

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Monday, November 07, 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 D. Lucas, City Manager
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney
Vacant, Finance/Human Resources Director

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:10 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was led by Vice Mayor Murvin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Sara Perez

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Candace Cobb, Acting City Attorney via phone at 7:03 PM

Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant (Acting City Clerk)

ABSENT

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the addition of Yvette Branch - Homeless Coalition presentation. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

(This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to speak. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. A public comment card should be completed and returned to the City Clerk. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium or unmute your device, and prior to addressing the Commission, state your name and address for the record)

1. Dr. Jinga Oglesby-Brihm - Update on Empower Healthcare

Dr. Jinga Oglesby-Brihm announced that her organization is the winner of the American Heart Association contest and provided an update on Empower Healthcare.

2. Proclamation - Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges Day

No recipient was present; therefore, Mayor Babb moved to the next item.

3. Proclamation - Purple Heart Recipients

The proclamation was read into the record by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the proclamation for the Purple Heart Recipients. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

4. Proclamation - Veterans Day

The proclamation was read into the record by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the proclamation for Veterans Day. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

5. Proclamation - Richard (Captain Tadpole) Brown

The proclamation was read into the record by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the proclamation for Richard "Captain Tadpole" Brown. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Lucas led the City Commission in presenting the proclamation to Mr. Richard Brown.

6. Yvette Branch advised she is with Gulfstream Goodwill and provided a presentation on the homeless response within the City of Pahokee. Discussion ensued.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. October 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

G. OLD BUSINESS:

(Discussion of existing activities or previously held events, if any)

1. Update - City Projects

Peggy Boule-Washington, Director of Community & Economic Development, discussed upcoming events and provided an update on City projects. Discussion ensued.

H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. ORDINANCE 2022 - 03 (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.

The ordinance was read into the record by the Ms. Clarke and explained by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to amend section (e) of Ordinance 2022-03, to end the meetings no later than 10:00 PM. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed 3-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Boldin

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 PM for public comment. Hearing none, it closed at 7:32 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Ordinance 2022 - 03 (Second Reading) with the amendment to end the meetings no later than 10:00 PM. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 53 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record by Ms. Clarke and explained by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022 - 53. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

Per Mayor Babb's request, Ms. Clarke read the appointees into the record, as listed on the resolution.

2. RESOLUTION 2022 - 55 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE FROM WASTE HAULER BIG DOG EXPRESS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", FOR STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 TO OCTOBER 14, 2022 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Perez recused herself from this item, due to a conflict of interest (see attached Form 8B), and voluntarily exited the meeting for the discussion of the item.

The resolution was read into the record by Ms. Clarke and explained by Mr. Lucas.
Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022 - 55. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Perez

3. RESOLUTION 2022 - 56 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SPEND \$56,000.00 ON SPECIFIED WINTER SIGNATURE EVENTS AND HOLIDAY DÉCOR FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record by Ms. Clarke and explained by Mr. Lucas.
Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022 - 56. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2022 - 57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REPAIR OF THE PORT MAYACA CEMETERY BACKHOE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,916.03 TO KELLY TRACTOR CO.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record by Ms. Clarke and explained by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 57. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed unanimously.

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

J. NEW BUSINESS:

(Conversation about an activity or event upcoming, if any)

None.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb encouraged all to exercise their right to vote on November 8, 2022. He congratulated the Pahokee Blue Devils on being the Muck Bowl Champions, and discussed various items throughout the City.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas discussed pending items and outstanding items. Discussion ensued.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Boldin expressed excitement for the Muck Bowl weekend events.

Commissioner Perez congratulated the Pahokee Blue Devils on their win.

Vice Mayor Murvin echoed Commission Boldin's and Commissioner Perez's sentiments and commented regarding the Parks & Recreation roof. Discussion ensued.

O. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

(Community events, feel good announcements)

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add (1) discussion for the City to install log cabins at the marina and (2) discussion for an amphitheater to the next agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk