

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 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]

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin lead the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin via phone

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez via phone

Rodney Lucas, Interim City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez adding City Manager's employment status to the agenda, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to amended the City Manager's employment status to add to future agenda items, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda as present with the addition of adding on the City Manager to future agenda items, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Mr. Thomas (*resident*) Murvin advised he was proud of the City Commission coming together and Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Richard Sears (*resident*) thanked the Commission for allowing his post to use the marina and advised that vendors are interested in Market on Marina.

Mr. Terence Davis (*non-resident*) advised he's running for State Housing Representative and gave a brief explanation of he's achievements.

Chief Alex Freeman (*non-resident*) advising he's a candidate for Palm Beach County Sheriff and gave a brief explanation of he's achievements.

Mrs. Linda Joseph (*resident*) advised she's not responsible for the Pahokee Hire Signs, but she knows who's responsible for putting those signs out.

Mr. Carl Morrison Sr. (*resident*) expressed concerns with the hiring process and gave a brief explanation. Also, expressed concerns with the ARPA Committee not having a quorum and gave some examples of priorities within the City.

1. Update on Barfield Construction - Robert Audette, P.E. Engineer

Mr. Audette gave a brief updated on the Barfield Highway Project.

2. FDOT State Road 715 Update - FDOT

Ms. Melissa Redling and Mr. Fernando gave a update on State Road 15/US 441 Improvements Project.

3. Empower Healthcare - Jinga Oglesby-Brihm (Founder & CEO)

Mrs. Jinga Oglesby-Brihm inform the Commission that she's opening a clinic (Empower Healthcare) in the City of Pahokee and gave her background information.

4. City Beautification Ideas: (10) City benches and trash receptacle and Lining (29) Palm trees along S. Lake Avenue with different various of mulch and trimming along with a Celebration of 100 years banner behind the Pahokee Housing Authority building in the Right-of-Way - Peggy Boule-Washington, Assistant Director of Community Economic Development

Mrs. Peggy Boule-Washington gave brief explanation on upcoming beautification ideas.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR FUNDING OF CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 28 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 28.

2. June 28, 2022 City Commission Workshop Minutes
3. June 28, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes
4. July 12, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Consent Agenda Items, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

G. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and direction to rent out and/or charge to use by the public the following City facilities: Gym, Marina Conference Room, Marina Park and Parking Lot, Marina Pool and all park pavilions

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of the City of Pahokee rental rates and advising that we are seeking permission to do a rate survey. A discussion ensued regarding rental rates.

I. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

J. RESOLUTION(S)

None.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb advised he met with Congresswoman Shelia McComrick and she requested our upcoming federal funding list. He met with a potential developer of the Old City Hall Site and they suggested building a fifty (50) room hotel and encourage our administration to look at developers also. Mayor Babb informed everyone that he had eye surgery.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas gave an updated on the Audit Findings by July 28, 2022, we still have an ongoing investigation with IG, advised interviews are planned for next week, and advertisement for bids should be going out to the public soon.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised the Case of Miller vs Pahokee settled for \$65,000.

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Murvin thanked the citizens for coming out, being a part of the city, and that we all have to work together to beautify our city.

Commissioner Perez thanked everyone for being present and advised it's takes everyone to make a difference.

Commissioner Boldin thanked everyone for attending and advised we need all hands on deck.

Commissioner Gonzalez thanked everyone that showed up and advised we need activities for the girls in our area.

Mayor Babb advised we are having a quarterly citywide cleanup on September 24th in front of Public Works Department.

O. 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, Commissioner Perez

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:08pm.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk