

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 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

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
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 (via phone)
Chan Bryant Abney, Acting City Attorney
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept the agenda as printed. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Presentation - Mr. John Boone, Director of Marine Operations of Blue Ops - A RedCat Company

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. December 9, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes
2. January 6, 2026 City Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams 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. Discussion and Direction: Commissioner Rotation for Business of the Quarter and Lawn of the Month
2. Status Update on the 2023–2024 State Audit

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2026-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026) FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 SET AS FORTH

IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner McDonald moved to adopt Resolution 2026-04 with Option #3, and it was duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson.

Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams moved to amend the motion to have one meeting in November (November 10, 2026) and one meeting in December (December 8, 2026). Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed 3-2.

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

The original motion with the amendment 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*)

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

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add to a future agenda reopening the application process for the City Manager position for a minimum of 60 days. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and failed (2-3).

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams

Voting Nay: Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to add to a future agenda confirming the current Interim City Manager, Tammy Bussey, as the permanent City Manager. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and failed (2-3).

Voting Yea: Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner Scott

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to add to a future agenda a workshop to discuss the process of hiring a city manager and reviewing the applications. Duly seconded by Mayor Babb and passed (4-1).

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott moved to add to a future agenda to allow the Interim City Manager to reach out to a different law firm to go after the \$3.7 million. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and the City attorney provided legal clarification.

The final agreed-upon motion, "add to a future agenda the steps needed to pursue litigation regarding the funds that have been misappropriated", 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*)

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to add as a future agenda item the consideration of a partnership with the United Negro College Fund. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

Q. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by
Commissioner McPherson 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 8:24 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk