



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 26, 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 October 26, 2021.

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

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	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. Thompson recommended the deletion of New Business Item K(2) Building, Planning & Zoning Fees.

Approval of Agenda with Deletion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen, Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Derrick Boldin expressed concerns regarding the manner in which City Manager Thompson was hired. He explained that plenty of qualified applicants did not receive an equal opportunity to be a part of the selection process. Mr. Boldin questioned if City Manager Thompson had submitted a Resume and Application for the position of City Manager. City Manager Thompson answered, "No, I did not." Mr. Boldin announced that the Commission voted on requirements and ignored those requirements to hire City Manager Thompson.

Sanquetta Cowan expressed concerns regarding the RFQ process to retain Wantman Group, Inc for Engineering Services. She asked Vice-Mayor Bohlen to disclose how she retrieved addresses as related to the recall election. Vice-Mayor Bohlen refused to provide an answer.

Donna Davis expressed concerns regarding Commissioner Bohlen's visit to her home. She asked Vice Mayor Bohlen how she retrieved her address. Vice-Mayor Bohlen refused to provide an answer.

Tam Ellen asked if the City of Pahokee would create a Christmas event at the Marina, (e.g., Lighting of the Christmas Tree).

Consent Agenda: *(none)*

Ordinances: *(none)*

Resolutions:

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -39 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.

1. RESOLUTION 2021 – 39 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Discussion ensued; Mayor Babb announced that the Chair should be selected by members of the Committee; each Commissioner could appoint at least two Committee Members.

Approval of allowing the Committee to Select Committee Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Mayor Babb.

Motion carried 4-1.

Approval of Resolution 2021 - 39.

Motion by Commissioner Gonzalez. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -40 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.

2. RESOLUTION 2021 – 40 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WANTMAN GROUP, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL GENERAL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE.

Discussion ensued regarding the recommendation of WGI; and the RFQ process.

Approval of Resolution 2021 - 40.

Motioned by Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Seconded by Commissioner Perez.

Motion carried 3-2.

Proclamations: *(none)*

Presentations: *(none)*

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Thompson welcomed PBSO to announce the November 27, 2021 Fall Festival. Discussion ensued regarding the City of Pahokee's contribution and attendance for the Fall Festival. He gave a Barfield Highway Project update and funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Approval of Authorizing the City of Pahokee to pay at least \$350 for the Fall Festival Bounce House.

Motioned by Vice-Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the City Attorney:

Attorney Brandenburg announced that Chandler Williamson would be served during the week; he provided copies to the Commission. He suggested that the City of Pahokee invest in monument signs.

Removal of Disruptive Audience Members.

Motioned by Commissioner Perez. Seconded by Vice Mayor Bohlen.

Motion carried 4-1.

Old Business

1. PAHOKEE HOUSING AUTHORITY – One (1) Applicant (Ronald Osborne)

Approval of Appointment of Ronald Osbourne to the Pahokee Housing Authority Board.
Motioned by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.
Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Day-to-Day Operations

City Manager Thompson explained that he was in negotiations for extensions for project funding; as related to Commissioner Murvin's complaints to State Agencies and Contractors.

2. November 23, 2021 City Commission Meeting Cancellation-Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Approval of the Cancellation of the November 23, 2021 Commission Meeting.
Motioned by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. December 28, 2021 City Commission Meeting Cancellation -Due to the Christmas Holiday.

Approval of the Cancellation of the December 28, 2021 Commission Meeting.
Motioned by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.
Motion carried unanimously.

City Commission Comments:

Commissioner Gonzalez commented regarding the Commissions' decorum.

Mayor Babb questioned if the City of Pahokee want to incentivize residents who become vaccinated. City Manager Thompson announced that financial incentives were not feasible.

Approval of Incentivize the first 40 vaccination participants with a City Lapel Pin and \$100 Raffle
Motioned by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.
Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Bohlen thanked the members of the audience for their attendance; and encouraged them to volunteer.

Commissioner Perez commented regarding the Commissions' decorum.

Commissioner Murvin commented regarding the Commissions' decorum. She cited the Statute regarding open carry of firearms at public meetings.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk