



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 10, 2021**

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on November 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:00 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice-Mayor Regina Bohlen	Present
	Commissioner Juan Gonzalez	Present
	Commissioner Clara M. Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Sara Perez	Present
	City Manager Greg Thompson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lieutenant Mugridge	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

**Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:**

Mr. Brandenburg recommended the addition of the Wallace Case Settlement under the Attorney Report.

Mr. Thompson recommended reordering the agenda to have the Baby Blue Devils presented first.

**Approval of Reordering the Agenda to Recognize the Baby Blue Devils First.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

The City of Pahokee Commission Recognized the Baby Blue Devil as the 10 and Under Youth League Champions.

**Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):**

Bobby Colvin encouraged all residents to conduct their own research prior to being vaccinated.

Sanquetta Cowan questioned why the Commission chose to meet on November 10<sup>th</sup>, instead of November 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Babb announced that the meeting was rescheduled due to the Farm Growers Dinner. City Manager Thompson announced that the majority of the Commission agreed to reschedule the meeting (Vice Mayor Bohlen, Commissioners Gonzalez, and Perez). Mayor Babb and Commissioner Murvin announced they were not contacted.

Everett McPherson announced the Commissioners were public servants and were obligated to act in the best interest of the residents of the City of Pahokee.

**Public Service Announcements:** *(none)*

**Approval of Minutes:** *(none)*

**Consent Agenda:** *(none)*

**Ordinances:** *(none)*

**Resolutions:**

*Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -41 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.*

1. **RESOLUTION 2021 – 41 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.**

Discussion ensued regarding the selection of a non-profit organization at a future commission meeting.

**Approval of the Appointment of Mayor Babb as the point of Contact.**

**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Mayor Babb.**

**Motion failed 3-2.**

**Approval of the Appointment of City Manager Thompson as the point of Contact**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.**

**Motion carried 3-2.**

**Approval of Resolution 2021-41.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -42 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.*

2. **RESOLUTION 2021 – 42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,620,885.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020–2021, SET FORTH IN COMPOSITE EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Manager Thompson explained that the increase to the City Manager Salary was due to the payout of \$63k to the previous City Manager that was not previously accounted for in the budget.

**Approval of a Deduction of \$9k from the City Managers Salary moved to the reserve Account and Approval of Resolution 2021 - 42.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -43 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.*

3. **RESOLUTION 2021 – 43 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR A PERMIT FOR THE ANNUAL PAHOKEE CHRISTMAS PARADE.**

**Approval of Resolution 2021-43.**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Proclamations:**

**1. FORMER COMMISSIONER DIANE L. WALKER PROCLAMATION**

*Attorney Brandenburg read the Proclamation for the record.*

Discussion ensued regarding Commissioner Walkers years of service and contributions to the City of Pahokee

**Approval of Former Commissioner Diane L. Walker Proclamation.**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of a Waiver of Deposit Fees for Facility (Walker Repast) and Honor Commissioner Walker with a Bench in Commissioner Park. Bench not to exceed \$1k.**  
**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Vice Mayor Bohlen.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. WORLD AIDS DAY PROCLAMATION**

*Attorney Brandenburg read the Proclamation for the record.*

**Approval of World AIDS Day Proclamation.**  
**Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Report of the City Manager:**

City Manager Thompson announced that he believed it was important to reschedule the meeting to support the farm and agriculture community. He announced that the State of the City Reports were shared to document progress.

**Report of the City Attorney:**

Announced that he attended mediation in West Palm Beach, Fl, regarding the Wallace Case. He directed the attention of the Commission to the "Settlement Agreement" and explained the document. He recommended approval of the settlement.

**Approval of Settlement and Authorization of Release.**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Brandenburg announced that he had made several attempts to contact the representative of JPDT Holdings. He explained that correspondence had not transpired for a few weeks.

Johnathan Mann made comments regarding JPDT Holdings; he provided the original ERH Lease between ERH and the City of Pahokee. He announced that at least \$140k had been invested over 14 months. He announced that legal action would occur if the project was further obstructed. Discussion ensued between the Commission, City Manager Thompson, Attorney Brandenburg, and Mr. Mann regarding the clauses of the agreement and necessary requirements to move forward.

**Old Business** *(none)*

**New Business:**

**1. BUILDING, PLANNING, & ZONING FEES**

City Manager Thompson explained the item, and suggestions to modify the fee schedule. He asked the Commission to review the schedule and provide a recommendation at the next regular commission meeting.

**2. SOLID WASTE GARBAGE & TRASH COLLECTION FEES**

City Manager Thompson explained the item; he announced that rates would increase/decrease periodically because rates had not changed since 2009. He recommended an increase of 20 percent and asked the Commission to provide a recommendation at the next regular commission meeting

**Citizens Comments:** *(none)*

**City Commission Comments:**

Discussion ensued regarding Veteran's Day Celebration and the intent to plan for the November 2022 celebration.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk