

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 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 6:06 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 at 6:13 PM

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadatte Norris-Weeks, City Attorney via phone at 6:11 PM (and later arrived in person)

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 addition of Resolution 2022 - 65 and Resolution 2022 - 66. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed 3-1.

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

Voting Nay: 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)

Samuel McKinstry asked questions regarding the marina, City equipment, cell towers, property adjacent to the cemetery, and a fire lane issue.

Kevin Brown, with the Smith & Moore Family Teen Center, provided information regarding programs that will be offered at the schools in Pahokee. Anthony Davis, Director of Operations for the Boys & Girls Club of Pam Beach County, expounded on the information. Discussion ensued.

Robert Love commented regarding vacancies in the City.

1. Presentation - PBSO

Lieutenant Mugridge provided the year-to-date stats for Pahokee.

2. Proclamation - Kirk Patrick

The proclamation was read into the record by Ms. Clarke.

Mayor Babb led the City Commission in presenting the proclamation to Mr. Kirk Patrick.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. November 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. November 28, 2022 Special 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

Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager, provided the update on City projects. Discussion ensued.

2. Discussion and direction for City-wide beautification

Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to move forward with the beautification project (final cost to be brought back for approval) and also include cemetery and blight program. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

3. Discussion and direction for ARPA

Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to table this item until the next Regular Commission Meeting and in the interim, have a Town Hall. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 63 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 16 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, 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 Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022 - 63. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2022 - 64 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 17 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1,

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 Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022 - 64. 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 - 65 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO RESOLUTION 2022-43 PERTAINING TO PHASE I SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT OF NEW SIDEWALKS CONTRACT 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 - 65. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2022 - 66 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF “2” SBW & ASSOCIATES, INC CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE RFP 2022-02 FOR PROJECT 647 - DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR FOR THE OLD HOUSE ON BACOM POINT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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 - 66. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed 3-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Perez

J. NEW BUSINESS:

(Conversation about an activity or event upcoming, if any)

None.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb discussed recent death of residents, and recent/upcoming events.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas announced that he would like to move forward with the release of 3.3% COLA for the employees, in lieu of bonuses, and discussed an upcoming event.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gonzalez extended thanks to PBSO for the event they hosted.

Commissioner Boldin discussed the progress in Pahokee and expressed the importance of protecting the progress.

Commissioner Perez bid all a happy holiday and encourage all to remember the reason for the season.

Vice Mayor Murvin inquired about illegal dumping in commercial dumpsters and discussion ensued. She echoed Commissioner Boldin's sentiments regarding progress.

O. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

(Community events, feel good announcements)

None.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez 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 8:34 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk