

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 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

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez (*arrived @ 6:13pm*)

Commissioner Sara Perez

City Manager Rodney D. Lucas

City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks

City Clerk Tijauna L. Warner

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

Mr. Lucas requested adding Resolution 2023 -21 to the agenda and gave a brief explanation. Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve adding Resolution 2023 - 21 to the agenda, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. 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)

Ms. Thelma Freeman (*resident*) expressed concern with the parks hours of closure, a bench being added to the location where Ms. Precious was located, and placing the stop sign back up at that location.

Mrs. Isabelle McDonald (*resident*) inquired about the status on annexation and the local business loan.

Commissioner Gonzalez entered at 6:13pm.

1. SR 15/US 441 Safety Improvements Project - Kevin Miccoci, Senior Project Engineer

Mr. Kevin Miccoci gave a brief project update on SR 15/US 441 Improvement Project and expressed safety concerns.

2. Declaring May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month Proclamation

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Declaring May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Declaring May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month Proclamation, 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

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the I Love Pahokee Day Proclamation from Senator into the read.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the I Love Pahokee Day Proclamation, 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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 11, 2023 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Consent Agenda Items, 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

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

1. Discussion on proposed mandate for Department Heads to have City of Pahokee residency

Mayor Babb gave a brief explanation of why he's requesting residency. A discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to approve mandating Department Heads to have residency. Motion failed due to no second.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2023 - 05 *(first 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.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Ordinance 2023 - 05, 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 Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

9. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2023 - 17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, ACCEPTING CHANGE ORDER #1 RELATED TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MDO ENGINEERING, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EAST LAKE VILLAGE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT FINANCED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP), AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 17 into the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 17, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

- B. RESOLUTION 2023 - 18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 20 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, FOR THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN THE CHANGE ORDER ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 18 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 18.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 18, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

- C. RESOLUTION 2023 - 19 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 21 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 19 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 19.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 19, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- D. RESOLUTION 2023 - 20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 22, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”, RELATING TO CITY OF PAHOKEE RESOLUTION #2016-20 FOR COORDINATION OF ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 20 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 20.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 20, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 21 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 21.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 21, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb

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

Ms. Adams gave an update on City Projects to include McClure Road, MLK Park, Neat Grant Application, and Phase IV.

Mrs. Boule-Washington gave an update of events to include National Pray Day, Cinco De Mayo, Car Show, Juneteenth, and 4th of July.

H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb advised we have posted photos of the City's previous mayors in the commission chamber in honor of the centennial and gave a brief description of each mayor's history. He a brief overview of events he attended since the last meeting such as the Great American Clean-up, Rotary Club Fishing Tournament, Palm Beach County Board of Trustees Meeting, and the Forum Club of Palm Beach County Luncheon. Mayor Babb informed the commission has completed the City Manager's Performance Review as part of his annual evaluation. He inquired if the commission wants to meet with the city manager privately to discuss he's evaluation or public.

I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas asked for consensus to schedule a Commission Workshop for Friday, May 19, 2023 regarding setting Strategic and Vision Planning along with budget schedule for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024. He provided a status update on Parker Building and 179 Cypress. Mr. Lucas advised the commission of pending applications such as MLK Jr. retaining wall, traps and emergency kits, East Lake Village entry sign, East Lake High School Historic Sign, and etc.

J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Vice Mayor Murvin suggested adding to future agenda items appointment to Pahokee Housing Authority Board.

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

Vice Mayor Murvin announced West Tech Education Center is hosting a Career Expo on Tuesday, May 2nd from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Also, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is hosting a Walk/Run Fundraiser for Haiti on Saturday, April 29th and gave a brief description of the event. Vice Mayor Murvin expressed concerns with commissioners questioning projects may put the city at risk of losing future funding. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Perez inquired the status on the proclamations for the coaches.

Ms. Warner advised Commissioner Perez to submit a list of coaches to her as soon as possible.

Commissioner Perez announced Ms. Fuce won the Teacher of the Year Award.

Commissioner Boldin had no comment.

Mayor Babb suggested the commissioners attend their one-on-ones with the city manager, so we are not prolonging meetings.

Commissioner Gonzalez inquired the status on the late Commissioner Walker's bench.

Mrs. Boule-Washington advised memorial bench is a part of the Beautification Project.

Vice Mayor Murvin congratulated Commissioner Boldin on becoming one of South Florida's Most Influential & Powerful Black Professionals of 2023.

M. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting, Second 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 8:47pm.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tjiauna L. Warner, CMC, City Clerk