

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

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 March 26, 2019.

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

Official attendance was recorded as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Present
	Commissioner Regina Bohlen	Present
	Commissioner Benny L. Everett, III	Present via telephone
	Commissioner Felisia C. Hill	Present
	Vice Mayor Clara M. Murvin	Present
	Chandler Williamson, City Manager	Present
	Gary Brandenburg, City Attorney	Present
	Lieutenant Picciolo, Sergeant At Arms	Present
	Nylene Clarke, City Clerk	Present

**Swearing in of Elected Official(s)**

Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Murvin, and Commissioner Bohlen were sworn in.

The City Commission honored former Commissioner Walker with a proclamation and a plaque on the occasion of her retirement from elected office, and for her years of service, respectively.

Former Commissioner Walker expressed gratitude.

**Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda Items:**

Mr. Williamson added Resolution 2019 – 14, Resolution 2019 – 15, Resolution 2019 – 16, and a public service announcement from Gina Levesque to the agenda.

Mayor Babb added the appointment of Vice Mayor.

**Approval of Agenda with addition**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Babb opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

- There were no nominations. Mr. Brandenburg advised there can be a motion to designate existing Vice Mayor as Vice Mayor for the coming year.

**Approval to appoint existing Vice Mayor as Vice Mayor**

**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlen.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):**

1. Mandell Sundarsingh, representative of Santa Rosa ALF, commented in regards to the Old Hospital and requested amendments on the contract and an extension of 120 days.

Mr. Brandenburg commented in regards to the “as-is” contract and recommended that the City does not grant the extension.

- Discussion ensued. Mr. Brandenburg reiterated his recommendation.

**Approval to not accept the extension of the contract for 120 days**  
**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlen.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Service Announcements:**

1. Gina Levesque, representative of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics, provided information from the Commission on Ethics.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. **January 22, 2019 –Commission Workshop Minutes**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Consent Agenda:** *(none)*

**Ordinance:** *(none)*

**Resolutions:**

1. **RESOLUTION 2019 – 14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT).**

*Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2019 - 14 into the record.*

**Approval of Resolution 2019 - 14**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

2. **RESOLUTION 2019 – 15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATE-FUNDED GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT).**

*Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2019 - 15 into the record.*

**Approval of Resolution 2019 - 15**

**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **RESOLUTION 2019 – 16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, ON THE RE-EVALUATION OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE OPERATIONS BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE LAKE OKEECHOBEE SYSTEM OPERATING MANUAL.**

*Mr. Brandenburg read Resolution 2019 - 16 into the record and explained the purpose of the resolution.*

**Approval of Resolution 2019 - 16**

**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Hearing:** *(none)*

**Proclamations (approval):**

1. Ratification of Proclamation – Dorothy Tommie Rhodes

*Mr. Brandenburg read the proclamation into the record.*

**Approval of Ratification of Proclamation – Dorothy Tommie Rhodes**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentations:**

1. Lawn of the Month – Erica Sandlin

The City Commission presented the respective certificate.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Babb discussed the following:

- Elections
- Visits to businesses
- Travel
- Town Hall Meetings
- A day of celebration for Anquan Boldin
- City progress
- Current and upcoming City projects
- Rebranding efforts

**Report of the City Manager:**

Mr. Williamson discussed the following:

- City's new promotional video
- Creation of an annual Jazz on the Lake festival
- Commissioner Everett's campaign for housing
- Release of deed restriction for the 36 acres
- Movies in the Park

**Report of the City Attorney:**

Mr. Brandenburg discussed the following:

1. Technomarine
2. Okeechobee Land Company's lawsuit regarding 246 East Main Street
3. Application to State for release of deed restriction for 36 acres
4. State's requirement for an appraisal of the value of lifting the deed restriction

**Approval of application to the State of Florida for release of deed restriction on the 36 acre property**

**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval for the City Manager to contact the State for the appraisal of the 36 acres**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlen.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

**1. Marina Lease Update**

Mr. Brandenburg discussed the following:

- Master meter installation not being possible
- Marina water bill and \$140,000 debt
- State's denial for Point Counterpoint II to conduct concerts at the Marina or the park
- State's denial for the Marina or park to be used, in any fashion, by any cruise boat efforts
- State's request for a comprehensive plan and report from the City
- Meeting with Everglades Reserve Holding LLC and open issues on their sublease

**Approval to direct the City Manager to make arrangements to pay the 140,000 water bill and put it on the agenda for update**  
**Motion by Commissioner Bohlen. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to move forward with the engineer to send a camera down the water line, to determine what the break is and how expensive it will be to fix it, and to report back at next meeting**  
**Motion by Commissioner Bohlen. Seconded by Vice Mayor Murvin.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to reject request for upgrade of electrical panels to 60 Amp**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to instruct the City Manager to move forward, expeditiously, with the drains from the restaurant being hooked to the grease trap**  
**Motion by Commissioner Hill. Seconded by Commissioner Bohlen.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval to direct the City Attorney and City Manager to work out an agreement with Everglades Reserve Holding LLC that is best for the City**  
**Motion by Vice Mayor Murvin. Seconded by Commissioner Hill.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business:** *(none)*

**Citizens Comments:**

1. Catherine Marvez commented in regards to the City's boards and committees.
2. Samuel McKinstry inquired about the Marina lease.

**Correspondence/Comments and Concerns of the City Commissioners**

**Commissioner Everett** congratulated the re-elected and newly elected officials and discussed the following:

- Correction of issues at Marina and City Commission holding staff responsible

- His campaign for housing
- Recreation
- Old Hospital

**Commissioner Hill** congratulated the re-elected and newly elected officials and discussed the following:

- Old Hospital
- Social media
- Palm Beach State College's programs

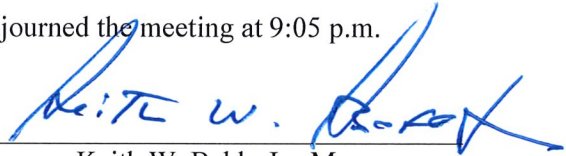
**Commissioner Bohlen** discussed the following:

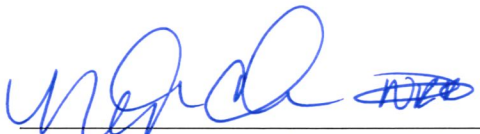
- Her election
- Workshop for the City Commission
- City's boards and committees
- Translator for the meeting(s) to be in Spanish
- I Love Pahokee Day

**Vice Mayor Murvin** expressed gratitude for the following:

- Former Commissioner Walker's service to the City of Pahokee
- Her re-election for another term

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

  
 Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

  
 ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, City Clerk