CITY OF PAHOKEE

MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott
Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Commissioner Scott to accept the addition of the resolution authorizing the City to submit four (4) applications to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Small County Outreach Program - Municipalities (SCOP-M). Duly seconded by Commissioner McDonald and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Clerk's Note: The add-on resolution has been assigned Resolution No. 2026-08.

Motion made by Commissioner Scott to accept the addition of the resolution to establish a $50 vendor fee for City-sponsored events. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and failed (2-3).
Voting Yea: Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott
Voting Nay: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald

E. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS *(agenda items only)*

1. Presentation - Mr. Rob J. Beasley, Area Development Director for UNCF South Florida

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 17, 2026 City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
2. February 17, 2026 City Commission Workshop (5PM) Minutes
3. February 17, 2026 City Commission Workshop (6PM) Minutes
4. February 24, 2026 City Commission Workshop Minutes
5. February 24, 2026 City Commission Meeting Minutes

   Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept the Consent Agenda. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2026-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF A STATE FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT – SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SCOP), CONTRACT NO: G-2129 FOR THE PURPOSES OF A TIME EXTENSION; EXTENDING THE PROJECT COMPLETION DEADLINE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNTIL DECEMBER 30, 2027, AS MORE SPEFICIFALLY SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

   The resolution title was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the Interim City Manager.

   Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2026-07. Duly seconded by Commissioner McDonald and passed unanimously.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

2. RESOLUTION 2026-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF FOUR (4) APPLICATIONS TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM – MUNICIPALITIES (SCOP-M) FOR ROADWAY RESURFACING AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; ESTABLISHING PROJECT PRIORITIES; REFERENCING EXHIBIT A – LOCATION MAP – ROADWAYS TO BE RESURFACED – SCOP-M; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

   The resolution title was read into the record by the City Attorney and explained by the Interim City Manager.

   Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to accept Resolution 2026-08. Duly seconded by Commissioner McDonald and passed unanimously.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

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

1. Discussion and direction for consideration of a partnership with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF)
2. Funding Allocation for Financial Consultant Contract

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Mayor Babb to add receiving an itemized list of the City's lobbyist activities. Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to add considering evaluations for the Interim City Manager and the City Clerk. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed

unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to add the ARPA closeout, to confirm that all required documentation has been submitted and that the City is in compliance. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS *(items not on the agenda)*

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

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to add to a future agenda, a follow-up regarding the depressions created by the sanitation department, to ensure that all have been fulfilled. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Q. ADJOURN

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Keith W. Babb Jr.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk