

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 06, 2026, 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

AGENDA

A. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams (via phone)

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager

Chan Bryant Abney, Acting City Attorney

Nylene Clarke, City Clerk

ABSENT

Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to allow Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to participate by phone. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

C. TOPIC

1. RESOLUTION 2026-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S ANNUAL MLK PARADE AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A PARADE PERMIT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2026-01. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2026-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026 CITY COMMISSION MEETING; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2026-02. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2026-03 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SECURE A FIREWORKS VENDOR FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE'S JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FOR AN

AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00); PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams moved to “table this event and it comes back on the agenda as a regular scheduled item”. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner McPherson moved to accept Resolution 2026-03 and inquired if the word "emergency" could be removed. Discussion ensued; however, there was no second.

Motion made by Commissioner Scott to accept Resolution 2026-03. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed (3-1).

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson 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 6:30 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk