the language to begin the meetings no later than 6:30 PM, with comments not being accepted after five minutes from the start of the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2022 - 03 (First Reading). 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

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 51 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 13 TO RESOLUTION #2016-20 PERTAINING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY’S INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND EXHIBIT “A” OF THE COORDINATION OF ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR 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 Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 51. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2022 - 52 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, TO ENTER INTO, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” HERETO; 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 2022 - 52. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2022 - 53 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD; 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 Vice Mayor Murvin to table Resolution 2022 - 53 until the November 7, 2022 Commission Meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2022 - 54 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT NO. L2104 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, EFFECTIVE UPON FINAL EXECUTION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE 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 2022 - 54. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez 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. Discussion and direction from the City Commission on the outstanding bill with Big Dog Express of South Florida, Inc. related to storm-related debris pickup from Hurricane Ian (September 28, 2022)

Commissioner Perez recused herself from this item, announced the conflict of interest (see attached Form 8B), and voluntarily exited the meeting for the discussion of this item.

Carlos Mangual discussed SWA Emergency Hurricane and Disaster Debris Removal, in conjunction with this item.

H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb expressed gratitude toward the Centennial Committee for their services this year and suggested that there be a permanent board. He discussed a wish list of items pertaining to the City.

I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas sought consensus on using funds for large scale events, bringing an expanded beautification program, and sought direction on ARPA spending. He provided a status report on outstanding items.

By consensus of the City Commission, the December 27, 2022 Commission Meeting was cancelled.

J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

K. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gonzalez commented regarding an amphitheater.

Andrew Toussaint, Public Affairs Specialist for SBA, discussed disaster loans that are being offered and respective deadlines.

Commissioner Boldin discussed possible allocations for the ARPA funds.

Vice Mayor Murvin inquired about the East Lake Village project. Discussion ensued.

L. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

(Community events, feel good announcements)

Commissioner Gonzalez expressed gratitude toward the Centennial Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to have the City Attorney draft a resolution to create a Special Events Board. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to do a proclamation for Veterans Day and Purple Heart Recipients. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

M. ADJOURN (BY MOTION AND APPROVAL OF MAJORITY PRESENT)

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 Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk