



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 24, 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 August 24, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:30 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
	Interim City Manager Greg Thompson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Lieutenant Mugridge	Present
	City Clerk Tijuana Warner	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mayor Babb requested to reinstate the Mayor's Report to the Agenda. Discussion ensued regarding Mayor Babb's authority and ability to comment throughout the Commission Meeting. Vice-Mayor Bohlen motioned to continue the Commission Meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the event business did not conclude at a reasonable time.

Approval of Tentative August 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Commission Meeting.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Bohlen Seconded by Commissioner Perez.

Motion carried 3-2.

Interim City Manager Thompson requested the addition of Resolution 2021-28: Approval of PC Network Solutions to provide Business Technology Consulting and Unlimited Remote Service Network Maintenance and Support.

Approval of the addition of Resolution 2021-28.

Motion by Commissioner Perez, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohlen

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Perez motioned to allow the City Attorney to add items to the agenda that are necessary to proceed with City Business.

Approval of the addition of items by Attorney Brandenburg.

Motion by Commissioner Perez, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohlen

Motion was not voted upon due to Decorum.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Richard Brown expressed concerns regarding the professionalism and decorum of the Commission, Interim City Manager, and City Attorney.

Robert Love expressed concerns regarding racism within the City of Pahokee, its Commission, and its Administration.

Otis Harvey expressed concerns regarding the decorum of the Commission and City Attorney Brandenburg.

Ms. Cowan expressed concerns regarding Public Notices of Commission Meetings not being posted to the City of Pahokee's Website. She referred to the City of Pahokee Charter regarding the employment of the City Attorney and Clerk via Resolution; she explained that formal Resolutions had not come before the Commission.

Luz Torres expressed concerns regarding the Comments of Vice-Mayor Bohlen at the Special Scheduled Meeting of July 19, 2021. She announced Vice-Mayor Bohlen stated, "Are you going to shut them up?"; She explained that Vice-Mayor Bohlen's comment was directed to Mayor Babb regarding the City of Pahokee Residents. Ms. Torres expressed concerns regarding the decorum of the July 21, 2021 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting, whereas Vice-Mayor Bohlen proceeded with the start of the meeting and did not allow additional time for the attendance of the full Commission, prior to roll-call.

Christopher Trotman expressed concerns regarding the employment of City Attorney Brandenburg.

Everett McPherson expressed concern regarding the decorum of Vice-Mayor Bohlen. He pleaded for the Commission to unite and act in the best interest of the City of Pahokee Residents.

Public Service Announcements: *(none)*

Approval of Minutes:

1. City Commission Special Scheduled Meeting July 19, 2021 Minutes.
2. City Commission Special Scheduled Meeting July 21, 2021 Minutes.
3. City Commission Special Scheduled Meeting July 23, 2021 Minutes.
4. City Commission Regular Scheduled Meeting July 27, 2021 Minutes.
5. City Commission Special Scheduled Meeting July 28, 2021 Minutes.
6. City Commission Special Scheduled Meeting July 29, 2021 Minutes.

Approval of July 19th, 21st, 28th, and 29th, 2021 Special and Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July 23, 2021 Special Scheduled Meeting Minutes and July 27, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Perez.

Motion carried 3-2.

Consent Agenda: *(none)*

Ordinances:

Mr. Brandenburg read the title of Ordinance 2019-02 into the record and explained the purpose of the ordinance.

- a. **ORDINANCE 2019– 02 (first reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, MODIFYING ARTICLE 2 SECTION 2-26 OF THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS, COMPENSATION, EXPENSES, ALLOWANCES FOR CITY COMMISSION, ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS, ORDER OF BUSINESS, CITY COMMISSIONER VOTES RECORDED ON ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ORDER OF VOTES REQUIRED TO PASS RESOLUTIONS CLERK DESIGNATED CUSTODIAN DUTIES REMOVING OR**

**WITHHOLDING FROM CUSTODIAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,
PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- Discussion ensued. Attorney Brandenburg explained the City of Pahokee's Municode Supplements had not been updated in the previous three years.

Public Comments

Richard Brown reiterated his concerns regarding the professionalism and decorum of the Commission.

Ms. Cowan explained that Ordinance 2019-02 provided structure for the Commission Meetings and accountability for the Commission.

Gerald Newkirk made a comment regarding Commissioner communications with residents.

Tan Allen expressed support for the adoption of Ordinance 2019-02. She asked the Commission to act in the best interest of the City of Pahokee Residents.

Approval of Ordinance 2019-02 (First Reading).
Motion by Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Seconded by Commissioner Perez.
Motion carried 3-2.

Resolutions

Mr. Brandenburg read the title of Resolution 2021 -17 into the record. Interim City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the agenda item.

- a. **RESOLUTION 2021-17, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR FUNDING OF CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Approval of Ordinance 2021-17.
Motion by Vice-Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brandenburg read the title of Resolution 2021 -28 into the record and explained the purpose of the resolution. Interim City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the agenda item.

- b. **RESOLUTION 2021-28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PC NETWORK SOLUTIONS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Commissioner Murvin questioned if a Request for Proposals process was completed to retain PC Network Solutions. Interim City Manager Thompson answered "No", and explained there was a Technological Emergency, whereas the City of Pahokee Administration could not access its network. Discussion ensued regarding the previous Information Technology Provider and the aforementioned Tech Emergency.

Approval of Resolution 2021 -28.

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

Motion carried 3-2.

3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

A.) Discussion regarding 115 E. Main Street.

Attorney Brandenburg explained the purpose of the item and the current condition of the building (failing infrastructure). He recommended condemning the building and changing the locks on all of the doors. Mayor Babb suggested that an inspection be completed prior to condemning the property located at 115 E. Main Street.

Inspection prior to Condemning 115 E. Main Street

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez

Motion carried unanimously.

B.) Discussion for reimbursement to City for the cost of sending employees home for three days.

Attorney Brandenburg explained that employees were sent home for three days at the direction of Mayor Babb. Mayor Babb explained that the Administration was sent home at the direction of the previous Interim City Manager.

No Motion

C.) Discussion regarding reimbursement to the City for the cost of:

1. Rekeying all City Facilities.

2. Failure to hand over City computer system access codes, code to the alarm system, and access to the City Website.

C.) 1. Attorney Brandenburg explained the item, discussion ensued regarding the responsibility of associated costs. Commissioner Gonzalez questioned if the discussion could be postponed until the conclusion of court proceedings. Attorney Brandenburg explained the responsibility of the Interim City Manager Lucas.

Charge Mr. Lucas for the Rekeying of all City Facilities.

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

Motion Failed.

C.) 2. Attorney Brandenburg explained the item, discussion ensued regarding the responsibility of associated costs to either Mark Liskay or Mayor Babb.

Charge Mr. Mark Liskay for failure to hand over City computer system access codes, code to the alarm system, and access to the City Website.

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

No Vote.

D.) Discussion regarding City Website

Attorney Brandenburg explained that the issue with the Town Website had been corrected and there was no need to discuss the item.

E.) City Clerk/ Compensation

Attorney Brandenburg explained the item. Discussion ensued; City Clerk Warner explained that she is the sole employee of the Clerk's Office. She explained that City Deeds, Ordinances, Resolutions, and County Fillings are Two Years behind. Interim City Manager Thompson supported the salary of \$72k as requested by City Clerk Warner. He explained that it would be cost-efficient to provide City Clerk Warner with an increase as compared to recruiting personnel.

Approval of the \$72k Compensation for the City Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Perez. Seconded by Vice Mayor Bohlen.

Motion carried 3-2.

4. Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Babb announced that the City of Pahokee Centennial would be in March 2022. He announced that the City of Pahokee Commission is divided; lacking collaboration and decorum.

5. Report of the City Manager:

Mr. Thompson expressed that he was honored to be employed with the City of Pahokee. He welcomed anyone to visit his office with any questions regarding his work history and intentions.

6. Report of the City Attorney

A.) Office of Inspector General-Investigative Report 2018-0004, City of Pahokee Holiday Schedule and Bonus Pay.

B.) Office of Inspector General-Investigative Report 2018-0004, City of Pahokee Inappropriate Purchasing Card Expenditures.

C.) Office of Inspector General-Contract Oversight Report CA-2019-0074, City of Pahokee, Review of Technomarine Construction, Inc., Contracts

D.) PBC COE 21-004, Public Report and Final Order of Dismissal

-Attorney Brandenburg announced that the aforementioned Reports were available to the public.

Approval to Prosecute former City Manager Williamson for \$15k.

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

Motion carried 3-2.

E.) Procedure for Agenda

F.) Information regarding one-on-one meetings with the City Manager

G.) Inspector General Report

H.) Letter from Daragjati Law

7. Old Business

A.) Former City Manager Complaint

B.) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021

Interim Manager Thompson explained that all documents had been submitted to receive funding.

C.) Cancellation of the September 14, 2021, City Commission Meeting to be Rescheduled to September 15, 2021

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

Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business:

A.) Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer

Mayor Babb announced the history of the Golden Nail and Hammer Award.

9. Future Agenda Items of Commissioners, If Any

Commissioner Gonzalez; Recommended to Install an administrative time-clock and cameras at City Hall.

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Motion by Commissioner Gonzalez. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohlen
Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Bohlen requested to have the Commission Meetings Live-Streamed in Spanish.

Request to research the associated costs of Commission Meetings Live-Streamed in Spanish.
Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Seconded by Commissioner Perez.
Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Murvin requested to add the Employee of the Quarter.

Employee of the Quarter.
Commissioner Murvin, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.
Motion carried unanimously.

10. For the Good of the Order (Community Events, Feel Good Announcements).

No Announcements

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk