

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 09, 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

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:02 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
Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the addition of Resolution 2023 - 28, seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2023 - 28, 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)

Mr. Robert Love (*resident*) advised the commission has been doing a good job and if there's something to complain about, he's going to complain.

Ms. Annie Ifill (*Healthier Glades Director*) gave a brief community update.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 25, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Consent Agenda Items, 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

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

1. Discussion and direction to reducing Marina rates for a temporary period of time until a portion of the Marina is repaired; i.e., docks D, E and F

Mr. Lucas advised the City of Pahokee's Marina Rates are the lowest in the Glades area as \$400 per month and recommend no changes at this time. Commissioner Perez questioned if boaters are getting charged double. A discussion ensued.

2. Discussion and direction to place selected number of City owned property out for bid to the public

Mr. Lucas gave a brief description of City owned properties that can go out for Bid or RFP. Commissioner Perez questioned if the lots were buildable. A discussion ensued.

3. Discussion and direction to join Palm Beach County Central Chamber of Commerce and West Palm Beach Black Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Lucas requested for consensus to join the Palm Beach County Central Chamber of Commerce and West Palm Beach Black Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Babb suggested starting our own Chamber of Commerce or Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. A discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to move Resolution 2023 - 27 up on 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

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 27 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolutions 2023 - 27.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 27, 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

4. Discussion and direction to sell 647 Bacom Point Road property

Mr. Lucas inquired if the commission wanted to keep the property of 647 Bacom Point Road property as part of Commissioners Park. The Commission agreed to keep it as part of the park.

5. Discussion and direction to sell 246 E. Main Street

Mr. Lucas inquired of the commission want to keep 246 East Main Street as Public Works or sell the property. A discussion ensued.

6. Discussion and direction to enter a Public-Private Partnership through lease at 170 N. Lake Ave and 115 E. Main Street of 2.2 acres of City Property for a Hotel and Convention Center venture

Mr. Lucas advised two (2) entities are interested in building a hotel with a public-private partnership. A discussion ensued.

7. Update on status of City Take Home Vehicle Policy

Mr. Lucas advised they've received two (2) formats for a Take Home Vehicle Policy to finalize to bring it to the commission. A discussion ensued.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2023 - 05 (*second reading*) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AMENDING ARTICLE V, DIVISION IV, ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” TO ESTABLISH NEW SECTION 2-167 ENTITLED “SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY BOARD”, PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS, DUTIES, TERM AND VACANCIES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris Weeks read Ordinance 2023 - 05 into the record.

Public Hearing Opened 7:47pm

Public Hearing Closed 7:48pm

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2023 - 05, 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

I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2023 - 22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE CITY’S MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 22 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 22.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 22, 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 2023 - 23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA AMENDING RESOLUTION 2023 – 03 TO REVISE THE BUDGET FROM 2 YEARS TO 1 YEAR FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF ARPA FUNDING CONSISTENT WITH THE BUDGET ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR RECITALS; AUTHORIZING ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 23 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 23.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 -23, 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

- C. RESOLUTION 2023 - 24 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS OF 2021 TO ESTABLISH A COVID-19 ARPA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 24 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 24.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 24, 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

- D. RESOLUTION 2023 - 25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT 002 OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (R2020-1217) AND (R2014-1164) BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PALM BEACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORMALIZING THE MUNICIPALITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2027.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 25 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 25.

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve Resolution 2023 - 25, 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

- E. RESOLUTION 2023 - 26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR G1753- FM# 442030-1-54-01 BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 26 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 26.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 26, 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

- F. RESOLUTION 2023 - 27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LED LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Moved up on agenda)

RESOLUTION 2023 - 28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSENT ORDER AND TEMPORARY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 28 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 28.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 28, 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

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

None.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb advised the city hosted two (2) successful events this past week. The National Day of Prayer on May 4th and Cinco De Mayo on May 6th.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas requested consensus from the Commission to conduct a Pre-Retreat on Friday, May 19, 2023 regarding setting Strategic and Vision Planning along with the budget schedule for FY2023 -2024. He followed-up on citizens comments advising Rosso is working on filling in massive dips along Barfield Highway in front of the plaza and Senior Rehab Center. He gave a brief update on city projects and upcoming events and meetings.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Norris-Weeks suggested using the consent agenda for resolutions unless it's something that's controversial.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Commissioner Perez requested adding to future agenda items receiving the agenda at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve adding to future agenda receiving the agenda at least five (5) business days before 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

Commissioner Boldin requested adding funds for roofing repairs beyond \$5,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to add funds for roofing repairs beyond \$5,000 to future agenda items, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Vice Mayor Murvin requested adding chicken coops to the future agenda items.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to add chicken coops to future agenda items, seconded by Commissioner Boldin. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Commissioner Gonzalez requested a follow-up to the water drainage in Shive Island and the status of his public records request. A discussion ensued.

Mayor Babb announced Vice Mayor Murvin will be selecting the business of the month and the Mayor's Golden Nail & Hammer Award will be done quarterly.

Commissioner Boldin advised it's important to view all things equally. He advised we should choose the business that is best for our city and do the research and compare before making decisions.

Commissioner Perez bid good night.

Vice Mayor Murvin wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day.

Mr. Lucas congratulated Vice Mayor Murvin on being selected for the 2023 FLC Home Rule Hero Award.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Perez. 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 9:09 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna L. Warner, CMC, City Clerk