

CITY OF PAHOKEE



AGENDA

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 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:

Michael E. Jackson, City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

[TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO REVISION]

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. ROLL CALL**
- D. ADDITIONS OF EMERGENCY BASIS FROM CITY MANAGER, DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- E. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS** *(agenda items only)*

(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. Introduction of K. E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Altoria Henley, by Mrs. Angela Moore, Glades Regional Superintendent
- 2. Proclamation - Honoring Pahokee Elementary School for its Academic Achievement and Success
- 3. Proclamation - Honoring Pahokee Middle-Senior High School for its Academic Achievement and Success

- F. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. RESOLUTION 2025-50 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND RESCHEDULING THE MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2025; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES**

- I. RESOLUTION(S)**

- 1. RESOLUTION 2025-51 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING AN ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

- L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

- 1. Update - City Projects
- 2. Maintenance schedule for Pool and Splash Pad - Commissioner McPherson

- M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

- N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

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*)

Q. ADJOURN

Any citizen of the audience wishing to appear before the City Commission to speak with reference to any agenda or non-agenda item must complete the “Request for Appearance and Comment” form and present completed form to the City Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting.

Should any person seek to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Reference: Florida Statutes 286.0105)

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the foundation of a thriving community is rooted in the education and development of its children, and in the City of Pahokee, we take great pride in the academic success of our schools and students; and

WHEREAS, Pahokee Elementary School has long served as a pillar of education, cultivating scholars, lifelong learners, and future leaders committed to the betterment of our city, our region, and our world; and

WHEREAS, in the 2024–2025 academic year, Pahokee Elementary School achieved an “A” grade, an accomplishment that reflects significant academic excellence and progress; and

WHEREAS, this achievement underscores not only the dedication and perseverance of the students, faculty, and staff, but also the unwavering support of families and the broader Pahokee community that values education as a foundation for opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Pahokee Elementary School will be hosting a celebration on September 3, 2025, during which this proclamation will be officially read and publicly acknowledged.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and our citizens, do hereby proclaim **honor and recognition to Pahokee Elementary School for its outstanding academic achievement and continued commitment to student success**. Let this serve as a symbol of our immense pride and continued support for the students, staff, and leadership of our beloved schools as they continue to soar to even greater heights.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 26th day of August 2025.



Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Isabelle J. McDonald
Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald

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James H. Scott
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee takes great pride in the efforts of our youth and the institution that prepares them for future success; and

WHEREAS, Pahokee Middle-Senior High School has long stood as a beacon of learning, nurturing students with strength of character, leadership, and a commitment to growing academically and personally; and

WHEREAS, in the 2024–2025 academic year, Pahokee Middle-Senior High School earned a “B” grade from the School District of Palm Beach County for its commendable academic performance and progress; and

WHEREAS, this accomplishment reflects not only the dedication of students, faculty, and leadership, but also the steadfast support of families and the Pahokee community in fostering an environment where learning thrives; and

WHEREAS, Pahokee Middle-Senior High School has also been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* among Florida’s best public high schools in the 2025–2026 Rankings for its academic performance and growth, a distinction that affirms its growing reputation for educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, the school will be celebrating this achievement at a ceremonial event on September 12, 2025, during which this proclamation will be presented and publicly acknowledged.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and our citizens, do hereby proclaim **honor and recognition to Pahokee Middle-Senior High School for its outstanding academic achievement and continued commitment to student success**. Let this serve as a symbol of our immense pride and continued support for the students, staff, and leadership of our beloved schools as they continue to soar to even greater heights.

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AGENDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Commissioners

VIA: Michael E. Jackson, City Manager

FROM: Offices of the City Manager and City Clerk

SUBJECT: Cancellation of the September 9, 2025 City Commission Meeting and Rescheduling to September 8, 2025

DATE: August 20, 2025

GENERAL SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 200.065(2)(e)2., Florida Statutes, hearing dates scheduled by the county commission and school board shall not be utilized by any other taxing authority within the county for its public hearings. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has its first budget hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025, and its second hearing scheduled for September 16, 2025. The School Board of Palm Beach County has its first budget hearing scheduled for September 10, 2025.

The City Commission of the City of Pahokee has previously discussed and reviewed the tentative budget schedule, including the need to avoid conflicting dates with the county and school board hearings. The rescheduling of the City Commission meeting has been shared on multiple occasions, including, but not limited to, the budget schedule and during discussions at Commission meetings.

This item is being presented to the City Commission to formally cancel the September 9, 2025 meeting and reschedule it to September 8, 2025. This ensures compliance with Florida Statutes and allows the City Commission to conduct a tentative budget hearing without scheduling conflicts.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the rescheduling of this meeting.

LEGAL NOTE:

Defer to the City Attorney.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2025-50

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND RESCHEDULING THE MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2025; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 200.065(2)(e)2., F.S., states “hearing dates scheduled by the county commission and school board shall not be utilized by any other taxing authority within the county for its public hearings”; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has its first budget hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Palm Beach County has its first budget hearing scheduled for September 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pahokee (“City Commission”) desires to cancel the September 9, 2025, City Commission Meeting and reschedule the meeting for September 8, 2025, in order to hold a tentative budget hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that cancelling the September 9, 2025, City Commission Meeting and rescheduling the meeting for September 8, 2025, is in the best interest of the City of Pahokee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA:

- Section 1.

Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby true and correct and incorporated by reference.
- Section 2.

Approval. The City Commission hereby approves the cancellation of the September 9, 2025, City Commission Meeting and rescheduling of the meeting for September 8, 2025.
- Section 3.

Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 4.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26th day August 2025.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McDonald	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Scott	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)



AGENDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Commissioners

VIA: Michael E. Jackson, City Manager

FROM: Office of the City Clerk

SUBJECT: Appointing an Advisory Board Liaison to the Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

DATE: August 20, 2025

GENERAL SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Commission to appoint a member of the City Commission to serve as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison, following the resignation of Commissioner Derrick Boldin, effective July 21, 2025. As of August 19, 2025, the City Commission has a full complement of members and is therefore in a position to make this appointment in a fair manner. This liaison will continue serving pursuant to Article V, Section 2-162(c) of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

LEGAL NOTE:

Defer to the City Attorney.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2025-51

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING AN ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2-162 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances, requires that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board "consist to of five (5) members who are citizens of the city and who are appointed for two-year terms by the city commission"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-162 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances, one member of the city commission, who shall not be a voting member, shall be appointed as the liaison to report back to the City Commission any recommendations of the advisory board; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances further provides that such board shall assist in the planning for city recreational and playground sites, activities, plans, capital improvements, guidelines, programs, and any other matters at the request of the city commission or city manager; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the advisory board shall be to "assist in the planning for city recreational and playground sites, activities, plans, capital improvements, guidelines, programs, and any other matters at the request of the city commission or city manager"; and

WHEREAS, the current members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are: Jacob Finkel, Artiona Hickman, La'Ciera Reddick, Andrea Scott, and Alphonso Smith, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2024-28, the City Commission of the City of Pahokee ("City Commission") appointed Commissioner Derrick Boldin to serve as Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Derrick Boldin resigned from office effective July 21, 2025, leaving a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to appoint one (1) commission member liaison to serve in this role.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE

CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby true and correct and incorporated by reference.
- Section 2.** Appointment of Advisory Board Liaison. The City Commission hereby appoints the following member of the City Commission to serve as Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison: _____
- Section 3.** Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 4.** Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.
- Section 5.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26th day August 2025.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

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

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McDonald	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Scott	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)