

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

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

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Michael E. Jackson, 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 6:10 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McPherson led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott
Michael E. Jackson, City Manager
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D. ADDITIONS OF EMERGENCY BASIS FROM CITY MANAGER, DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Deletion: Item two (2)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to keep the proclamation. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Scott; however, after discussion, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams rescinded the motion.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to delete item number two (2). Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to adopt the agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. 2025 Legislative Session Update/Presentation - Senator Gayle Harrell, Representative Meg Weinberger, and Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.
2. Proclamation - Honoring and Recognizing Dr. Pierre

F. CONSENT AGENDA

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2025-39 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, REAPPOINTING PATRICIA WALLACE TO THE ZONING/ADJUSTMENT/PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept Resolution 2025-39. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2025-40 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD TO FILL TWO UNEXPIRED TERMS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2025-40. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2025-47 RESOLUTION 2025-47 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE ZONING/ADJUSTMENT/PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2025-47. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2025-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR FUNDING OF CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept Resolution 2025-48. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Discussion of Empower Healthcare Incorporated's Letter - Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams

Clerk's Note: Mayor Babb recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. (See attached Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict)

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Bank statements for all city accounts for the past year

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams "to bring back, to look at how we can consider drafting a contract for Dr. Jinga renting 246 East Main Street". Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson; however, no vote was taken.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to have a workshop for Empowerment Healthcare to rent 246 East Main Street. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add to the maintenance schedule for the pool and splashpad to the next agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Q. ADJOURN

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk