

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 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 Lucas, Interim City Manager
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney
Lynne Ladner, Interim Finance/Human Resource Director

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

MINUTES

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

A. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Mayor Murvin lead the 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

Rodney Lucas, Interim City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

C. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Babb suggested adding the Centennial Committee to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to amend the agenda to add Centennial Committee to New Business, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- 1. Proclamation Commemorating Pahokee's 100th Anniversary** - Commissioner Melissa McKinlay

Commissioner Melissa McKinlay presented a Proclamation Commemorating Pahokee's 100th Anniversary.

- 2. Proclamation Commemorating Pahokee's 100th Anniversary** - Senator Gayle Harrell

State Senator Gayle Harrell presented a Proclamation Commemorating Pahokee's 100th Anniversary on behalf of the Florida Senate.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS – All Items on

Agenda (3 Minutes)

Mr. Thomas Bernard Murphy (resident) spoke about Pahokee's healing process and expressed how grateful he is for the changes the staff of the City of Pahokee is bringing to the citizens. He is grateful to finally see the city coming back to peace and every citizen coming together for special events.

Ms. Annie Ifill (Healthier Glades) shared information regarding a campaign that will be running to help out citizens with mental health issues, she requested permission to have the yard signs representing this campaign be delivered to the City and placed in front of City Hall, Entrance at 715, The Marina, and Parks and Recreation area. As well as, a couple of other activities that pertain to an event by the name of "Get your Green on".

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **March 18, 2022 Special City Commission Meeting**
2. **April 12, 2022 City Commission Meeting**
3. **April 18, 2022 Special City Commission Meeting**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin approval of Items E1-E3, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. ORDINANCE(S) & PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2022 - 02 (first reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26 ENTITLED “CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS GENERALLY” AND 2-29 ENTITLED “ORDER OF BUSINESS”; RENUMBERING AND REORDERING AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Ordinance 2022 - 02 in the record.

Mr. Lucas explains Ordinance 2022 - 02 to the Commission.

Public Hearing Opens at 6:29 pm

Public Hearing Closes at 6:29 pm

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to open discussion on Ordinance 2022 - 02 on the first reading, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Commissioner Gonzalez inquired about shorting the hours of the commission meetings and a discussion ensued regarding Ordinance 2022 - 02.

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to amend Ordinance 2022 - 02 to address changing the start time of the commission meeting to 6:00 pm, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for approval of Ordinance 2022 - 02 on the first reading, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

2. RESOLUTION(S):

A. RESOLUTION 2022 - 16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021–2022, SET FORTH IN COMPOSITE EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 16 into the record.

Ms. Ladner gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 16 to the Commission and Mr. Lucas gave a breakdown of the budget for upcoming events.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to open a discussion for Resolution 2022 - 16, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Commissioner Perez inquired about the donations for the events and a discussion ensued regarding the budget for previous and upcoming events.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for the approval of Resolution 2022 - 16, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CHANGE ORDER NO. 01 ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A".

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 17 into the record.

Ms. Adams gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 17 and recommended approving Resolution 2022 - 17. Mayor Babb inquired if there was a reason for this change order and a discussion ensued regarding the change order.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for approval of Resolution 2022 - 17, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

C. RESOLUTION 2022 - 18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING SIGNATORIES FOR VARIOUS BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AT PNC BANK, N.A.; FURTHER AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH PNC BANK, N.A.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 18 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 18.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to open a discussion on Resolution 2022 - 18, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Commissioner Perez inquired what has Mrs. Susan been doing in finance and a discussion ensued regarding Resolution 2022 - 18.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for approval of Resolution 2022 - 18, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

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

3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTATION:

- A. G.R.I.T.S. - Keren-Esther Hoskins, Chief Executive Officer Rise and Shine Christian Academy Inc.**

Ms. Keren-Esther Hoskins presented information on a scholarship program that goes by G.R.I.T.S, to help future students get certified within IT Programs, to help high school students with low-income statuses.

B. CareerSource activities in the Glades - Mr. Charles Duval

Mayor Babb announced Mr. Charles Duval was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb announced the City of Pahokee hosted the National Day of Prayer and Boys & Girls Forum held at Pahokee High School hosted by Delta Sorority both on the 5th of May. Also, there are two (2) potential developers looking to build a hotel at the Old City Hall site. We need to stay on top of that, they've put together a proposal to present.

I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas announced he will start bringing a monthly report which would include PBSO and Fire Rescue. He advised a response was sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to ask for a notice of appeal. We are in the process of bringing something to the commission through workshops. Mr. Lucas advised last week he received two (2) checks from Pahokee Housing Authority in lieu of taxes.

J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

K. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

L. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Centennial Committee - Dr. Patricia Wallace, Chair

Dr. Wallace thanked the City Commission and citizens for making Cinco De Mayo a successful event. It was well attended and the weather cooperated with us. Dr. Wallace announced Juneteenth which is scheduled for June 18, 2022 in the City of Pahokee and the City of Belle is celebrating on June 19, 2022.

M. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Murvin announced this week is Nurses Week, if you see them give them a hug and thank them.

Commissioner Perez had no comment.

Commissioner Boldin advised a big part of our success is trust and optimism.

Commissioner Gonzalez had no comment.

Mayor Babb thanked everyone for coming out.

N. ADJOURN (BY MOTION AND APPROVAL OF MAJORITY PRESENT)

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:02 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk