

**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 19, 2018
6:00 P.M.
FORT MEADE MOBILE HOME PARK ACTIVITY CENTER
1046 SE 2ND STREET
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA 33841**

A special called meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the CMHP Activity Center, 1046 SE 2nd Street, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
HR Director	Sheryl Williams	Present

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Nelson led the invocation. Mayor Cochrane led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. PROCEDURES FOR UPCOMING CITY MANAGER SEARCH:

Mayor Cochrane called this meeting to discuss the procedures for the city manager search stating that when Fred applied there were over 50 applicants and the Commission had appointed a committee of citizens to help review the applications received to narrow the candidates and asked the Commissioners to start thinking about how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Hilliard suggested that the ad be posted with the International City Managers Association, the Florida League of County and City Managers and the Florida League of Cities.

Commissioner Manley stated that she spoke with a commissioner of Frostproof who stated they used a private individual to conduct the search at no cost to the City.

Commissioner Campbell asked Mr. Hilliard what his timeline was and Mr. Hilliard responded that he is looking at September 30 and if the commission needed him to stay longer for the transition he would consider.

Mr. Hilliard recommended the commission allow him and staff to prepare a job description, an ad and a timeline for the process to be presented back to the commission at the May meeting.

Mayor Cochrane stated that he would like the participation of the citizens in the process of the search for the next city manager.

Mayor Cochrane asked the audience if they had any comments pertaining to the procedures for the search of a city manager:

Mr. Terry Booker, 1017 Indiana St., Fort Meade, FL. stated that while putting together the city manager job description, the mobile home park manager should not be part of those responsibilities. The city manager has enough to do besides running the mobile home park and Mr. Booker recommended creating a working committee to report to the city manager instead.

Mr. Earl Pinkall, 1007 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Meade, FL. stated that he has one philosophy, don't look over all the people with knowledge of the business, he stated that God so loved the world that he did not send a committee, he sent one person with brains.

Ms. Paulie Hughes, FL. 1019 SE 2nd St., Fort Meade, FL. stated that she likes the idea of input from the citizens.

Sharon Steurwald, 1042 New York, Fort Meade, FL. stated that you need to update the prospectus and not the residents. Ms. Steurwald stated that there should be a probation period for new hires.

Connie Atkinson, 1000 Wisconsin St., Fort Meade, FL. stated that Chapter 723 is what governs the mobile home park and you need someone in office who has knowledge of it.

Leroy Vanhorn, 1001 Wisconsin St., Fort Meade, FL. stated he spent 31 years in office and the most difficult times was hiring new employees, the resume might look amazing but that doesn't always reflect the individual.

5. **COMMENTS**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Campbell, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Special City Commission Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:27 P.M.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Richard Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

