

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 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  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:04 PM.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez (exited the meeting at 7:47 PM)

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney

Nylene Clarke, Deputy Clerk

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the addition of John Wilson's update on the Everglades Townhomes project, Rosso Site Development, and a Capital Improvement report by Ms. Adams. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

Public comments were provided by Tracey Johnson, Tanzaneria Allen, Annie Ifill (representing Healthier Glades), Dr. Jinga (representing Empower Healthcare), Robert Love, Tammy Bussey, Corey Wilkerson, and Trevor Wallace.

Tom Pastore, representative of Rosso Site Development, provided an update on Barfield Highway. Discussion ensued.

Former Commissioner John Wilson provided an update on Everglades Townhomes. Discussion ensued.

Jongelene Adams, Director of Community & Economic Development, provided an update of Capital Improvement Projects and City events. Discussion ensued.

#### 1. 2021 Audit - HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC

Roderick Harvey, partner of HCT, presented the September 30, 2021 Audit Report. Discussion ensued.

#### 2. PBSO Crime Statistics - Lt. Avey

Lieutenant Avey provided an update on crime statistics for 2023. Discussion ensued.

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**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. December 12, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. December 27, 2023 City Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

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

1. Chamber of Commerce (Central, Black, & Belle Glade)

Mr. Lucas provided an update on the item. Discussion ensued.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES**

1. ORDINANCE 2023 - 08 (*second reading*) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The ordinance was read into the record by Attorney Norris-Weeks and explained by Mr. Lucas. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to table Ordinance 2023-08 (Second Reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and failed 1-3.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez

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

(Clerk's note: Commissioner Perez exited the meeting before voting.)

Public hearing opened for public comment at 7:58 PM.

Sanquetta Cowan commented in support of Ordinance 2023-08.

Hearing no additional comments, public hearing closed at 7:59 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Ordinance 2023-08 (Second Reading). Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed 3-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2024 - 01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MODIFIED LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE AGREEMENT #500224016, BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution was read into the record by Attorney Norris-Weeks and explained by Mr. Lucas.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2024-01 with the recommendation from the City Manager that if anything comes up, he'll negotiate with the State. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez

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

Deferred to Report of the City Manager.

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Motion made by Mayor Babb to appoint Eleanor J. Babb to the Pahokee Housing Authority Board. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas provided various updates and announced upcoming events. Discussion ensued.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Norris-Weeks discussed a recent letter from the OIG and announce an Executive Closed Door Session on February 13, 2024 at approximately 5:30 PM. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to add discussion for surveillance at parks, including the marina. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to add update from Marcia Andrews to the second meeting in February, to give an update on area schools. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

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

Each present commissioner provided their respective comment(s). Discussion ensued.

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Deputy Clerk