



**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

Pursuant to due notice, the Regularly Scheduled May 26, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Babb at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Babb introduced the City Attorney to provide guidance, instructions and protocol for virtual meetings, pursuant to Executive Order 20-69, issued by Governor Ron Desantis.

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

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| <u>Roll Call:</u> | Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr. | Present |
| | Commissioner Regina Bohlen | Present |
| | Commissioner Benny L. Everett, III | Absent |
| | Commissioner Felisia C. Hill | Present |
| | Vice Mayor Clara M. Murvin | Present |
| | Chandler Williamson, City Manager | Present |
| | Burnadette Norris-Weeks, City Attorney | Present |
| | Nohemi Polanco, Interim City Clerk | Present |

Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:

Mr. Williamson requested to add Proclamation – Pahokee High School Class of 2020

Approval of Agenda with additions

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Citizen Comments/Public Service Announcements – All items on Agenda (3 minutes):

1. Mark Miller – Marina cameras replacement.
2. Sam McKinstry – Commented about In Person commission meetings, Marina flags not lower to half mast as ordered by President Trump and inquired about findings of \$2.2 million dollars in state funds for marina and campground restoration.
3. Jill Fletcher - Inquired if marina campers will be getting a 25% discount on electric bills. Commented on campers being charged 18 cents p/kw instead of 12 cents.
4. Mary Dobrow – Commented regarding City Clerk RFP, American flag, flag pole and ERH LLC transition approved by the state on December 2019. Inquired about FOIA request placed since October 2019. Inquired about Emilio Perez lawsuit status and if the garbage contract involve any settlement negotiation. Expressed concern about city's website down for over a year and asked for the name of the company responsible for website updating and the cost associated with website updating.
5. Joan Culberson – Commented on issue with semi-trucks.
6. Barbara Hatton – Commented on the firing of former city attorney for dealing with Emilio Perez and the awarding of garbage contract to Emilio Perez.
7. David Dixon - Commented on the firing of former city attorney for dealing with Emilio Perez and the awarding of garbage contract to Emilio Perez. Inquired about Emilio Perez lawsuit status and if the garbage contract involve any settlement negotiation. Asked about the reason of firing former city attorney and if the current city attorney ever attended a City of Pahokee commission meeting prior to that night.

8. Larry Wright – Redacted email (due to improper language). Commented on commissioner’s attitude and refusal to address citizens comments. Expressed concern about the use of the Marina business. Commented about his previous experience and interaction with the City Manager.
9. Faye Nemer – Commented about attempt to resolve outstanding garbage and recycling city fees.
10. Metra Hughes – Inquired about Old City hall demolition budget and if the city complied with RFP process. Inquired about the engineering firm name, cost and original demolition contract. Expressed concern regarding results of formal city manager’s evaluation by the commissioners and about intentions to terminate him. Inquired about the most recent inspector general report on the City Manager and if it will be available to the citizens. Inquired about splash pad, city’s financial situation and complaints regarding outstanding FOIA requests prior to the departure of former city clerk and COVID-19 complications as well as disciplinary action towards the City Manager for lack of response.

Approval of Minutes: *(none)*

Consent Agenda: *(none)*

Ordinance(s): *(none)*

Resolution(s):

1. Resolution 2014 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MDO ENGINEERING, INC. AND THE CITY OF PAHOKEE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD HOSPITAL ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney read Resolution 2020 - 14 into the record.

City Manager provided a brief explanation about the resolution.

A motion to accept Resolution 2020 – 14 was made by Vice Mayor Murvin and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Agreement for Engineering Services for the demolition of Old Hospital.

Approval of Resolution 2020 - 14

Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried four (3) ayes and one (1) nay.

Public Hearings:

Proclamation(s):

Proclamation – Pahokee High School Graduating Class of 2020

Approval of Proclamation

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

Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Presentation(s): *(none)*

Report of the Mayor:

- Encouraged the community to pray for everyone and to adhere to the CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
- Strongly encouraged everyone to be tested.
- Informed of testing sites as: Lakeside Hospital and Florida Community Health Centers.
- Informed the citizens of the city efforts to bring West Palm Beach lab testing to Pahokee, pending sites location.
- Highlighted COVID-19 disease awareness

Report of the City Manager:

No City Manager Report

- Provided overview of summer project coming into place.
- Additional bids, present and future projects
- Marina lease conversations and lease coming up discussions
- Ongoing projects as Demolition of Old City Hall and Gymnasium Project.
- Old City Hall records preservation

Mayor Babb questioned:

About City Hall staff typical day hours, working on an amended schedule throughout this pandemic time.

Mr. Williamson response:

Reported staff daily schedule and opening and closing hours with staff working on an alternate schedule. Explained that residents/citizens are being advised to communicate by phone and email.

Report of the City Attorney: *(none)*

Old Business: *(none)*

New Business:

1. **Financial Report** *(none)*

Future Agenda Items of Commissioners, if any:

- Commissioner Hill – No comment
- Commissioner Bohlen
 - Requested to put on the agenda Inspector General letter for discussion (no second)
 - Inquired about City Clerk resumes collected
 - Requested to add the marina lease for discussion on the next commission meeting
 - Expressed concern about the city having commission meeting by video instead of live zoom meetings
 - Inquired about the city's website (discussion ensued).

Approval to add the website development on the next agenda item.

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

Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

- Vice-Mayor Murvin – No comment

For the Good of the Order (Community Events, Feel Good Announcements):

Mayor Babb – Expressed his desire to honor senior citizens that reach 90 years old and above.

Approval to recognize seniors that reach 90 years old and above with proclamation, resolutions or certificates.

Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlen.

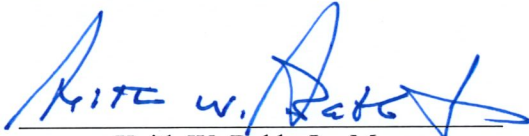
Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Hill – Expressed her happiness of not being diagnosed with COVID-19.

Commissioner Bohlen - Encouraged everybody to stay safe.

Vice-Mayor Murvin: Thanked the team and volunteers with the food distribution around the Glades and congratulated the 2020 graduates on behalf of the City of Pahokee.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.


Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor


ATTEST: Nohemi Polanco, Interim City Clerk