

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 09, 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
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

City Manager Rodney D. Lucas

City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks

City Clerk Tijauna Warner

ABSENT

Commissioner Sara Perez

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

1. Swearing-In of Newly Elected City Commissioners:

Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams was sworn in by Ms. Warner(City Clerk).

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr. was sworn in by Ms. Warner(City Clerk).

2. Ethics Training - Rhonda Giger (General Counsel) Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics

Ms. Rhonda Giger (General Counsel) conducted the Ethics Training.

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

(This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to speak. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. A public comment card should be completed and returned to the City Clerk. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium or unmute your device, and prior to addressing the Commission, state your name and address for the record)

Public comments were provided by Mr. Joshua Brown (*resident*), Ms. Annie Coore (*non-resident*), and Carl Morrison (*resident*).

F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

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

None.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2024 - 01 (*first 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.

Ms. Norris-Week read Ordinance 2024-01 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 2024-01.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Ordinance 2024 - 01, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2024 - 09 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 CITY’S MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Norris-Week read Resolution 2024 - 09 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 09.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024 - 09, Seconded by Commissioner McPherson. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2024 - 10 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.

Ms. Norris-Week read Resolution 2024 - 10 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 10.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to approve Resolution 2024 - 10, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- C. RESOLUTION 2024 - 11 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 26 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Norris-Week read Resolution 2024 - 11 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2024 - 11.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024 - 11, Seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Selection of Vice Mayor

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to Select Vice Mayor Murvin as Vice Mayor, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to Select Mayor Babb as the Voting Delegate as on the form, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb announced the city installed a fishing cleaning station and requested the city add signage with at least two (2) more stations. He gave a brief list of upcoming events in the City of Pahokee and thanked everyone who came to the Prayer Walk.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas welcomed the newly elected officials and advised he had no report for tonight.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Norris-Weeks congratulated the newly elected commissioners.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Vice Mayor Murvin requested a workshop on project updates, addressing trucks within the city limits, selections of ZAP Board members, and having a Prayer Walk monthly.

Commissioner Boldin inquired if the city has signage addressing the trucks within city limits.

Mayor Babb requested a no-answering questions policy and to activate city boards

Commissioner McPherson thanked everyone who came out to vote and attended the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to add no-answering questions policy as a future agenda item, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to add re-establishing community boards as a future agenda item, Seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams. Mayor Babb called for questions.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to have a workshop addressing updates on projects, Seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to have a Monthly Prayer Walk, Seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion 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*)

Commissioner McPherson thanked everyone who voted and came to the commission meeting.

Commissioner Boldin advised this feels good.

Commissioner Cowan-Williams thanked everyone for their support, advised she was there for everyone, and she supporting any initiative to move the city forward.

Vice Mayor Murvin welcomed the newly elected commissioners and gave a brief explanation for requesting the Monthly Prayer Walk.

Mayor Babb thanked everyone who came to the commission meeting and advised the meeting was professional and productive.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner McPherson. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion 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 8:10 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk