

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 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  
Juan Gonzalez, Commissioner  
Sara Perez, Commissioner

#### **CITY STAFF:**

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager  
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Vacant, Finance/Human Resources Director

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

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## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:08 PM.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Merrill Noel 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 Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez at 6:34 PM

Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney (via telephone)

Nylene Clarke, Executive Assistant (Acting City Clerk)

### D. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to accept the agenda as presented, and to move item E, numbers 1-5, to the October 11, 2022 agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

*This section of the agenda allows for comments from the public to speak. Each speaker will be given a total of three (3) minutes to comment. A public comment card should be completed and returned to the City Clerk. When you are called to speak, please go to the podium or unmute your device, and prior to addressing the Commission, state your name and address for the record.*

Regina Bohlen expressed concern regarding the City having a meeting during a hurricane warning.

Sharon Colvin reiterated her comment from the last meeting regarding a sign being removed.

Everett McPherson, Sr. requested the status of the ARPA funds, the vacancies in the City, and the opening of the Marina restaurant.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to place former City Attorney Brandenburg's name on the sign. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and failed 3-1.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin

Item E, numbers 1-5, were tabled until the next meeting.

1. Palm Beach County School District Status update on the local schools - Marcia Andrews, School Board Member and Angela Avery-Moore, Area Superintendent of Schools and area Principals

2. Village of the Glades – Pahokee: Homeless/Covid Shelter, Senior Director Yvette Branch
3. Storm of 1928 Proclamation - Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges
4. City of Stuart - Storm of 1928 Proclamation
5. Riquana "Bay Bay" Williams Proclamation

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. July 26, 2022 Workshop Minutes
2. July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. August 9, 2022 Workshop Minutes
4. August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
5. September 9, 2022 Workshop Minutes
6. September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve the Consent Agenda, items 1-6. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and unanimously approved.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

*Discussion of existing activities or previously held events, if any.*

None.

**H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 36 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; COMPUTING THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-36 into record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of the resolution. He stated for the records that the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 proposed millage is 6.5419 and the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 rolled-back rate is 6.1617.

Public Hearing opened at 6:26 PM for public comment. Hearing none, it closed at 6:26 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-36. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez

2. RESOLUTION 2022 - 37 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA RELATING TO FINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND FUNDING OF THE FINAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,638,585.00, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-37 into record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of Resolution 2022-37.

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 PM for public comment.

Regina Bohlen advised she requested a line-item breakdown of the budget, at the last meeting, and expressed concern regarding the budget.

Everett McPherson, Sr. provided comments not related to the budget, but regarding integrity.

Public Hearing closed at 6:39 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to postpone Resolution 2022-37 until another day. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and failed by a 2-3 vote.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Voting Nay: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-37. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed by 3-2 vote.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

## 9. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION - 38 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AS SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-38 into the record.

Mr. Lucas announced the proposed holidays as indicated on the resolution. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-38. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 39 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PAHOKEE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2022 HOMECOMING PARADE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR THE PARADE FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-39 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of Resolution 2022-39.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022-39. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- C. RESOLUTION 2022 - 40 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.7 TO RESOLUTION #2016-20 PERTAINING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND EXHIBIT "A" OF THE COORDINATION OF ROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-40 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of Resolution 2022-40 and Ms. Adams answered questions regarding the item.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-40. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- D. RESOLUTION 2022 - 41 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 8 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), CONTRACT G-1753, FM# 442030-01-54-1, BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-41 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of Resolution 2022-41 and Ms. Adams answered questions regarding the item.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-41. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- E. RESOLUTION 2022 - 42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE SEVENTEENTH ADDENDUM TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND RICK L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-42 into the record.

Mr. Lucas provided a brief overview of Resolution 2022-42.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022-42. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- F. RESOLUTION 2022 - 43 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN “2” SBW & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR PHASE I FOR THE REPLACEMENT & INSTALLATION OF NEW SIDEWALKS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022-43 into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022-43. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed 4-1.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

#### **J. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Conversation about an activity or event upcoming, if any.*

1. Discussion and direction from City Commission on Signature Series Events (*Start a 3-year commitment to bring major events to the Marina*)

Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the item.

Mrs. Boule-Washington, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the FY 2022-2023 City Events and took suggestions as presented.

Pastor Merrill Noel discussed the event that he would like to bring to the City.

2. City Project Updates

Mrs. Boule-Washington provided an update on the Neat Grants for MLK Jr. Park and Commissioner's Park.

Ms. Adams provided an update on the following: Barfield Highway Reconstruction, FDOT Phase VI of the Resurfacing of the Streets, Phase I and II for Sidewalk Improvements, McClure Reconstruction Project, MLK Jr. Park Improvement Project, East Lake Village Storm Water Improvement Project, and Project 647 - Old House Bacom Point Road.

Mr. Lucas provided an update on the opening of Muck Tavern.

#### **H. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb provided information regarding the storm and advised the City of Pahokee will be closed on September 28, 2022.

#### **I. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion and Direction

Mrs. Boule-Washington advised the ARPA Committee met on September 23, 2022 and look forward to presenting at the next Commission Meeting, if it is the pleasure of the Commission.

Eduardo Bernal shared comments regarding the priority items.

Mrs. Boule-Washington provided clarity regarding Mr. Bernal's statements.

**J. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Norris-Weeks requested permission to dismiss the case regarding the recall committee.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to dismiss the case for Regina Bohlen vs. the Recall Committee. Duly seconded by Commissioner Boldin and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

1. Discussion and direction of Ordinance 2019 - 02

None.

**K. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gonzalez encouraged everyone to be safe during the hurricane.

Vice Mayor Murvin discussed the emails sent to the State by some of the residents.

**L. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Community events, feel good announcements*

None.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk