

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 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  
Sanquetta Cowan-Williams, Commissioner  
Everett D. McPherson, Sr., Commissioner

#### **CHARTER OFFICERS:**

Michael E. Jackson, Interim City Manager  
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney

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## AGENDA

### A. CALL TO ORDER

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

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Boldin led the Invocation, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams (via telephone)

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Michael E. Jackson, Interim City Manager.

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Nylene Clarke, Interim City Clerk

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for approval of the agenda as presented. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Commissioner Cowan-Williams' attendance by phone. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

### E. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS (*agenda items only*)

### F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION 2024-26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF CLOUD HOSTING AND ACCOUNTING RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE YEARLY AMOUNT OF \$12,315.00 AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2024-26 (Consent Agenda). Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

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

1. Update - City Projects

### H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

This portion of the agenda for was conducted as a quasi-judicial process for Ordinance 2024-06 and Ordinance 2024-07. All witnesses, applicants, or those that wanted to give testimony, were sworn in by the City Clerk.

1. ORDINANCE 2024-06 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A SMALL SCALE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT, WHICH WILL AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY CAMARO FARMS INC, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF A PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT BACOM POINT ROAD (PCN 48-36-42-24-01-000-0770), CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.28 ACRES, FROM "RESIDENTIAL-LOW" TO "COMMERCIAL" AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the ordinance was read into the record by the City Attorney. Thomas J. Lanahan, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, provided an overview of the item.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Ordinance 2024-06 (First Reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

2. ORDINANCE 2024-07 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A REZONING AS REQUESTED BY CAMARO FARMS INC, TO CHANGE THE EXISTING ZONING DESIGNATION FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW DENSITY (SF1), TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC), FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT BACOM POINT ROAD (PCN 48-36-42-24-01-000-0770), CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.28 ACRES, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE TO BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the ordinance was read into the record by the City Attorney. Thomas J. Lanahan, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, provided an overview of the item.

City Attorney announced the public hearing.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Ordinance 2024-07 (First Reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

3. ORDINANCE 2024-05 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL BASED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN AS REQUIRED BY AND IN CONFORMITY WITH SECTION 163.3191(1)), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the ordinance was read into the record by the City Attorney.

Public hearing opened and closed at 6:42 PM.

Stephanie Heidt, Regional Executive Director of Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, provided a presentation on the item. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Ordinance 2024-05 (First Reading).

Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2024-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, TOGETHER WITH A ROLLED-BACK RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Jackson announced the Proposed Millage Rate is 6.5419 and rolled-back rate is 6.0270. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to accept Resolution 2024-25.

Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

2. RESOLUTION 2024-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING NYLENE CLARKE AS CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to appoint Nylene Clarke as City Clerk with a salary of \$72,000 (Resolution 2024-27). Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams

Voting Nay: Commissioner McPherson

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

1. Discussion and direction on workshop for all City boards and committees

Consensus of the Commission is to have the item presented as a workshop.

**H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

**I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add digital Marquee sign with permission for the City Manager to seek quotes. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Mayor Babb for discussion of building a hotel within City limits. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to discuss bidding the cemetery out. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and Commissioner Boldin, and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

**L. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** (*items not on the agenda*)

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add to future agenda, a policy for hiring City Manager and City Clerk. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

**N. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

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Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk