



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, February 22, 2022

MINUTES

Keith W. Babb, Jr. **Mayor** | Regina Bohlen **Vice-Mayor**
Greg Thompson **City Manager** | Tijauna Warner **City Clerk** | Gary Brandenburg **City Attorney**
Commissioners: Juan Gonzalez | Clara "Tasha" Murvin | Sara Perez

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on February 22, 2022.

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

A. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice-Mayor Regina Bohlen
Commissioner Juan Gonzalez
Commissioner Clara Murvin
Commissioner Sara Perez
Mayor Keith Babb

City Manager Greg Thompson
Acting City Attorney Gemma Torcivia
City Clerk Tijauna Warner

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

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to move Item G3(C) to the top of the agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to move Items G3 up on the agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

G. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTATION:

A. Proclamation - Isabel Teves McKinstry

Attorney Gemma Torcivia read Isabel Teves McKinstry Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to approve Isabel Teves McKinstry Proclamation, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

Mayor Babb and the City Commission presented the proclamation to Isabel Teves McKinstry.

B. Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation

Jennifer Cirillo and Rob presented the upcoming Pahokee Area Project. Palm Beach County has allocated the following amounts for Duncan Padgett Park, \$235,000 for Picnic Pavilion, \$750,000 for Multipurpose Field Conversion, \$270,000 for Restroom Replacement, and \$270,000 for Restroom Replacement at Triangle Park.

C. Western Cities Athletic League - Ronald Osborne (*not present*)

D. Centennial Committee - Chair Dr. Patricia Wallace

Ms. Ifill announced that the Centennial Parade will be held on March 4, 2022, starting at 5:00 pm, lining up in front of Pahokee High School. She gave a brief update on the Centennial Events and donations received as of today. She requested the City Clerk receive the names of anyone that needs to be recognized at the Centennial Event.

Ms. Cowan advised that the Centennial Gala is moving along very well. Yet, she's requesting that the City Commission assist with selling tickets for the Gala.

Ms. Ifill informed everyone that they're still looking for vendors, entertainment, and activities. She thanks Commissioner Gonzalez for taking lead in the car show.

Ms. Cowan advised that the T-Shirt Contest is being tallied up at this time.

Commissioner Murvin inquired why the City isn't funding the Centennial Events. She examples her concerns of not raising enough funds to fund the Centennial Event. Discussion ensued regarding funding for Centennial Events.

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to increase the Centennial Budget up to \$50,000, Seconded by Mayor Babb. Motion failed (2-3) Voting Yea: Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb Voting Nay: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzalez to increase the Centennial Budget up to \$35,000, Seconded by Mayor Babb. Motion passed (3-2) Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb
Voting Nay: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Perez

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to approve payment of the \$2,340.00 invoice from Centennial Budget, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (3-2) Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb Voting Nay: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Perez

E. Second Chance - Mr. William Freeman (*not present*)

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS – All Items on Agenda (3 Minutes)

Richard Brown expressed concerns about City Manager's coffee mug being racist.

Otis Harvey, Jr. expressed concerns with the City Commission's decorum and professionalism.

Sanquetta Cowan had questions and concerns that she addressed towards the City Manager and City Commission.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to approve E1-E7 Minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

1. August 24, 2021 City Commission Minutes

2. September 15, 2021 City Commission Minutes

3. September 28, 2021 City Commission Minutes
4. October 12, 2021 City Commission Minutes
5. October 26, 2021 City Commission Minutes
6. November 10, 2021 City Commission Minutes
7. December 14, 2021 City Commission Minutes

F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. ORDINANCE(S) & PUBLIC HEARING: None.
2. RESOLUTION(S):

- A. RESOLUTION 2022 -04** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUTUAL USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Attorney Gemma Torcivia read Resolution 2022-04 into the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to approve Item Resolution 2022-04, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

H. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Greg Thompson gave a brief overview of upcoming projects in the City of Pahokee.

I. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Gemma Torcivia thanks the City Commission for allowing her to be here tonight.

Mayor Babb asked Ms. Gemma Torcivia if she'll be willing to be at the next meeting if we don't have legal representation. Ms. Torcivia agreed to be here.

J. OLD BUSINESS: None.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 4th of July Celebration**

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to approve increasing the 4th of July Budget to \$25,000, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

- 2. ZAP Board**

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to approve advertising the vacant position for the ZAP Board, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Babb requested having an ARPA Citizen Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the City Commission. Discussion ensued regarding establishing the ARPA Citizen Advisory Committee.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to approve creating an ARPA Advisory Committee, Seconded by Commissioner Murvin. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

Mayor Babb requested grandfathering existing business without parking lots ordinance that was created a couple of years away. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Babb requested the City Manager move forward with getting information for the annexation of Doveland, Padgett Island, Sugarcane Villas, etc... Discussion ensued regarding annexation.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to begin the process of annexation of adjacent properties, Second by Commissioner Murvin. Vice-Mayor Bohlen motion to modify the motion to Phase 1 of gathering information on the annexation of adjacent properties and coming back for Phase 2, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

Commissioner Gonzalez thanks everyone for their professionalism.

Vice Mayor thanks everyone for coming out tonight.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to stream Commission Meetings in Spanish, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Commissioner Gonzalez motion to modify the motion to stream Commission Meetings in Spanish and Creole. Second by Vice-Mayor Bohlen Motion passed (5-0) Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to conduct a quarterly business workshop, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Commissioner Murvin motion to modify the motion to add workshops back to the commission meeting, Seconded by Mayor Babb. Motion failed (2-3) Voting Yea: Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb Voting Nay: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez Voting Nay: Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb

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

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion passed (4-1) Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb Absent: Commissioner Gonzalez

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk