

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney
Joseph R. Martin, Interim Director of Finance

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:21 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb
Vice Mayor Clara Murvin
Commissioner Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Juan Gonzalez
Commissioner Sara Perez
Rodney D. Lucas, City Manager
Burnadette Norris- Weeks, City Attorney
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Mr. Lucas requested adding Resolution 2023 - 61 to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve adding Resolution 2023-61, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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)

Ms. Vaughn Jones (*resident*) inquired about the status of her ARPA Application. Ms. Jones yield her remaining time to Mr. Robert Love. Mr. Love expressed concerns with the excessive presence of PBSO at the pervious commission meeting and someone placing oil on the chairs in the commission chamber.

Mr. Robert Love (*non-resident*) expressed concerns with the city manager's behavior and actions.

Ms. Irma Shannon (*resident*) yield her time to Mr. Robert Love explained why he is opposed to the city manager.

1. Palm Beach State College Proclamation - Dr. LaTanya L. McNeal, Executive Dean for the PBSC Belle Glade Campus

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Palm Beach State College Proclamation into the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Palm Beach State College Proclamation, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Babb present Dr. LaTanya L. McNeal, Executive Dean for PBSC Belle Glade Campus with the proclamation.

2. Proclamation - Honoring Mrs. Elea A'Giza-Dean

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read the Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Elea A'Giza Dean into the record.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Elea A'Giza Dean, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez present Mrs. Elea A'Giza Dean with the proclamation.

3. August Business of Month - Carmen's Coffee

Mayor Babb presented Carmen's Coffee with August Business of the Month.

4. September Business of the Month - Toros Tacos, Gloria Rodriguez

Vice Mayor Murvin present Toros Tacos with September Business of the Month.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 12, 2023 City Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Consent Agenda Item(s), Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

None.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. RESOLUTION 2022 - 55 (second reading) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, 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.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023-55 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023-55.

Public Hearing Opened 7:20pm

Public Hearing Closed 7:21pm

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023-55, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

2. RESOLUTION 2023 - 56 (second reading) 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 \$9,036,654, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 56 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 56.

Public Hearing Opened 7:24pm

Public Hearing Closed 7:25pm

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 - 56, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

I. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION 2023 - 57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AS SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 57 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 57.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 57, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 57 with the amendment of removing Columbus Day, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.

Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- B. RESOLUTION 2023 - 58 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENEWAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PACKAGE, ATTACHED HERETO AS COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "A", FROM FLORIDA BLUE BLUECARE FOR HEALTH; HUMANA FOR LIFE INSURANCE, HUMANA DENTAL AND HUMANA VISION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 58 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 58.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 58, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- C. RESOLUTION 2023 - 59 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING PREFERRED GOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE TRUST AS THE CITY'S GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY COVERAGE AUTO LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION CARRIER PURSUANT TO THE TERMS ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 59 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 59.

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve Resolution 2023 - 59, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- D. RESOLUTION 2023 - 60 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THREE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION GRANTS (NEAT) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000,00) FOR MLK AND TRASH RECEPTACLES AND BENCHES AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 60 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 60.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2023 -60, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2023 - 61 into the record.

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2023 - 61.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2023 - 61, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued.

Motion passed 3-2.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

1. November 14, 2023 City Commission Meeting Cancellation due to the NLC 2023 City Summit

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the cancellation of the November 14, 2023 City Commission Meeting due to the NLC City Summit, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

2. December 26, 2023 City Commission Meeting Cancellation

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the cancellation of the December 26, 2023 City Commission Meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Commissioner Gonzalez exited the commission meeting at 9:18pm.

Mayor Babb inquired about a pervious NEAT Grant for Glades Citizens Villas funds.

Ms. Adams advised no funds were received for the Glades Citizens Villas NEAT Grant and gave a brief explanation.

Mayor Babb summary of events that were hosted by the City of Pahokee. He advised he's heard concerns from others about allowing individuals to yield their time to someone else and gave a brief explanation. A discussion ensued.

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lucas and Ms. Adams gave a brief update of the Barfield Highway Project. Mr. Lucas advised we are at 98.5% completion of the East Lake Village Stormwater Improvement Project, Phase IV is set to be advertise the week, and MLK Park Improvement Project ITB will be advertise Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Also, McClure Reconstruction Project design has been issued by WGI through the City and Ms. Adams gave a brief update. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Lucas requested consensus to bring back a resolution supporting the extension of the one cent sales tax. Also, we are working on a resolution to accept five (5) homes being transferred from Palm Beach County Commission, pending verification of vendor for installation of four (4) foot fencing around the football field before bring back a resolution, and pending screening material along the fence line. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Lucas announced as of last Friday the football field is officially the City's.

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Mayor Babb to bring back language in reference to yielding time, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

Commissioner Perez advised she wanted to appoint a member for the ZAP Board.

Ms. Warner advised one (1) member of the ZAP Board term has expired, four (4) members are still active, and two (2) alternates are active.

O. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (*community events, feel good announcements, if any*)

Commissioner Perez congratulated Pahokee High School for being recognized as the Best High School.

Commissioner Boldin had no comments.

Mayor Babb gave a brief explanation on the commission meeting timeframe. A discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve limiting the commission discussions to ten (10) minutes with each commissioner's comments limited to two (2) minutes, Seconded by Mayor Babb. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-1.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Mayor Babb called for questions. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 10:03 PM.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk