

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Watts.

2. ROLL CALL:

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| Mayor | James Watts | Present |
| Vice Mayor | Barbara Manley | Present |
| Commissioner | Richard Cochrane | Present |
| Commissioner | Robert Elliott | Present |
| Commissioner | Maurice Nelson | Present |

Staff Present

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| City Manager | Fred Hilliard | Present |
| City Attorney | Tom Cloud | Present |
| Deputy City Clerk | Melissa Newman | Present |
| Finance Director | James (Mel) Parker | Present |
| Public Works Director | Jackie Cannon | Present |
| Water/Wastewater Director | Robbie Ward | Present |

Also present: Polk County Captain Mike Wiggins and Sergeant Luc Doyon.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Watts led the invocation. Mayor Watts led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

A. Add to Item 9 B. Ordinance 16-09 Amending Golf Cart Operations 1st Reading.

B. Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Special Meeting

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Manley to approve adding Ordinance 16-09 and the Minutes of March 15, 2016 to the agenda.

Motion to approve additions passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of March 8, 2016, March 8, 2016 Budget Audit Meeting and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 15, 2016.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane second Commissioner Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

6. **PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

None.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Citizen comments for items not on the agenda (3-minute maximum length).

Mr. Terry Booker, 1017 Indiana St., Fort Meade, FL. addressed the Commission with three things:

1. Invited the Commissioners and City staff to the CMHP monthly luncheon on Wednesday at noon.
2. Would like to be informed of the status of the Activity Center and shuffle board courts.
3. Asked the PCSO if they would increase the patrolling of the CMHP as residents are leaving to go back North.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance No. 16-07 on 1st Reading.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to approve Ordinance 16-07 to permit additional procurement processes as an alternative to bidding requirements on 1st Reading with 2nd reading on May 10, 2016.

Motion to approve Ordinance 16-07 passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

- B. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 16-09 Amending Golf Cart Operations on 1st Reading.

City Manager Hilliard stated that the City has received 80 golf cart signs and were waiting on locates to install them starting in the Northeast section.

Registrations will be accepted toward the end of April at the Fort Meade Library for Northeast section with the Southeast section following at the Community Center until all sections are complete.

Following a meeting with the PCSO's Captain Wiggins and Sergeant Doyon, Mayor Watts and City Attorney Cloud, they felt there were some revisions that needed to be done to the golf cart ordinance pertaining to changing the penalty to that of state statute and a grace period.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Manley to approve Ordinance 16-09 Amending the Golf Cart Operation on 1st Reading with 2nd Reading on May 10, 2016.

Motion to approve Ordinance 16-09 passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

C. Cemetery cleanup report.

City Manager Hilliard stated that the Commission passed a Resolution in December, 2015 and amended the Resolution in January, 2016 to define new rules for Evergreen and Morrison Cemeteries. The new rules were to go into effect on March 1, 2016 to give residents time to remove the items that were no longer allowed in the cemeteries. The city went in on March 19, 2016 and cleanup up Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Hilliard stated that the need for the revisions came because at night the cemetery looked like a landing zone for aircraft carriers, it was difficult for the cleanup crew to maintain the cemetery and the cemetery committee worked together to revise the rules.

Residents who spoke against the new ordinance stating that it was not what was done but how it was done:

Mr. James Schail, 219 N. Pine Ave, Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Vanessa Oberski, 126 Albert St., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Pat Marckel, 222 S. Palmetto Ave., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Brandi Deloen, 23 N. Albritton Ave., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Rita Collins, 1421 Periwinkle Ct., Lakeland, FL.
Ms. Alisha Reyes, 2494 N. Brooke Rd., Fort Meade, FL.
Mr. Roy Tilman, 64 Brooks Ridge Rd. Frostproof, FL.
Ms. Amanda Sparks, 311 NE 5th St., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Kimberly Booz, 3296 Lake Buffum Rd., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Tonya Bates, 630 Ave B NW, Winter Haven, FL.
Mr. Gerald Vaughn, 814 S. Perry Ave., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Paulie Hues, 1039 Ohio St., Fort Meade, FL.
Ms. Teresa Gongi, 219 N. Pine Ave., Fort Meade, FL.
Mr. Andrew Boosos, 4066 Magnolia Ave., Highlands City, FL.

Residents for the new ordinance and the cleanup:

Mr. Tommy Storey, 202 Edgewood Drive, Fort Meade, FL.

D. Request for Pension Workshop

Mr. Hilliard stated that there was some concern with the way the pension was setup and request that a Pension Workshop be scheduled to discuss the issues.

The commission advised setting up a date that is good for the Actuary and Pension Attorneys.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney Cloud stated that a hearing is set on May 25, 2016 at 2:45 for BioSolids disputing the change in fees to the industrial customer.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A. Historical Preservation Grant for City Hall

Mr. Hilliard stated that the Grant has been initiated and an inspection of City Hall will be performed to determine what needs to be done.

B. Recreational Grants

Mr. Hilliard stated that the City has been awarded two FRDAP Grants. One is a \$50,000.00 for kayak facility and restoration of the restrooms at the Peace River Park and the other is for a basketball court and lighting at the Community Center.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley stated she would like to see the repairing of the road at Robinson Mobile Home Park begin.

Commission Manley asked if the vacant positions would be filled and Mr. Hilliard stated they would be advertised soon.

Mayor Watts stated he would like to have the cemetery committee meet again and revisit the new rules.

Commissioner Cochrane asked what was going on with Code Enforcement and Mr. Hilliard stated that MaryJo Russell was working part-time and would address any issues they had.

13. STAFF REPORTS


None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

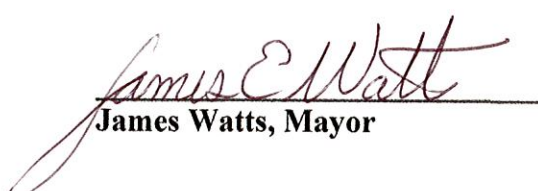
There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Elliott second Commissioner Manley to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of April 12, 2016 at 8:19 P.M.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk



James Watts, Mayor

