

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting order at 6:31 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.
Michael E. Jackson, Interim City Manager
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D. ADDITIONS OF EMERGENCY BASIS FROM CITY MANAGER, DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2024-51. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin 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)*

1. Lutheran Services Program - Ayesha S. Pugh, Family and Community Engagement Manager
2. R. Dot Arts & Creative Agency - Jose R. Mendez, Creative Director
3. Proclamation - October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the proclamation proclaiming October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION 2024-45 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AND DECEMBER 24, 2024 CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin 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 2024-08 (SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF PAHOKEE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE CITY OF PAHOKEE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE DATE OF THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS; TO REFORMAT LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The ordinance was read into the record by the City Attorney and was explained by the City Manager.

Public hearing opened and closed at 7:16 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2024-08 (Second 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 2024-46 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PAHOKEE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2024 HOMECOMING PARADE AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A PARADE PERMIT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024-46. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2024-47 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 31 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN ROSSO SITE DEVELOPMENT INC. RELATING TO THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024-47. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2024-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 32 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND ROSSO SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND PERTAINING TO THE “RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE BARFIELD HIGHWAY” SIDEWALK, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” HERETO, PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2024-48. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2024-49 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 33 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND ROSSO SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND PERTAINING TO THE “RECONSTRUCTION OF

THE CITY OF PAHOKEE BARFIELD HIGHWAY” AND A DRIVEWAY APRON, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” HERETO, PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024-49. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

5. RESOLUTION 2024-50 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL E. JACKSON TO BECOME THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A”.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to defer Resolution 2024-50 until the next scheduled meeting and have a workshop. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Boldin

6. RESOLUTION 2024-51 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR THE COVID-19 RESIDENTIAL UTILITIES AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024-51. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Boldin

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

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 Vice Mayor Murvin to add to the next meeting, Sojourners with Healing Hearts. 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 add to the next agenda discussion of ARPA Projects, closeout and use for infrastructure. 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 Commissioner McPherson to add to the next agenda a discussion of performance evaluation for City Clerk and City Manager. Duly seconded by 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*)

N. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin 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 8:57 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk