

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

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 December 14, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:00 p.m.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Vice-Mayor Regina Bohlen	Present
	Commissioner Juan Gonzalez	Present
	Commissioner Clara M. Murvin	Present
	Commissioner Sara Perez	Present
	City Manager Greg Thompson	Present
	City Attorney Gary Brandenburg	Present
	Sergeant At Arms Mugridge	Present
	City Clerk Tijauna Warner	Present

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

City Manager Thompson recommended the addition of Resolution 2021-46 to the agenda.

Commissioner Murvin recommended the addition of the Second Star and the Centennial Committee (Prior to Citizen Comments).

Approval of Agenda with additions.

Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion carried unanimously.

Second Star, 501c3 Non-Profit Organization provides housing, non-clinical, and social services throughout Palm Beach County.

Centennial Committee Members Annie Ifill and Collin Walkes provided an update regarding the previous Centennial Committee Meetings; encouraged residents to volunteer; plans for the City of Pahokee 100th Celebration, and an increase to the proposed budget. Discussion ensued regarding the invitations for additional members. Commissioner Perez asked for clarification regarding the process of member selection. City Clerk Warner provided clarification of the process; Commissioner Murvin confirmed that an email was received from City Clerk Warner to the Commission requesting names of individuals to forward invitations for selection of members. Annie Ifill announced the next meeting would be held virtually on December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and in person at the Parks and Recreation Center.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only): *(none)*

Richard Sears, Commander of American Legion Post 414, provides assistance to local veterans; Mr. Sears expressed the importance of the program. He announced that the group met at the Pahokee Dance Academy on Fridays, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Dennis Osbourne, Administrator of American Legion Post 414, provided a brief history of Post 414.

Carl Morrison Sr. made comments regarding Attorney Brandenburg's decorum. He questioned why Prince Hall had not been demolished as required. He informed Mr. Brandenburg that his \$1k donation towards the

Electronic Scoreboard could be returned because it was not needed. He made comments regarding the employment of City Manager Thompson.

Harry Folger made comments regarding the new minimum requirements of the Marina Rates. He announced that his 25ft Sailboat did not have electrical appliances. He suggested the Commission create two categories (1) Non-Live Aboard (2) Live Aboard and charge renters accordingly.

Sanquetta Cowan made comments regarding COVID Funds, expressed concerns regarding the Veteran's Day Celebration, and to not allow Attorney Brandenburg's name to be placed on the donation sign for the Electronic Scoreboard.

Sam McKinstry made comments regarding the condition of the United States Flag, sanitation rate increases, the possibility of contracting services to maintain the campground landscape, regular scheduled mowing day/time, insurance carriers for the marina campground, and restaurant.

Michael Joseph expressed concerns regarding Attorney Brandenburg's decorum and lack of respect for the Commission and Residents of the City of Pahokee. He suggested the resignation of Attorney Brandenburg.

Carl Morrison Sr. made comments regarding the dysfunction of the City Commission.

PBSO presented certificates and gift cards to three finalists for the City of Pahokee Logo. Shamaria Elliot was announced as the winner of the contest, she delivered a speech to the Commission explaining her inspiration for the Logo. Ms. Elliot received a standing ovation from the Commission and Audience.

Ms. Joyce Smith was announced as the winner of the \$100 gift card for the Vaccination Drawing.

Public Service Announcements: *(none)*

Approval of Minutes: *(none)*

Consent Agenda: *(none)*

Ordinances: *(none)*

Resolutions:

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -44 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.

A. RESOLUTION 2021 – 44 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING RATES FOR THE CITY'S MARINA AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Thompson announced a comparative analysis of Marina Rates of neighboring Municipalities. Discussion ensued.

Approval of Resolution 2021 - 44.

Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen. Seconded by Commissioner Murvin.

Motion carried 4-1.

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 -45 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.

B. RESOLUTION 2021 – 45 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING RATES FOR THE CITY’S BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the item.

Approval of Resolution 2021 - 45.

Motion by Vice Mayor Bohlen Seconded by Commissioner Perez.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2021 - 46 into the record and City Manager Thompson explained the purpose of the resolution.

C. RESOLUTION 2021 – 46 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT NO. G-1605 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A” PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment to the prior agreement; and resurfacing repairs.

Approval of Resolution 2021 - 46.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations:

A. RATIFYING IDELLA BRINSON 100TH BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION

Attorney Bradenburg read the proclamation for the record.

Acceptance of Idella Brinson 100th Birthday Proclamation.

Motion by Commissioner Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the City Manager:

City Manager Thompson provided an update on grant negotiations, projects, and upcoming events.

Report of the City Attorney:

Attorney Brandenburg made a comment regarding Election Fraud; he suggested the United States Department of Justice oversee the upcoming election.

Approval of Requesting the Department of Justice to Oversee the March 2022 Municipal Election.

Motion by Commissioner Perez. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Bohlen.

Motion carried 4-1.

Old Business *(none)*

New Business: *(none)*

City Commission Comments:

Mayor Babb wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He requested for City Manager Thompson to complete an employment application and resume for his personnel file.

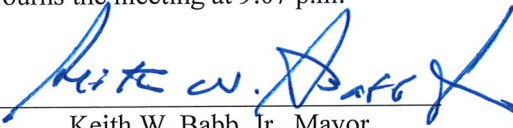
Commissioner Gonzalez had no comments.


Vice-Mayor Bohlen thanked City Manager Thompson for implementing the City of Pahokee Green Market. She commended PBSO for their participation in the Christmas parade. She announced that she was embarrassed by the Commissions behavior during the meeting; and saddened because children were in the audience.

Commissioner Perez wished everyone Happy Holidays

Commissioner Murvin made comments regarding job postings to the City Website; she requested a copy of the invoice for the scoreboard; and a recent Sunshine Law violation.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourns the meeting at 9:07 p.m.


Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor


ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, City Clerk