

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Michael E. Jackson, City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Boldin led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Michael E. Jackson, City Manager

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D. ADDITIONS OF EMERGENCY BASIS FROM CITY MANAGER, DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

The City Manager requested to add, under Presentations, a vote of thanks to Lieutenant Kushel and allow him to introduce Lieutenant Fazzino.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept the agenda as printed with the add-on. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

E. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS *(agenda items only)*

1. Proclamation - Honoring Verdenia C. Baker
2. Proclamation - In Honor and Recognition of East Lake High School
3. Proclamation - Proclaiming May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month
4. Proclamation - Proclaiming May 18-24, 2025, as Water Reuse Week
5. Proclamation – Proclaiming May 1, 2025 as National Day of Prayer
6. Proclamation - Celebrating the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week (May 4-10, 2025)
7. Vote of thanks to Lieutenant Kushel for his service and Introduction of Lieutenant Fazzino

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept the consent agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

G. OLD BUSINESS *(discussion of existing activities or previously held events, if any)*

1. Update - City Projects

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2025-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBERS 35, 36, 37 AND 38 RELATED TO THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FDOT CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-01, FOR WORK PERFORMED BY ROSSO SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC. AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FACILITATE REIMBURSEMENT AND TAKE ALL OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS REQUIRED; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-25. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

J. NEW BUSINESS *(presentation by city manager of activity or upcoming event, if any)*

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Discussion of a Job Fair - Commissioner McPherson
2. Discussion of Purchasing Security Enhancements at the Marina - Commissioner McPherson
3. Discussion of Marina Update - Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams
4. Discussion of Use of Surtax Dollars - Mayor Babb and Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to have a workshop for the City Manager and City Clerk evaluation tool on June 3, 2025. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to "recommend that we look into our discretionary funds and see if we can make a donation to help the track team". Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS *(items not on the agenda)*

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

Q. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk