

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 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 6:06 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 @ 6:07pm

Commissioner Sara Perez @ 6:15pm

Rodney Lucas, Interim City Manager @ 6:13pm

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Mayor Babb requested adding the Centennial Committee to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for the approval of adding Centennial Committee to the agenda under Citizen Comments, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS – All Items on Agenda (3 Minutes)

Vice Mayor Murvin announced a Father's Day Brunch hosted by Boldin Community Impact on Saturday, June 18, 2022 in the Pahokee Elementary School Cafeteria starting at 11:00 am. Also, two (2) businesses opened in the City of Pahokee: one (1) Crown with Glory Hair Studio, and two (2) Empress Beauty.

Mayor Babb advised Ms. Lawanda Thomas Daycare inquired if the City is doing something for Father's Day.

E. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTATION:

Ms. Annie Ifill gave a brief update on Juneteenth activities such as Kids Corner, Pahokee Drumline, Gospel Performances, Zumba on the Lake, and Community on the Rise from 1:00pm - 8:00pm. Also, she expressed some concerns for PBSO for the safety of the event.

Mayor Babb thanked the Centennial Committee for everything they've done for the City of Pahokee.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 19 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING TO MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH

COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND CITY OF PAHOKEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. April 26, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for approval of Consent Agenda Items G1-G2, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. ORDINANCE(S) & PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2022 - 02 (second 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 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 2022 - 02.

Public Hearing Opens 6:25 pm

Public Hearing Closed 6:26 pm

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Ordinance 2022 - 02, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Mr. Lucas inquired would any consideration be given in reference to making some adjustments on order and a discussion ensued regarding Ordinance 2022 - 02.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve amending Ordinance 2022 -02 to include the City Manager's order of agenda, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION(S):

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 20 into the record.

Ms. Adams gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 20.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Resolution 2022 - 20, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Commissioner Perez inquired if the County was responsible for the cost and a discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 21 into the record.

Ms. Adams gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 21.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Resolution 2022 - 21, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- C. RESOLUTION 2022 - 22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 22 into the record.

Ms. Adams gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 22.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2022 - 22, Seconded by Vice Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- D. RESOLUTION 2022 - 23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT (G-1605) WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT).

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 23 into the record.

Ms. Adams gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 23.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2022 - 23, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- E. RESOLUTION 2022 - 24 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF PAHOKEE’S PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” HERETO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 24 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 24.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Resolution 2022 - 21, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Vice Mayor Murvin asked Mrs. Norris-Weeks should the Commission wait to approve this resolution and a discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

I. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb thanked the Centennial Committee for all the hard and diligent work they endured as well as for making it an enjoyable atmosphere for our citizens in memory of our 100-year celebration. Mayor Babb encouraged all our residents to come out to the Juneteenth celebration taking place on the lake at the Marina Campground this upcoming weekend. Mayor Babb also reported last week the Muck City Project had a Hall of Fame Banquet and Award Ceremony which the city supported by purchasing a table for staff to attend. One of our residents of the community, Hall of Famers was our own Ricky Jackson, Commissioners attended this event. We also had a Community Job Fair in order to be able to employ our citizens from within our own community and bring them onboard. We are always looking for the best-qualified employees to make sure our city excels as high as possible.

J. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas sought City Commission consensus to bring back the ARPA Spending Budget in a form of a resolution by July 8, 2022, showing how the money will be used over the next 2-year period with the assistance of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Lucas sought City Commission consensus to reopen the Marina up to daily vendors to sell on the lake Mondays – Saturdays, except during City events.

Mr. Lucas sought City Commission consensus to place a request for proposal for a financial advisor.

Mr. Lucas sought City Commission consensus to officially develop a City's Mission, Vision, Objective & Core Values; which we currently do not have anywhere in place.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief overview of the City's accomplishments.

- Offered the American Legion Post #414 a meeting space at the Harbor Master for a 6-month period. They will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month starting in July.
- The City held its first Town Hall Meeting on June 10, 2022 and it was a good turnout even with the rain.

Mr. Lucas reminded everyone of the upcoming holidays and events as well as informed everyone of the holidays in which City Hall will be closed.

K. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

L. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

M. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Florida League of Cities 96th Annual Conference Voting Delegate Information

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve to following as Voting Delegates: Mayor Babb as primary, Vice Mayor Murvin as secondary, and Commissioner Perez as alternate, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners Boldin thanked everyone for having a great meeting and meeting expectations.

Commissioner Perez thanked everyone for their support including the YouTube viewers and asked citizens to step up and be more involved. Also thanked the ARPA and Centennial Committee for the hard work and knowledge they put forward into our City.

Commissioner Gonzalez thanked everyone ahead of time for showing up and showing support for the City's Juneteenth Event this upcoming Saturday and advised to reach out to more vendors to participate in this event, as they are needed.

Vice Mayor Murvin congratulated a citizen of our community Joshua Brown for opening up his very own Funeral Home in Clewiston, Florida. Also, she thanked the staff of the City of Pahokee, especially Public Works Department. Vice Mayor Murvin advised Mr. Lucas to make sure that Public Works staff is taken care of with supplies to keep hydrated.

Mayor Babb reminded everyone to please stay safe and wear their mask at all times when in public per the County of Palm Beach.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.

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 7:27 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk