

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 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 6:05 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Merrill Noel 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

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney at 6:06 PM

Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant (Acting City Clerk)

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution 2022-50, and to move item E, numbers 1-2 to the October 25, 2022 agenda. 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.

Felicia Duce, Outreach Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity, announced the three (3) groundbreaking in the City of Pahokee, and requested permission to leave flyers for their home ownership program and home repairs.

Shantoria McKay requested help regarding her missing child, Johnny Worthen.

Sergeant Mike Lanier followed up on Shantoria McKay's comment. Discussion ensued.

Sharon Colvin commented regarding the scoreboard unveiling, requested for the events to be posted, and requested to have former Attorney Brandenburg's sign board.

Pastor Merrill Noel commented regarding being courteous and respectful when addressing the Mayor.

Tiara Hunter commented regarding Johnny Worthen, and placing cameras in the parks and other areas.

Dr. Jinga Oglesby-Brihm, CEO of Empower Healthcare, Inc., requested help with an initiative with the American Heart Association.

Terrance Davis provided information regarding his political campaign and commented regarding the missing person.

Item E, numbers 1-2, were tabled until the next meeting.

1. Palm Beach County School District Status update on the local schools - Marcia Andrews, School Board Member and Angela Avery-Moore, Area Superintendent of Schools and area Principals
2. Village of the Glades – Pahokee: Homeless/Covid Shelter, Senior Director Yvette Branch
3. Storm of 1928 Proclamation - Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Storm of 1928 Proclamation for Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Babb led the Commission in presenting the proclamation.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to name September 16th as Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges Day. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez.

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

4. City of Stuart - Storm of 1928 Proclamation

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve City of Stuart - Storm of 1928 Proclamation. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

5. Riquna "Bay Bay" Williams Proclamation

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the proclamation for Riquna "Bay Bay" Williams. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Babb led the Commission in presenting the proclamation to a family member of Riquna Williams.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to name the basketball court at the MLK Jr. Park after Riquna "Bay Bay" Williams. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and passed unanimously.

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

6. Proclamation - Honoring County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay

(Not present)

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Proclamation Honoring County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay. Duly Seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

7. Proclamation - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Attorney Norris-Weeks read the proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Duly seconded by Commissioner Perez and approved unanimously.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 27, 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 Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

G. OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of existing activities or previously held events, if any

1. City Project Updates

Mrs. Boule-Washington provided an update on the upcoming City events and projects.

Ms. Adams provided an update on upcoming RFPs and ITBs.

Sergeant Mike Lanier discussed the sidewalk vandalism and provided education to the community that it is a felony to do so. Discussion ensued.

James Washington, Rosso Site Development, provided an update on Barfield Highway and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2022 - 44 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-44 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution, and Robert Audette answered questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022-44. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 45 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 10 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM#

442030-01-54-1, BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-45 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022-45. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

- C. RESOLUTION 2022 - 46 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 11 TO RESOLUTION #2016-20 PERTAINING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY’S INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND EXHIBIT “A” OF THE COORDINATION OF ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-46 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution, and Ms. Adams and Mr. Audette answered questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022-46. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

- D. RESOLUTION 2022 - 47 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 12 TO RESOLUTION #2016-20 PERTAINING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY’S INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND EXHIBIT “A” OF THE COORDINATION OF ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-47 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution, and Mr. Audette answered questions.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022-47. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

- E. RESOLUTION 2022 - 48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING TWO NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION GRANTS (NEAT) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000,00) FOR MLK AND COMMISSIONERS PARK IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-48 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution. Ms. Adams and Mrs. Boule-Washington answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-48. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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

- F. RESOLUTION 2022 - 49 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENTAL OF CERTAIN MARINA SITES PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-49 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution, and Attorney Norris-Weeks explained the purpose of the agreement. Discussion ensued.

Pastor Merrill Noel provided information on the event.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-49. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

- G. RESOLUTION 2022 - 50 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE LAWN CARE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUN_JACK LAWN MAI, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", AND FURTHER RATIFYING ADDITIONAL LAWN CARE WORK PERFORMED FOR OLD PIONEER PARK CEMETERY FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-50 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-50. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

J. NEW BUSINESS:

Conversation about an activity or event upcoming, if any

None.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Babb discussed the unemployment rate in the Glades, hiring locally, Johnny Worthen, the open house at 354 Rardin Ave, and recent events that he participated in.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas provided an update on outstanding items, upcoming events, and City vacancies. Discussion ensued.

By consensus of the City Commission, the November 8, 2022 Commission Meeting was rescheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Norris-Weeks reminded the City Commission that they are required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics Training, provided clarity for the City Manager's spending authority, per the City's Code of Ordinances, and provided clarity regarding a public comment.

Mayor Babb requested follow up with the Charter review process. Discussion ensued.

N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Murvin announced Muck Tavern's hiring event and requested the status of the Chamber of Commerce's confirmation in handling the Christmas Parade. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to turn the Christmas Parade over to the Centennial Committee. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to name the football field after Rickey Jackson. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to place a plaque or signage that the bleachers were sponsored by Anquan Boldin. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Perez discussed the condition of the City Commission and Johnny Worthen.

Commissioner Boldin commented regarding Johnny Worthen, the timeframe in receiving the agendas, and conflict management.

Commissioner Gonzalez commented regarding Johnny Worthen. Discussion ensued.

O. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Community events, feel good announcements

None.

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

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

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk