



CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

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Monday, April 18, 2022

MINUTES

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on April 18, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 5:02 p.m.

A. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez

Interim City Manager Rodney Lucas

City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks

City Clerk Tijauna Warner

C. TOPIC

- 1. RESOLUTION 2022 – 05(b) (*Public Hearing*) A FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, ENTITLED “CHARTER OFFICERS”, SECTION 3.03, ENTITLED “REMOVAL”; TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF CITY MANAGER GREG THOMPSON AND OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON MATTERS RAISED BY PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05(A) PERTAINING TO THE TERMINATION OF THE CITY MANAGER WITH CAUSE.**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 05(b) into the record.

Public Hearing Opens 5:06 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed 5:06 p.m.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks asked if the attorney that's representing Mr. Thompson is present to come forward. No one was present to represent Mr. Thompson. She advised a written response was received on behalf of Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Norris-Weeks gave the background information on how the City got to this public hearing.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Section 3.03 Removal into the record.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks explained that the City Commission will be determining the final resolution today.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Written response of the City Manager to Resolution 2022 - 05(a) into the record.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Section 2-91 Qualifications into the record.

Mrs. Norris- Weeks explained base on the minutes that she received from the City Clerk, it appears there were a number of questions asked about the City Manager's application or resume that will be on file. That was not provide, this is a form of insubordination. Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised the City has a personnel manual which has a requirement in it, that employee's who are injured while performing their duties should make immediate report of injury to their immediate supervisor. In this case, Mr. Thompson immediate supervisor is the City Commission. The failure of an employee to report an on the job injury shall be ground for disciplinary actions. Mrs. Norris-Weeks explained she went back to review the tapes and there's no mention of retaliation. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Greg Thompson termination with cause.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 05(b), Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed (4-1)

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Babb, Commissioner Gonzalez, Vice Mayor Murvin

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

D. DISCUSSION, COMMENTS, CONCERNS

Commissioner Perez no comments.

Commissioner Gonzalez wants everyone to understand that nobody's perfect and that he doesn't like being lied to.

Commissioner Boldin expressed concerns about the fact that this ever happened. He questioned why we had a majority vote for Mr. Thompson to be the City Manager. Commissioner Boldin explained the City Commission's job to hire a strong City Manager that meets the qualifications.

Vice-Mayor Murvin no comment.

Mayor Babb advised the IG have several reports as far as an investigation.

E. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Boldin

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:13 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk