

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 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  
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:11 PM.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Isabelle McDonald 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 6:20 PM

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant (Acting Clerk)

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

Mr. Lucas requested to add the following four (4) presentations: Merrill Noel, Thomas DeRita, Belinda Russell, and Annie Ifill.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the four (4) additions under Presentations. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and approved 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)*

Thelma Freeman expressed concern regarding the ARPA Rental Assistance Program requirements.

Ida Pringle expressed concern regarding the need for road repair on Larrimore Road and mentioned the splashpad. Discussion ensued.

Gina Levesque provided a general overview of the PBC Commission on Ethics.

Robert Love wished Commissioner Boldin a happy birthday, and commented in regard to the splashpad and the trailer park.

Isabelle McDonald requested for clarification of the APRA funding be disseminated, commented regarding annexation, and mentioned the splashpad. Discussion ensued.

Thomas DeRita, Lobbyist, briefly discussed the Florida budget, funding request of \$550,000 for the MLK Park completion, and future plans. Discussion ensued.

Belinda Russell and Dr. Linda Pao, from JEM Research Institute, provided information regarding free memory testing and aiming to collaborate with the western communities. Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Murvin led the Commission in presenting the April Business of the Month to Crowned with Glory. Ciera McHenry-Daverne, CEO, was provided an opportunity to share information about her business.

Annie Ifill, Healthier Glades, provided an update on upcoming events.

1. 2nd Quarter FY 22-23 Report - Joseph Martin, Interim Director of Finance  
Joseph Martin presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Discussion ensued.
2. Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics - Gina Levesque, CFE Intake and Compliance Manager  
Presented during Public Comments.
3. Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce - Lamar Weathers and Melanie Grimes, CO-Executive Director  
Melanie Grimes provided information regarding the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and events. Discussion ensued.
4. Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce - Mary Lou Bedford  
Not present.
5. Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County  
Not present.
6. April Business of the Month - Crowned with Glory  
Presented earlier in the meeting.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. May 9, 2023 City Commission Workshop Minutes
2. May 9, 2023 City Commission 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*)

None.

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

None.

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2023 - 29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THIRTY-ONE GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM; 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 2023-29. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Lucas announced upcoming events.

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb announced the Pahokee Housing Authority Board vacancy. He mentioned a previous request for a take-home vehicle policy, the City Manager's evaluation summary, McClure Road Project, the upkeep of the City, and surtax. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to allow the two late submissions for the City Manager's Evaluation by close of business on June 14, 2023. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed (4-1).

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

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

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas provided the algae bloom update, discussed the Parker Building being on the June 14, 2023 Special Magistrate docket, requested the Commission's priority projects, discussed the EAR Grant, and announced upcoming events. Discussion ensued.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

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

Mayor Babb announced Commissioner Perez will select the May 2023 Business of the Month and Commissioner Boldin will select the June 2023 Business of the Month.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez mentioned AE Engineering and followed up on the GPS for the City vehicles. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Perez wished Commissioner Boldin a happy birthday and mentioned SWA Transitional Tuesdays.

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez 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 9:05 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting Clerk