

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 24, 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  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:10 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 W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez (*via telephone*)

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Jongelene Adams, Director of Community Economic Development

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

Mr. Lucas requested adding Emergency Resolution 2023 - 68 to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve adding Emergency Resolution 2023 - 68 to the agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to table the Emergency Resolution 2023 - 68, Second by Commissioner Perez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion failed 2-3.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Motion passed 3-2 adding Emergency Resolution 2023 - 68.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

### 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 Thelma Freeman (*non-resident*), Loletha Kimes (*resident*), Shelia Williams (*resident*), Isabella McDonald (*resident*), Corey Wilkerson (*non-resident*), and Robert Love (*non-resident*).

1. Florida League of Cities John Land Years of Service Award Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.  
- Eryn Russell, Membership Programs Specialist

*Ms. Erin Russell presented Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr with the Florida League of Cities John Land Years of Service Award.*

2. Proclamation - Honoring Mr. Alvin "AJ" Johnson for 35 Years of Service

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Proclamation Honoring Mr. Alvin "AJ" Johnson for 35 Years of Service into the record.*

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the Proclamation Honoring Mr. Alvin "AJ" Johnson for 35 Years of Service, 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

*City Commission present Mr. Alvin "AJ" Johnson with the Proclamation Honoring him for 35 Years of Service.*

3. October Business of the Month - Riguez Barbershop

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read October Business of the Month Certificate into the record.

*Commissioner Boldin presented Riguez Barbership with the October Business of the Month Certificate.*

4. AECOM - Mr. Daniel J. Levy, P.G. and Dr. Byron Winston

*Mr. Levy and Dr. Winston presented information about AECOM to the City Commission and a discussion ensued.*

#### **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve consent agenda items, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to separate consent agenda items, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion failed (2-3).

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

1. October 10, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. RESOLUTION 2023 - 65 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PAHOKEE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2023 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 Commissioner Boldin to approve consent agenda items, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed (4-1).

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

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

None.

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## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE 2023 - 07 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26(F)(1) OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION" TO LIMIT DEBATE TO TWO MINUTES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A ONE (1) MINUTE REBUTTAL; AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26 (G)(1) ENTITLED "CITIZEN'S RIGHTS" TO PROHIBIT YIELDING TIME TO ANOTHER SPEAKER; RENUMBERING AND REORDERING AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris- Weeks read Ordinance 2023 - 07 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 2023 - 07.

Public Hearing Opened 8:18p.m.

Public Hearing Closed 8:19p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2023 - 07, 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

## I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2023 - 66 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.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 66 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 66.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 66, 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 - 67 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRANT AGREEMENT NO. L2104 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 67 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 67.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 67, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed (4-1).

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

Commissioner Gonzalez  
Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

- C. RESOLUTION 2023 – 68 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH H. KELLY MARINE LLC FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES PERTAINING TO MARINA DOCKS D, E AND F PURSUANT TO A CERTAIN CONSENT ORDER AND TEMPORARY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE AMENDMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL WORK TO BE PERFORMED CONSISTENT WITH EXHIBIT “1” HERETO AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 68 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 68.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 68, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. 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. Discussion and direction of AECOM Potential Proposal

Mayor Babb advised it will be discussed under the City Manager's Report.

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb thanked the Florida League of Cities for the John Land Years of Service Award and announced the Read for the Record.

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas asked for consenses for a Special Meeting to be schedule November 13, 2023 at 6:00pm. He gave a brief updated on Everglades Townhomes, marina floating docks repair, Glades Citizens Villas, swimming pool, and Capital Improvements.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

**N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

None.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez expressed concerns about receiving documents on the dais.

Commissioner Boldin thanked everyone for attending and watching the city's channel.

Vice Mayor Murvin congratulated Mayor Babb on receiving the Florida League of Cities John Land Years of Service Award. She inquired about the next step with blighted buildings and business upkeep.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks advised the properties receives liens and explained the process.

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Commissioner Perez expressed concerns about the process and wants the city to work with the owners.

**P. ADJOURN**

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk