

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 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
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:03 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 Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Mr. Lucas requested adding Parks & Recreation and H. Kelly to the agenda and removing Resolution 2023 - 74 with a brief explanation.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve adding Parks & Recreation and H. Kelly to the agenda and removing Resolution 2023 - 74, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion 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)

Public comments were provided by Luz Torres (*resident*), Robert Love (*non-resident*), Freeman Walker (*resident*), and Loletha Kimes (*resident*).

Charles Devito (H. Kelly Marine) presented to the City Commission and residents updated photos and information of the Marina Docks.

Greg Williams (Director of Parks & Recreation), Sedric Clervan (Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation), and Carlos Lammon (President) presented the 6U, 8U, and 12U Baby Blue Devils for being 2023 Super Bowl Champions.

1. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council - Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR) and update City's Comprehensive Plan

Stephanie Heidt presented the Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR) and updated the City's Comprehensive Plan.

2. Aaron Taylor, Arc Development, One North Lake Project

Aaron Taylor (Arc Development) presented One North Lake Project to the City Commission.

3. Annie Ifill, Healthier Glades, Community Events

Annie Ifill (Director of Healthier Glades) gave an updated of community events hosted by Healthier Glades.

4. City of Pahokee 4th Quarter Financial Report

Joseph Martin (Interim Finance Director) presented City of Pahokee's 4th Quarter Financial Report.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **October 24, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes**

2. **November 13, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Consent Agenda Items, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

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

None.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE 2023 - 08 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Ordinance 2023 - 08 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 2023 - 08.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2023 - 08, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. **RESOLUTION 2023 - 73 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION(S) VOTE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT USE AND ELECTIONS SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PALM BEACH**

COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 73 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 73.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 73, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

B. RESOLUTION 2023 - 74 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE COVID-19 RESIDENTIAL UTILITIES AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Removed.

C. RESOLUTION 2023 -75 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PALM BEACH COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 75 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 75.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 75, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

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

1. January 9, 2024 City Commission Meeting Cancellation due to PBC Day 2024

Mr. Lucas requested January 9, 2024 City Commission Meeting to be cancelled due to Palm Beach County Days 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve cancelling the January 9, 2024 City Commission Meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Discussion and direction on Representative Rick Roth's recent request for an audit

Mr. Lucas gave a brief overview of the reason Representative Rick Roth requested an audit. A discuss ensued.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb thanked Aaron Taylor for his comments and congratulated the Pahokee Football Team. Mayor Babb requested a State of the City Address in January. He wished every candidate good luck and wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas gave a brief description of upcoming events and project updates.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Norris-Weeks gave a brief overview of state oversight and advised this should concern everyone on the commission.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Commissioner Boldin requested revisiting the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve adding the Chamber of Commerce to future agenda items, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Commissioner Gonzalez advised he doesn't see why no one would fight against an audit. Wished everyone a happy holiday and congratulated the City of Pahokee's Football Teams.

Commissioner Boldin advised at some point the commission with have to commit to their duties without taking it personal and escalating the situations.

Commissioner Perez gave her opinion on Commissioner Boldin, gave brief explanation of the reason she ran as a commissioner, and thanked all the coaches.

Vice Mayor Murvin read a letter from the Office of the State Attorney and advised we have to do better as a commission.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. 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 adjourned the meeting at 9:39 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk