

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, August 07, 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]

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:04 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former Commissioner Allie Biggs 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
Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager
Chan Bryant Abney, Acting City Attorney
Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk

ABSENT

Commissioner Sara Perez

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

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)

James Scott commented in regard to the absence of a carpenter or a licensed electrician on staff.

Sanquetta Cowan read a letter from a citizen regarding the decorum of the meeting.

Robert Love discussed why he attends the meetings, and he continued his comments with time yielded from Irma Shannon.

Shelia Williams commented in regard to the tree on City property and requested for the work to be completed. She yielded the remainder of her time to Robert Love.

JoAnn Culberson inquired about the Mel Tillis sign(s).

Former Commissioner Allie Biggs thanked the City Manager and City Staff for helping the senior citizens with their homes, and commented in regard to the City Manager's Evaluation.

Mary Dobrow yielded her comments to Robert Love to express concern on Docks D, E, and F.

Erika Ray, Representative of Gulfstream Goodwill, provided the navigation number as a resource for anyone that is homeless and provided information on the homeless shelters.

Discussion ensued.

Isabelle McDonald requested a status update on Barfield Highway and annexation, as well as requested for residential speed bumps to be installed City-wide.

Mr. Lucas provided information on the splash pad.

1. Noel "Lucky" Merrill - Invasion of Muck Donation

Mr. Merrill thanked the City for allowing him to host Invasion of the Muck, extended thanks to the City Manager for meeting with him during the process, and provided a debriefing of the event.

2. H. Kelly Marine - Floating Docks D, E, & F explanation of sample repairs

The H. Kelly Marine team provided an overview of the item. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to have H. Kelly Marine and Marland Construction, LLC complete the work on Docks D, E, and F. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. July 25, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for approval of the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Discussion and direction on the City Manager's Evaluation and Contract

Each present Commissioner discussed their evaluation of the City Manager.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

None.

I. RESOLUTION(S)

None.

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

Mr. Lucas provided an update on City projects.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb further discussed the City Manager's evaluation.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas sought consensus of the City Commission regarding the pool at the Marina and the Splashpad. He provided follow up to various items and discussed Capital Improvement Project updates.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to add the City Manager's Contract to the next agenda. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed unanimously.

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

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

The Commissioners addressed items of their concern. Discussion ensued.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Deputy Clerk