

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, April 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

#### **CITY STAFF:**

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager  
Tijauna Warner, 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 6:12 PM.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to approve the agenda as printed. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation - May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month

### F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. March 26, 2024 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. April 9, 2024 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams 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*)

### H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2024 - 01 (*second reading*) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-29 ENTITLED "ORDER OF BUSINESS"; RENUMBERING AND REORDERING AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Public hearing opened at 6:23 PM.

Robert Love expressed concerns with Ordinance 2024-01.

Public hearing closed at 6:39 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2024-01. 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)**

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

1. Discussion and directions on no-answering questions policy

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to have a policy created with no-answering questions during the Commission Meeting, but with the understanding that questions may be answered during Commissioner Comments. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner McPherson

2. Re-establishing Community Boards

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve appointing Tamara Dowdell and Paula Denise Phillips to the Zoning/Adjustment/Planning Board as permanent members (each for a term of two (2) years, starting April 23, 2024 and ending April 23, 2026). Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams “to have a workshop and the clerk bring back descriptions of all the boards. Then, we can take a look at them and restructure them to see which ones we should and shouldn’t, if some of them are doing the same thing”. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson passed unanimously.

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

3. Direction and directions on the Monthly Prayer Walk

4. Discussion and directions on the MOU - Oikos Development Head Start

5. Discussion and directions on Old High School site for City expansion and museum tourist site

6. Discussion and directions on Oikos Ordinance or Resolution to support SB102 Live Local Incentives

7. Discussion and directions on Legislative Priorities

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Amended Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin that “Mr. Lucas would remain in the City Manager position until May 11<sup>th</sup>, and we would make Ms. Adams Interim City Manager May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:01 AM”. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and failed (1-4).

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Murvin

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to schedule throughout the year, quarterly town hall meetings. 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 Mayor Babb to schedule a presentation from Fredrick James. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams 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 9:06 PM.

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Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk