

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 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. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr. (at 6:11 PM)
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott
Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney
Nohemi Polanco, Acting City Clerk

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

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

1. Proclamation - March 9-15, 2026 as Flood Awareness Week
2. Proclamation - March 2026 as Florida Bicycle Month
3. Proclamation - March 2026 as Let's Move Palm Beach County Month

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 10, 2026 City Commission Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Mayor Babb to approve the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

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

1. McClure Road Project Update

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2026-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SIGNATORIES FOR VARIOUS BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AT PNC BANK, N.A; REMOVING JOSEPH R. MARTIN AS A SIGNATORY; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPORT WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND WITH PNC BANKING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2026-06. Duly seconded by Commissioner McDonald and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Presentation of List: Proposed Use of Surtax Funds for 2026

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to bring all contracts back to the next Commission Meeting, to review them before they expire. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to start the interviewing process on March 24th. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to follow up on the Partnership with UNCF. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to identify an event or activity that we can use to recognize and congratulate women in our community, in observance of Women's History Month. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add to a future agenda, reopening the City Manager posting for an additional 60 days to allow others an opportunity to apply and/or directing HR to contact previously interviewed applicants who may not be aware that they did not have to reapply or resubmit an application if they already had one on file for the City Manager position, in order to allow them the opportunity to be interviewed as an option. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to withdraw the application. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mayor Babb's original motion failed (1-4).

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add to a future agenda, a budget amendment to ensure funds are properly allocated for the finance consultant assisting with the audit and the necessary amendment regarding the grant writer position. Duly seconded by Commissioner McDonald and passed unanimously.

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

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 Commissioner McDonald to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk