

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Streamed By YouTube - LIMITED CAPACITY
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

MINUTES

A. Keith W. Babb, Jr. **Mayor** | Regina Bohlen **Vice-Mayor**

Greg Thompson **City Manager** | Tijauna Warner **City Clerk** | Gemma Torcivia **Acting City Attorney**

Commissioners: Juan Gonzalez | Clara "Tasha" Murvin | Sara Perez

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice-Mayor Regina Bohlen

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Clara Murvin

Mayor Keith Babb

Commissioner Sara Perez @ 6:14pm

City Manager Greg Thompson

Acting City Attorney Gemma Torcivia

City Clerk Tijauna Warner

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

Mr. Thompson advised there's one (1) addition to add the Centennial Presentation under New Business.

Motion made by Mayor Babb to re-arrange our order of business to include the swearing-in of the newly elected officials up to the top of the agenda, Seconded by Commissioner Murvin. Motion failed (2-2)

Voting Yea: Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb

Voting Nay: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bohlen to move the swearing-in to New Business, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion failed (2-2)

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor Bohlen, Commissioner Gonzalez

Voting Nay: Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb

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

Sharon Colvin expressed concerns with Mayor Babb keeping the meeting in order, corruption in the City, and the children not having positive role models.

Mayor Babb responded that the citizens did exactly what Ms. Colvin said and voted him back into office.

Luz Torres congratulated Mayor Babb, Commissioner Murvin, and Commissioner Boldin. Ms. Torres advised the children have positive role models and she so happy to be celebrating 100 years with the City.

David Ruiz congratulated Mayor Babb, Commissioner Murvin, and Commissioner Boldin. Mr. Ruiz advised he hoped the Commission work together on the dais and disagree in private.

Robert Love advised the community to wait on God and explained.

Joshua Brown explained why he never approached the stand but he had to now. Mr. Brown expressed his concerns with activities that were happening on the dais and Vice-Mayor Bohlen and Commissioner Perez not participating in Centennial Events to celebrate the City.

Carl Morrison, Sr. advised the word for today is accountability. Mr. Morrison informed everyone that they will be held accountable.

Mayor Babb announced the City of Pahokee will be hosting a Job Fair on May 12, 2022 at on the Marina, ZAP Board is now accepting applications, and the City is conducting a Quality of Life & Needs Assessment Survey.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 22, 2022 City Commission Meeting
2. March 10, 2022 Special City Commission Meeting

G. CONSENT AGENDA

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Swear In Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.**
2. **Swear In Commissioner Derrick Boldin**
3. **Swear In Commissioner Clara "Tasha" Murvin**

Mayor Babb gave a thank you speech to the residence of Pahokee and a brief overview of what has transpired in the last year. Mayor Babb thanked his wife, mom, and residence.

Commissioner Boldin thanked everyone for coming out today and advised we all need to worker together for the betterment of Pahokee.

Commissioner Murvin thanked everyone, her husband of twenty-one (21) years, and gave honor to God. She advised the commission's purpose is the service the citizens.

I. ORDINANCE(S) & PUBLIC HEARING:

Mrs. Torvicia read ordinance 2022 - 01 into the record.

1. **ORDINANCE 2022 - 01 (first 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.**

Mayor Babb advised he wanted to have eleven (11) members on the board with two (2) appointed by commissioners and three (3) appointed by the mayor. A discussion ensued regarding the ARPA Advisory Committee.

Public Hearing Opened 6:56pm

Public Hearing Closed 7:23pm

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to amend Ordinance 2022 - 01 to change five (5) members to eleven (11) members with two (2) members appointed by commissioner and three (3) members appointed by the mayor, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)

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

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to approve Ordinance 2022 - 01 with amendments, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)

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

10. RESOLUTION(S):

11. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTATION:

A. City of Palm Beach Garden's Proclamation - City of Pahokee's Centennial Celebration Year (Silver Sponsorship)

Mrs. Torcivia read the City of Palm Beach Garden's Proclamation Celebrating the City of Pahokee Centennial.

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to approve Palm Beach Garden's Proclamation to Celebrate the City's Centennial, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)

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

B. Second Chance - Mr. William Freeman

C. Centennial Presentation - Dr. Patricia Wallace

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin for the approval of payment up to \$17,000 for the vendor on the 26th, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)

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

H. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Thompson gave a brief report on the vehicle accident he was in and Barfield Highway Project.

Mayor Babb stated this report was the most detailed City Manager's Report presented by Mayor Babb and explained. Discussion ensued regarding Barfield Highway Project.

I. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Torcivia congratulated Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, and Commissioner Murvin.

1. FDOH Stipulated Agreement

Mrs. Torcivia read and explained the FDOH Stipulated Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to approve the FDOH Stipulated Agreement, Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. Motion passed (5-0)
Voting Yea: Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

2. ZAP Board

Mrs. Torcivia explained that the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinance have certain sections that need to be stricken and cleaned-up. She gave a brief overview of the ZAP Board responsibilities.

J. OLD BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Attorney

Mrs. Torcivia gave a brief overview of the Acting City Attorney Agreement present to the City Commission. Discussion ensued regarding Mrs. Torcivia's City Attorney Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to terminate Brandenburg & Associates and create a resolution to appoint a city attorney and leave it blank for the name to be written-in, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (4-1)

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

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to approve Mrs. Torcivia City Manager's Agreement, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)

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

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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Commissioner Boldin thanks everyone and advised it feels good to unity on the dais.

Commissioner congratulated Mayor Babb, Commissioner Boldin, and Commissioner Murvin. Commissioner Perez bid farewell to her friend and great asset to the City (Mrs. Regina Bohlen).

Commissioner Murvin expressed concern with the signatories for the City and explained.

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to change the signatories to the City Clerk and the Mayor with original signatures and remove pervious signers, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)
Voting Yea: Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Murvin, Commissioner Perez, Mayor Babb

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to reconsider the motion for Resolution 2022 - 05, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohlen. Motion passed (3-2)

Voting Yea: Commissioner Boldin, Commissioner Murvin, Mayor Babb

Voting Nay: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Perez

Motion made by Commissioner Murvin to amend Resolution 2022 - 05 to terminate the City Manager with cause (to include insubordination, accident in City's vehicle, and not submitting an application nor resume), Seconded by Commissioner Boldin. (4-1)

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

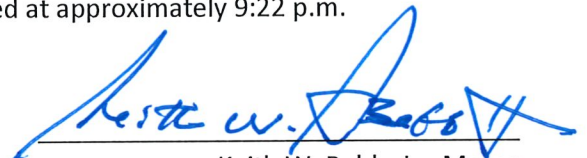
Voting Nay: Commissioner Perez

M. ADJOURN (BY MOTION AND APPROVAL OF MAJORITY PRESENT)

Motion made by Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion passed (5-0)

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:22 p.m.


Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor
ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk