

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 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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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:00 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  
City Manager Rodney D. Lucas  
Acting City Attorney Chan Bryant Abney  
City Clerk Tijauna Warner

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

Mr. Lucas requested adding the cancellation of March 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting, due to the NLC Congressional City Conference, and moving presentations to the top of the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the addition of the cancellation of March 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting, due to the NLC Congressional City Conference, and moving presentations to the top of the agenda, 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

### 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)*

1. Amaryllis Gardens

*Mr. Gregory Hyson presented the financial restructuring of Amaryllis Gardens that will help facilitate needed repairs and improvements to existing affordable housing property in Pahokee, Florida.*

2. Palm Beach County School District Update (Marcia Andrews, Board Member, District 6)

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*Ms. Marsha Andrews gave an update on Palm Beach County School District, safety measures being added to the schools, thanked the City of Pahokee for their support, and introduce the Glades Regional Superintendent & Principals.*

3. Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance of PB County, Inc. (LORE)

*Ms. Donia Roberts gave a brief update of LORE and their partnership with the City of Pahokee.*

4. First Quarter Financial Report

*Mr. Lucas and Mr. Martin presented the City of Pahokee's First Quarter Financial Report.*

Public comments were provided by Tammy Bussey (*business owner*), Robert Love (*non-resident*), and Thelma Freeman (*non-resident*).

#### **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

*None.*

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

*None.*

#### **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES**

*None.*

#### **I. RESOLUTION(S)**

- A. RESOLUTION 2024 - 05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) LED LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (FPL) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Bryant Abney read Resolution 2024 - 05 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 05.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2024-05, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2024 - 06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE ARPA HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF QUALIFIED CITY RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Bryant Abney read Resolution 2024 - 06 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 06.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2024 - 06, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Cancellation of the March 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting due to NLC Congressional City Conference relocated under the Report of the Mayor.

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb gave a brief overview of what the City of Pahokee needs and the city rating on a website.

Mr. Lucas requested the cancellation of the March 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting due to the NLC Congressional City Conference.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to approve the cancellation of the March 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting due to the NLC Congressional City Conference, 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

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas provided various updates and announced upcoming events.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

*None.*

**N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

Commissioner Boldin requested discussing residential and/or commercial landlords.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to add the discussion of creating ordinance for residential, commercial, and blight buildings, Seconded by Mayor Babb. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Babb requested adding a discussion to amend the agenda outline.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to approve adding a discussion to rearrange the agenda, 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

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

Vice Mayor Murvin advised she thinks the restrooms should be open during park hours and that if an individual is hosting a special event, they should follow the process and complete an application. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gonzalez advised the restrooms should be open during park hours and inquired about the status of security cameras. A discussion ensued.

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting, 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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk