

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 28, 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 at 6:03 PM by Mayor Babb.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Michael E. Jackson, Interim City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney (via phone and later joined in person)

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve adding the appointment of Interim City Clerk. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Proclamation - Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day

### F. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Re-establishing Community Boards

### H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2024 - 02 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" (RL) TO "AGRICULTURE" (AG) AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Ordinance 2024-02 into the record.

Mr. Thomas Lanahan, Executive Director for Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, provided an overview of Ordinance 2024-02.

Tammy Mosley, representative liaison, expounded on the item.

Public Hearing opened at 6:43 PM.

James Scott and Harrietta Johnson commented in opposition to the ordinance.

Tammy Mosley commented in favor of the ordinance.

Public Hearing closed at 6:51 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Ordinance 2024-02 (first reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and failed (1-3).

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Murvin

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

2. ORDINANCE 2024 - 03 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 AGRICULTURE (AG), 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Ordinance 2024-03 into the record.

Mr. Thomas Lanahan, Executive Director for Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, provided an overview of Ordinance 2024 - 03 and advised the item cannot move forward without the land use approval.

Public Hearing opened at 7:08 PM.

Ms. Tammy Mosley commented in favor of the ordinance.

Public Hearing closed at 7:09 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to approve Ordinance 2024-03 (first reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and failed unanimously.

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

3. ORDINANCE - 04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING CODE AS REQUESTED BY CAMARO FARMS INC, TO ALLOW FOR OFFICE AND RELATED USES IN THE AGRICULTURAL(AG) ZONING DISTRICT BY SITE PLAN REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Ordinance 2024-04 into the record.

Mr. Thomas Lanahan, Executive Director for Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, provided an overview of Ordinance 2024-04. Discussion ensued.

Public Hearing opened at 7:24 PM.

Public Hearing closed at 7:25 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to **deny** Ordinance 2024-04 (first reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2024 - 13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SIGNATORIES FOR VARIOUS BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AT PNC BANK, N.A; APPROVING MICHAEL E. JACKSON, INTERIM CITY MANAGER, AS AN ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY; REMOVING RODNEY D. LUCAS FROM ALL ACCOUNTS AND AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPORT WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND WITH PNC BANKING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to approve Resolution 2024-13. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

2. RESOLUTION 2024 - 14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A" HERETO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to approve Resolution 2024-14 with the necessary changes. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

**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 appoint Nylene Clarke as Interim City Clerk, effective June 10, 2024. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to receive a status report on the hiring process. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to receive a status report on Muck Tavern. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to discuss a fence around the canal in East Lake Village. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Mayor Babb have a workshop to discuss the process for hiring a city manager. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

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

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**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 Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

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Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk