

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Nelson.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
City Planner/ Assistant Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Human Resource Director	Donna Parker	Present
Water/Wastewater Director	Robbie Ward	Present

Also present: Polk County Sergeant Andy Beymer

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Nelson led the invocation and the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of March 31, 2015

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to
approve the Consent Agenda.**

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

None

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. City Attorney Tom Cloud read the title to Ordinance 15-05 Amending the Code of Ordinances related to utility system services on 2nd and Final Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA RELATED TO UTILITY SYSTEM SERVICE; PROVIDING FINDINGS; MODIFYING SECTIONS 24-3, 24-4, 24-31, AND 24-157 AND CREATING SECTION 24-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF FORT MEADE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to approve Ordinance 15-05 on 2nd Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Approve Resolution R15-06 authorizing the City to enter into a grant with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A GRANT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE FOR A SITE SPECIFIC PROJECT FOR THE DEMONSTRATION MAINTENANCE PROJECT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to
approve Resolution R15-06**

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

None.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Watts stated he would like an update on how the Moonlight and Music event went as he was out of town attending a funeral.

Commissioner Manley stated it was wonderful and if you missed it you missed a great event.

Human Resource Director Donna Parker, who played a key role in the event, stated that it was a great turn out. There were two food vendors, one which totally sold out of food, serving the attendees. Ms. Parker stated that she was told there were over 500 people who attended.

Commissioner Elliott stated that the city staff done a great job; Parks and Recs, Jackie, Donna and everyone who helped.

Commissioner Elliott stated that there was a new tree service in town and inquired if they were contacted about the tree removal project.

City Manager Hilliard stated they had to be a certified arborist.

Commissioner Cochrane stated he would like to see revisions to replace the trees that are taken down.

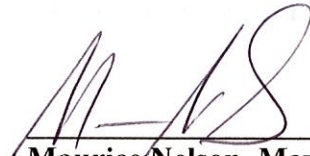
13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Manley second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Special Commission meeting of April 21, 2015 at 6:17 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk