

RESOLUTION 2023 - 63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 2036; AUTHORIZING EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF ONE CENT SALES TAX; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved an increase to the local sales tax from six (6) cents per dollar to seven (7) cents per dollar; and

WHEREAS, the one-cent sales surtax increase became effective on January 1, 2017, and will automatically sunset upon the earlier occurrence of either December 31, 2026 or the generation of \$2.7 billions in total revenue; and

WHEREAS, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue may only be utilized for infrastructure projects such as roads, sidewalks, bridges, schools, parks and government buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure projects provide access to clean water, electricity, transportation, and other essential services, which directly impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, and the wider community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee has received one-cent sales surtax revenue in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,797,630.00) since January 1, 2017, which has allowed the City to improve its infrastructure facilities and simultaneously maintain a lower property tax millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee recognizes the direct and beneficial impact the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects has provided to Pahokee residents, as well as the schools of Palm Beach County and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee supports a collaboration with the School District of Palm Beach County and the other municipalities of Palm Beach County to extend and continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects beyond its current automatic sunset deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee specifically supports the continuation of the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Expression of Support. The City of Pahokee hereby expresses its support for continuation of the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Manager is hereby directed to forward this Resolution to all of the Palm Beach County Commissioners, with a copy of the Palm Beach County Administrator, the Palm Beach County League of Cities and the School District of Palm Beach County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2023.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Commissioner Boldin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Gonzalez	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Perez	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice-Mayor Murvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)