

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 14, 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 Isabelle J. McDonald  
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.  
Commissioner James H. Scott

### **CHARTER OFFICERS:**

Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager  
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

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## AGENDA

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 (at 6:04 PM)

Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager

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

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

1. Proclamation - Recognizing October 20-26, 2025 as Florida City Week

2. Proclamation - Recognizing October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### 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)

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

### K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

### L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

### M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to bring back to a future agenda the discussion to withdraw the applications and review qualifications. Applications that have already been submitted will still be accepted. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed (4-1).

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson and duly seconded by Commissioner Scott, to bring back to the next meeting the discussion of the audit findings and recommendations. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McPherson amended his motion to have the Interim City Manager to bring back what she has, for discussion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to bring back any files or information related to the hotel search. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to add the consideration for monthly expenditures being provided to the City Commission. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

In response to correspondence received from County Commissioner Baxter's office regarding residents' concerns, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams made a motion to have the Interim City Manager draft a letter outlining the City Commission's top three (3) priorities for which the County can provide assistance and expressing the City's interest in partnering with the County. The draft letter will be brought back on a future agenda for Commission review and input. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

Following a donation request via public comment, Commissioner Scott moved to place the request from Corey Wilkerson (LETCO) on a future agenda for Commission consideration. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

**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 McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

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Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk