

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 13, 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 6:08 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 Sara Perez  
City Manager Rodney D. Lucas  
City Attorney Burndette Norris-Weeks (via phone)  
City Clerk Tijauna Warner

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

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

Mr. Lucas advised there are no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda as is, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, 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 Loletha Kimes Sobers (*resident*), Vaughn Jones (*resident*), Robert Love (*non-resident*), and Isabelle McDonald (*resident*).

*City Attorney Burndette Norris-Weeks arrived at 6:25pm.*

#### 1. Proclamation - Let's Move Palm Beach County Month

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Let's Move Palm Beach County Month Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the Let's Move Palm Beach County Month Proclamation, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. January 23, 2024 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Consent Agenda, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed 3-1.

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

**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 - 02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CASE OF AE ENGINEERING, INC. V. CITY OF PAHOKEE, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2024 - 02 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 02.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2024 - 02, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-1.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2024 - 03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PER DIEM TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY PURSUANT TO THE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2024 - 03 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 03.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2024 - 03, 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 Perez

C. RESOLUTION 2024 - 04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A" HERETO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2024 - 04 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 04.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024 - 04, 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 Perez

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

1. Discussion of adding surveillance at the City's parks and at the marina

Mr. Lucas requested the City Commission's permission to move forward with adding surveillance at the City's parks and at the marina. A discussion ensued.

2. Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form

Mr. Lucas presented the Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form to the City Commission.

Mayor Babb read the Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and celebrating of Black History Month.

**I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas provided various updates and announced upcoming events. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Perez requested a copy of the sewer design plans for Barfield Highway.

**J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks gave a brief explanation of Form 6 that the commission will have to complete.

Commissioner Perez inquired if there are any pending litigations. A discussion ensued.

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

Vice Mayor Murvin advised after speaking with Mayor Wilson, they're suggesting a Tri-Cities Proclamation for the young boy that drowned in Belle Glade. A discussion ensued.

Mayor Babb suggested a discussion on temporarily halting live-streaming of the city commission meetings. A discussion ensued.

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

Commissioner Boldin thanked everyone for coming to the commission meeting and gave a brief explanation on staff working very hard and advised Pahokee didn't become this way over night.

Commissioner Perez apologized for her actions and walking out of the last commission meeting and provided her explanation for servicing this community.

Vice Mayor Murvin advised the purpose of the city commission and gave brief examples of what's transpiring in the city.

**M. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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