

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Isabelle J. McDonald
Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Brenda L. Bryant, City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Isabelle J. McDonald

Commissioner Sanquetta Cowan-Williams at 6:07 PM

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Brenda L. Bryant, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Nylene Clarke, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to approve the agenda as printed. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

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

1. Presentation: Community Conversation About Recovery - Renard Bennett
2. Presentation: Consultant Services Final Report - Angela Reyes, AMBR-Owner of Angela Reyes, LLC

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 8, 2026 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to accept the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. RESOLUTION 2026-63 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; COMPUTING THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FORWARDING INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the ordinance was record. The City Manager provided an explanation and read the final millage and rolled back rate into the record.

Public hearing opened at 6:29 PM. Hearing no comment, the public hearing closed at 6:29 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2026-63. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2026-64 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA RELATING TO FINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND FUNDING OF THE FINAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,075,039.00, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the City Manager.

Public hearing opened at 6:32 PM. Hearing no comment, the public hearing closed at 6:32 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McDonald to accept Resolution 2026-64. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2026-46 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE UPDATED CITY FACILITIES RENTAL APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT, AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Note: Item was tabled by the City Commission on August 11, 2026 and updated by the City Manager.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the City Manager.

Commissioner McPherson moved to accept Resolution 2026-46, and it was duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McDonald to accept Resolution 2026-46, pending any necessary amendments as discussed. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

The original motion to accept Resolution 2026-46 passed with the amendments.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2026-59 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S 2026/2027 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE, AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the City Manager.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to adopt Resolution 2026-59. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed unanimously.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2026-60 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027, AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the City Manager.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McDonald to accept Resolution 2026-60. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2026-61 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TWENTY-FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the City Manager.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to adopt Resolution 2026-61. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed.

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

5. RESOLUTION 2026-62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A \$500 DONATION TO THE PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM TO SUPPORT THE TEAM’S ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND RELATED EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the City Manager.

Motion made by Vice Mayor McDonald to adopt Resolution 2026-62. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Cemetery Tree Farm Agreement
2. Cell Phone Tower Permits
3. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Report
4. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR) Report

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

O. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to have appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the next meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to have the City Manager research the cost of conducting a forensic audit, consistent with the consultant's recommendation, and place the matter on a future City Commission agenda for discussion, at a minimum. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed (4-1)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Mayor Babb, as a future agenda item, for the City Manager to have a workshop to discuss what direction the City will take for the marina restaurant, including whether to put it out for bid, operate it ourselves, or pursue a public-private partnership, and what direction to take so the City can begin generating revenue from the building. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor McDonald, as a future agenda item, to prepare to vote on who we're going to use for the vendor selection. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed (3-2).

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Vice Mayor McDonald, as a future agenda item, to have a calculation in place for the increase of City revenues. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed (4-1).

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams, as a future agenda item, to research what can be done to bring in revenue for the cemetery and review the revenue currently being generated to determine what can be done to avoid operating in the negative. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Scott to have a RFQ for a forensic audit prepared and brought back to the October 27, 2026 City Commission Meeting. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed (4-1).

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb

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

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

R. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk