

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, April 12, 2022

MINUTES

Keith W. Babb, Jr. **Mayor** | Clara Murvin **Vice-Mayor**
Jongelene Adams **Interim City Manager** | Tijauna Warner **City Clerk**
Burnadette Norris-Weeks **Interim City Attorney**
Commissioners: Derrick Boldin | Juan Gonzalez | Sara Perez

Pursuant to due notice the regularly scheduled Commission meeting was held in the Commission Chambers at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, Palm Beach County, Florida on April 12, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:01 p.m.

A. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Derrick Boldin
Commissioner Juan Gonzalez
Commissioner Clara Murvin
Commissioner Sara Perez
Mayor Keith Babb

Jongelene Adams, Interim City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Interim City Attorney
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

1. **Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics** - Christie Kelley (Executive Director) & Gina Levesque (Intake and Compliance Manager) rescheduled to April 26, 2022 City Commission Meeting.

C. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to approve the agenda with the addition of Mr. James Fishback Incubate Debate, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to amend the agenda with the addition of the City of Belle Glade Proclamation Celebrating the City of Pahokee's 100th Anniversary to New Business, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS – All Items on Agenda (3 Minutes)

Michael Meister (resident) expressed concerns that palm trees along Bacom Point Road might fall and damage electrical wires (power grid).

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 10, 2022 City Commission Meeting

2. February 22, 2022 City Commission Meeting
3. March 10, 2022 Special City Commission Meeting
4. March 22, 2022 City Commission Meeting
5. March 25, 2022 Special City Commission Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin for approval of Items E1 - E5, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Selection of Vice Mayor

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to appoint Commissioner Murvin as Vice-Mayor, Seconded by Commissioner Murvin. Motion passed (4-1)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

Mr. James Fishback presented for Incubate Debate recognizing Madison Jones (5th Place) and Joshua Hopson (1st Place) both Juniors at Pahokee High School competed against over 80 students statewide at the Youth Economic Summit.

1. ORDINANCE(S) & PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. ORDINANCE 2022 - 01 (second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A CITY ADVISORY BOARD, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 2-167 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE" OF ARTICLE V "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS" OF DIVISION 4 "COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD" OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Ordinance 2022 - 01 into the record.

Public Hearing Open: 6:20 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 6:20 pm

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to approve Ordinance 2022 -01 (final reading), Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. RESOLUTION(S):

- A. RESOLUTION 2022 - 09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING BURNADETTE NORRIS- WEEKS, P.A. TO THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 09 into the record.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 09, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed (4-1)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING RODNEY D. LUCAS AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Norris-Weeks read Resolution 2022 - 10 into the record.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 10, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

Commissioner Boldin advised he would like for Mr. Lucas to be the permanent City Manager and for the City to move forward. Discussion ensued in reference to Mr. Lucas and Ms. Adams's positions.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 10, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed (4-1)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTATION:

A. Centennial Celebration - Dr. Patricia Wallace

Dr. Patricia Wallace thanked Ms. Adams for getting every vendor paid for the Centennial. Also, she thanked everyone that invested their time and energy to make sure the Centennial was a success. Dr. Wallace advised she would love for more local businesses to participate in the upcoming events and that we want to have unity in our community.

Dr. Patricia Wallace presented awards to the members of the Centennial Committee. Mayor Babb presented a plaque to Dr. Patricia Wallace as Centennial Chair.

Mrs. Burnadette Norris-Weeks read and presented the City of Belle Glade Proclamation congratulating the City of Pahokee's Centennial.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to allow the Centennial Committee to continue with the remainder of activities or events for the year as funding permits, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

Commissioner Gonzalez expressed concerns with the Centennial Committee handling Cinco De Mayo. Discussion ensued regarding Cinco De Mayo.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to allow the Centennial Committee to continue with the remainder of activities or events for the year as funding permits, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

Motion passed (4-1)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

H. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Ms. Adams gave a brief overview of Economic Development as followings:

Barfield Highway FDOT

- Rosso Site Development has been paid for November (\$98,728.32), December 2021, & January 2022 (\$264,630.45)
- Momentum CEI has been paid for January & February (\$30,003.36)
- The roads are being watered consistently at least 3-4 times a week.

- The delay in work over the last few months was due to AT&T's conflict lines.
- By the end of this month, they will have at least an inch & half of the asphalt laid between 7th Street and 4th Street.
- There is a change order that was signed off on previously. Ms. Adams will be bringing a resolution back at the next commission meeting to ratify.

East Lake Village Stormwater Improvement Project

Ms. Adams advised this project of being closed out and finalizing DEP reports & contractor payments. Discussion ensued regarding East Lake Village Stormwater Improvement Project.

Brownfield

Ms. Adams spoke with EPA & will be submitting the final FFR form to EPA.

Demolition

Project 647 (Old House next to Commissioner Park) - This project is scheduled to go out to bid/advertised on Friday, April 15, 2022.

Sidewalks

We will begin repairing and replacing the sidewalks located throughout the City. The contract will be presented at the next commission meeting.

City Manager's Vehicle

The City received a check yesterday from the insurance company for the former City Manager's accident in February. The total amount of the check was \$19,595.00.

HCT Certified Public Accountants

HCT was paid their last payment of \$13,420.00. They were supposed to be present, but we'll reschedule that for April 26, 2022, City Commission Meeting.

PC Network Solution

Ms. Adams request the Commission's approval to terminate the PC Network Solution Contract. She advised the cancellation cost is \$15,780.00 for the remaining four (4) months. This cancellation will provide a thirty (30) day notice that becomes effective May 13, 2022. Discussion ensued regarding issues with PC Network Solution.

Motion Made by Mayor Babb for Interim City Manager to terminate the contract with PC Network Solution, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Murvin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

DOH Fine for the Marina Lift Station

DOH's fine was paid on March 28, 2022. The lift station has been secured with a fence and signage is being posted in case of an emergency.

Ms. Adams advised Spring Egg Hunt will be held on April 15, 2022.

I. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Norris-Weeks gave an update on cases with the City of Pahokee. One (1) work comp case, a case against Chandler Williamson, and Mark Miller Case. Discussion ensued regarding the City of Pahokee versus Chandler Williamson.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to dismiss the Chandler Williamson case, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Murvin. Motion passed (3-2)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

J. OLD BUSINESS:

1. ZAP Board Applicants

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to wait until the next meeting to vote on ZAP Board Members, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion fail (2-3)

Voting Yea: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

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

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to appoint Carl Booth 3yr term, Sanquetta Cowan 2yr term, Eleanor Johnson-Babb 2yr term, Everett McPherson 1yr term, Patricia Wallace 3yr term, Tamara Dowdell & Paula Phillip as alternates, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY 2019-2020 Annual Audit Report reschedule to the next commission meeting.

2. PC Network Solutions was already approved during the Report of the City Manager.

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Babb asked the Interim City Manager to continue the process of looking into annexation to include Padgett Island, Fremd Village, and Doveland. He suggested that the Commission do a quarterly walk-through of the City with the Interim City Manager selecting which Commissioner during the quarter. Mayor Babb requested having quarterly Town Hall Meetings and having IT include streaming in Spanish and Creole. Also, requesting quarterly clean-up.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add the Interim City Manager as a signatory on bank accounts, Seconded by Commissioner Murvin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez no comment.

Commissioner Boldin advised everyone has a responsibility and if we want to move forward we have to do a better job at maintaining our emotions. We have to restore some form of order.

Commissioner Perez no comment.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to approve of citizens yielding time with a limit of two (2) minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Murvin to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance about the conduct of doing business at the commission meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed (4-1)

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

Vice-Mayor Murvin expressed concerns about blight and dangerous buildings. Discussion ensued regarding equipment for maintaining the City.

Mayor Babb advised we are inviting Inframark to our next commission meeting and that we have some alternatives.

Vice-Mayor Murvin asked staff to find funds to bring staff up to \$15.00 per hour.

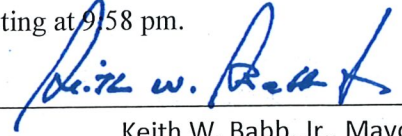
Motion made by Mayor Babb to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:58 pm.

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ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Keith W. Babb, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor