

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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
Sanquetta Cowan-Williams, Commissioner
Everett D. McPherson, Sr., Commissioner

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Michael E. Jackson, Interim City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:02 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 Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Michael E. Jackson, Interim City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept the agenda as presented. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Glades Regional Office: Introduction of Pahokee Leadership and Second Semester Updates - Angela Moore, Glades Regional Superintendent

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 14, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. RESOLUTION 2025-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH 11, 2025 CITY COMMISSION MEETING; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

1. Update - City Projects

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2025-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE ZONING/ADJUSTMENT/ PLANNING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2025-06. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

2. RESOLUTION 2025-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SECURE EMERGENCY LOBBYING SERVICES FROM _____ AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN _____, AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Presentations were provided by the following lobbyists: Pittman Law Group, Sunrise Consulting Group, and Becker & Poliakoff.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to pay \$7,000. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Vice Mayor Murvin removed her second.

Commissioner Cowan-Williams amended her motion to pay the lobbyist an amount not to exceed \$9,000/month. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams to "table the amount until we discuss the firm". Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Becker & Poliakoff. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin for \$7,500/month. Duly seconded by Commissioner Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

3. RESOLUTION 2025-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL E. JACKSON TO BECOME THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A".

A motion was made by Commissioner Boldin to accept Resolution 2025-08 and duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.

Commissioner McPherson amended the motion to add language to establish that "the City Manager shall provide to the City Commission an annual accounting of all accrued sick and vacation time no later than December 31st of each year", as the new paragraph five. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed.

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

The motion to accept Resolution 2025-08 with the amendments, passed 3-2.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin
Voting Nay: Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

4. RESOLUTION 2025-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE INVOICE FROM BIG DOG EXPRESS OF SOUTH FLORIDA INC., FOR HURRICANE MILTON DEBRIS REMOVAL, FOR THE INVOICES

ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”, AND FURTHER RATIFYING STORM
DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM OCTOBER 12, 2024 TO OCTOBER 21, 2024;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to accept Resolution 2025-09. Duly seconded
by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

- 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**
- O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** (*items not on the agenda*)
- P. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** (*community events, feel good announcements, if any*)
- Q. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by
Commissioner Boldin and passed 4-1.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Cowan-
Williams

Voting Nay: Commissioner McPherson

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk