

# CITY OF PAHOKEE



## MINUTES

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 09, 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 Lucas, Interim City Manager  
Jongelene Adams, Deputy City Manager  
Tijauna Warner, City Clerk  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq., City Attorney  
Lynne Ladner, Interim Finance/Human Resource Director

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

### B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Murvin led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Babb

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Commissioner Derrick Boldin via phone

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Sara Perez arrived at 6:51pm

Rodney Lucas, Interim City Manager

Candace Cobb, Acting City Attorney

Tijauna Warner, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve the agenda as is, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion 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*

1. P.A.C.E. Program - Chris Peterson, SVP Government Affairs, FortFi Financial, Inc.

Mr. Chris Peterson gave a brief overview of P.A.C.E. Program.

Mr. Bobby Colvin (resident) expressed concerns with the two (2) resolutions in reference to lawn equipment being purchased from a company over an hour away.

Ms. Tan Allen (resident) expressed concerns with the scoreboard not functioning on the football field, process of hiring the city manager, and that Ms. Lynne Ladner be offered the opportunity to apply for a permanent position.

Mrs. Regina Bohlen (resident) expressed concerns with the two (2) resolutions in reference to lawn equipment not being purchase locally and the hiring of Mr. Lucas.

Mr. James Scott (resident) expressed concerns with the hiring process of Mr. Lucas and hiring locally.

### F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

**G. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mrs. Peggy Boule-Washington presented upcoming events.

**H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

None

**I. RESOLUTION(S)**

- A. RESOLUTION 2022 - 29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) JOHN DEERE Z960M ZTRAC MOWERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,226.53 FROM GREEN THUMB LAWN & GARDEN LLC; PIGGYBACKING THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 25101900-21-STC, AGRICULTURE AND LAWN EQUIPMENT CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Ms. Candace Cobb read Resolution 2022 - 29 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief overview of Resolution 2022 - 29.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions and a discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- B. RESOLUTION 2022 - 30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) JOHN DEERE GATOR XUV825 S4 UTILITY VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,652.92 FROM GREEN THUMB LAWN & GARDEN LLC; PIGGYBACKING THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 25101900-21-STC, AGRICULTURE AND LAWN EQUIPMENT CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Ms. Candace Cobb read Resolution 2022 - 30 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 30.

Motion made by Commissioner Boldin to approve Resolution 2022 - 30, Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin. Mayor Babb called for questions and a discuss ensued. Motion passed unanimously.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

- C. RESOLUTION 2022 - 31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH RODNEY D. LUCAS TO BECOME THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A".

*Ms. Candace Cobb read Resolution 2022 - 31 into the record.*

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve Resolution 2022 - 31, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Mayor Babb called for questions and a discuss ensued. Motion passed 4-1.



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

- D. RESOLUTION 2022 - 32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 TO RESOLUTION #2021-02 PERTAINING TO THE BARFIELD HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Ms. Candace read Resolution 2022 - 32 into the record.*

Mr. Lucas gave a brief explanation of Resolution 2022 - 32.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to approve Resolution 2022 - 32, Seconded by Commissioner Perez. Mayor Babb called for questions and a discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**J. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

None

**K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Babb advised there was a proposed hotel, it's moving along. He expressed concerns with voting the City Manager in without due process.

**L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Lucas gave a brief report on outstanding items with Joint Legislative Committee, IG, FDEP, the State Contract for the Marina, and the hiring of new staff. A discussion ensued regarding interviews for Director of Parks & Recreation.

**M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

**N. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Boldin advised hopefully he'll be at the next regular meeting and congratulated Mr. Lucas on becoming the City Manager.

Commissioner Gonzalez congratulated Mr. Lucas on becoming the City Manager and expressed concern with the maintenance of the cemetery. He thanked everyone for coming to the Back to School Bash.

Commissioner Perez thanked everyone for watching and coming to the meeting.

Vice Mayor Murvin thanked everyone that came out and also everyone that's listening on YouTube. She advised if we put some of our energy into working together, we can accomplish so much more. Vice Mayor congratulated Mr. Lucas on becoming City Manager.

**O. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Community events, feel good announcements*

None.

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

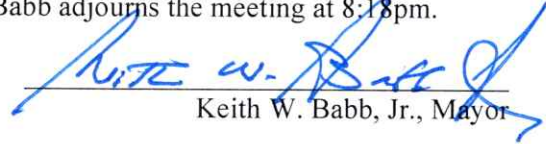
Motion made by Vice Mayor Murvin to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 8:18pm.



~~ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, CMC, City Clerk~~

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, Acting City Clerk

  
Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor