

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 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 Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Michael E. Jackson, 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 6:01 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Michael E. Jackson, City Manager

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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 Boldin and passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Proclamation - Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day
2. Proclamations Recognizing Students for Earning a Level 5 on State Assessments (2023–2024)

Pahokee Elementary IB World School:

Alijah Cunningham – ELA, Math & Science

Nelson Figueroa – ELA & Math

Cameron Hilton – ELA & Math

Samaria Howard – ELA & Math

Christian Howze – ELA & Math

Taylor Wells – ELA & Math

K.E. Cunningham / Canal Point Elementary:

Sara Cid – ELA & Math

Carter Hill – ELA & Math

Jerkevious Woods – ELA & Math

Pahokee Middle Senior High (IB World School):

Joshua Alvarez – ELA & Math

Randy Arredondo – ELA & Math

William Baltazar – Biology, ELA & Geometry EOC

Xyllah Gibson – ELA & Math

Alfonso Orozco – ELA, Math & Civics

Kate Paniagua – ELA, Geometry & Civics

David Roa – ELA & U.S. History

Brandon Watson – ELA & Math

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. May 13, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

1. Update - City Projects
2. Follow-Up Discussion on Resolution 2025-29 – Independence Day Fireworks Display

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to prepare for next year versus this year for fireworks and to start getting quotes for next year due to the cost. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed 4-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Boldin

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

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

1. Discussion and direction for a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting by June 24, 2025 - Commissioner McPherson

Following the discussion, the City Attorney suggested June 17, 2025, as the date for her to administer a board training.

2. Discussion and direction for cancellation of July 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting – City Commission Summer Recess (To bring back to June 10th Meeting if conceptually agreed upon)

The City Commission conceptually agreed to cancel the July 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting to allow for summer recess. A resolution will be brought back for formal action at the June 10, 2025 Meeting.

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Update on request for HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants LLC to provide audit(s) update

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Commissioner Scott to have a street naming policy in place that can be brought back to the commission for consideration. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-

Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Scott for discussion and direction to give Parks and Recreation \$25,000. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Scott moved that the City Commission authorize the filing of a civil lawsuit for the misappropriation of City assets against Chandler Williamson, Rodney Lucas, Jongelene Adams, and Greg Thompson. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. The City Attorney requested to speak with Commissioner Scott offline to discuss the matter further. After brief deliberation, Commissioner Scott agreed to defer action. The Commission took no further action on the motion at this time.

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 Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk