

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 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
Juan Gonzalez, Commissioner
Sara Perez, Commissioner

CITY STAFF:

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

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 (*arrived @ 6:24pm*)

Commissioner Sara Perez

City Manager Rodney D. Lucas

City Attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks

City Clerk Tijauna L. Warner

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

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)

Mr. Richard Brown (*resident*) suggested getting the meeting in order by escorting Robert Love, individuals, and even commissioners out after second warning.

Ms. Annie Ifill (*Healthier Glades*) presented upcoming events such as Healthy Homes Series, Youth Explosion, and Get Your Green On.

Ms. Luletha Sobers (*resident*) thanked the commission for the work that has been completed in East Lake Village and expressed concerns about affordable housing.

1. P.B.S.O. Quarterly Crime Stats - Lt. Adam Avey, Executive Officer - District 5

Lt. Adam Avey gave a brief update on crime in the Pahokee area, vehicle safety, reasons the parks were closed in Pahokee, Barfield Highway issues, and accidents in the Glades area.

Commissioner Gonzalez enters at 6:24pm.

2. Proclamation Congratulating Dwayne Dennard for Principal of the Year

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Dwayne Dennard Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Dwyane Dennard Proclamation, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Babb presented Mr. Dwayne Dennard with the proclamation for Principal of the Year.

3. Proclamation Congratulating Natasha Blake, New Branch Manager at Pahokee PNC Bank Branch

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Natasha Blake Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Natasha Blake Proclamation, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Mayor Babb called for questions.

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

Vice Mayor Murvin presented Ms. Natasha Blake with a proclamation congratulating her as branch manager.

4. March Business of the Month - Muck Tavern

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Certificate for Business of the Month to Muck Tavern into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Muck Tavern as March Business of the Month, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Boldin presented the certificate to Muck Tavern for March Business of the Month.

5. March Mayor's Golden Nail & Hammer (*Commercial*) - Miller's Investment Group

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Certificate for Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer Award to Miller's Investment Group into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Certificate for Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer Award to Miller's Investment Group, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Perez presented the Certificate for Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer Award to Miller's Investment Group.

6. March Mayor's Golden Nail & Hammer (*Residential*) - Lidia Caso

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Certificate for Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer Award to Lidia Caso into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Certificate for Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer Award to Lidia Caso with the correction of the address, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez presented the Certificate for Mayors Golden Nail and Hammer Award to Lidia Caso.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Consent Agenda Items, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Mayor Babb thanks staff, residents, and partners for participating in I Love Pahokee Day. He advised he attended the Mayor's Babb hosted by Palm beach County Homeless Coalition and it was a great event.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2023 - 15 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 15 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 15.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 15, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2023 - 16 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 19 TO RESOLUTION #2016-20 PERTAINING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY'S INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND EXHIBIT "A" OF THE COORDINATION OF ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 16 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 16.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 16, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

1. Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve City of Pahokee's Palm Beach County League of Cities Voting Delegate Form, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

2. Discussion and Directions for consolidating ARPA from two (2) years to one (1) year
Mr. Lucas asked the City Commission to consolidate the ARPA from two (2) years to one (1) year. A discussion ensued.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb congratulated the City's staff and all of the community partners for hosting a successful I Love Pahokee Day. Mayor Babb suggested creating a take home vehicle policy and an ordinance requiring department heads to live within the city limits.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Update - City Projects

Mr. Lucas required consensus to schedule a workshop with Treasurer Coast Regional Planning Council for annexation on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm and a Townhall Meeting on Financial Literacy on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. He followed up on citizens public comments over the last two (2) meetings in reference to East Lake Village, Parker Building, 179 Cypress, and Neat Grants Applications. Mr. Lucas informed everyone that he started infrastructure assessments with Mayor Babb and Mr. Joseph as well as advised the commission on upcoming luncheons/conferences, action plans/tasks to be completed, and outstanding items in progress. Also, Mr. Lucas announced upcoming events and meetings.

Commissioner Perez inquired about the contract with WGI. A discussion ensued. Ms. Adams and Mrs. Boule-Washington gave a brief update on city projects.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised she met with the City Manager, Ms. Adams, FDEP, and a staff member in terms of the marina moving in a good direction and using contractors on an emergency basis.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Mayor Babb to approve adding two (2) future agenda items 1.) a take home vehicle policy 2.) an ordinance requiring department heads to live within the City of Pahokee, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Commissioner Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming out tonight and congratulated everyone that receive an award at the meeting. He thanked PBSO for everything they do for our safety.

Commissioner Gonzalez advised he's having difficulties receiving public records request he submitted from certain individuals.

Commissioner Boldin had nothing to add.

Mayor Babb thanked the commission for working together.

Commissioner Perez inquired if there was any reason the city couldn't take the 35 acres that they own to build affordable housing. Mayor Babb advised that would be a great idea. A discussion ensued. Commissioner announced all the upcoming events in Spanish.

Vice Mayor Murvin gave her condolences to the two (2) families of the tragic accident from two (2) weeks ago and announced the upcoming Legends Breakfast on April 26th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tjiauna L. Warner, CMC, City Clerk