

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014**

A Workshop Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the Fort Meade Community Center, 10 SW 3rd St., Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Elliott.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Finance Director	James Mel Parker	Present

Also present was: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer.

3. REPUBLIC SERVICES DISCUSSION

Mr. Jevon Herman, General Manager of Republic Services along with his Supervisor, Tom Callahan and Debbie Mullens, Municipal Manager, welcomed everyone to the workshop and encouraged questions or concerns about the service provided by Republic Services.

Mr. Herman explained the services provided by Republic Services and that Republic Services is not only a vendor but a part of the Community of Fort Meade.

Mayor Elliott stated that the services provided by Republic should be done without numerous complaints and letters to the General Manager. The City generated 91 work orders over a 5 month period of debris that had not been picked up.

Mr. Herman stated that the 91 work orders that were outstanding were about 1 % of the community and that all of them have been resolved.

Mr. Edward Isaac, 320 S Pine Avenue, Ft. Meade, FL. 33841 stated he had real good pick up service from Republic Services in his area of the City.

Ms. Paulie Hughes, resident of the City Mobile Home Park, stated there wasn't anything major going on except one of the garbage trucks dropped some glass while emptying a container and it was never cleaned up and the garbage trucks driving through the Park when they are not picking up garbage or yard debris and tearing up the roads.

Mr. Phillip Lyle, Hickory Lane S., stated he had good service from Republic Services.

Another resident of the City Mobile Home Park on SE 2nd St. was complaining of trash sitting by a pole for about 4 weeks and not being picked up. He also stated that the recycle bins make more of a mess than they are worth.

Mr. Josh Adams who owns rental property in the City limits stated his personal experiences with Republic have always been positive.

Ms. Petrina McCuthchen, 100 SE DR MLK Ave, Ft. Meade, FL. 33841 questioned the amount of work orders that were in question stating that was a small portion compared the rest of the community that was happy with the service of Republic Services.

Ms. Katie, Executive Director of Keep Polk County Beautiful stated that she works all over Polk County doing community clean ups and the City of Fort Meade is beautiful. She stated Republic Services always participates in community clean-up efforts.

Mr. Charlie Fountain stated he hasn't heard any complaints in the community about Republic Services.

Mr. Wallace McLeroy, 106 W Broadway St., Fort Meade, FL. 33841 stated he was happy with the service of Republic Services as a business owner and a resident. Mr. McLeroy expressed concern for a cardboard recycle container for downtown businesses.

Mr. Melvin Thomas, 523 S Oak Ave, Ft. Meade, FL. 33841 stated this is the cleanest the City of Fort Meade has been in years.

Mr. John, resident of the City Mobile Home Park, stated the claw on the garbage truck has poked holes in his container and requested a new one.

Ms. Pricella Perry questioned the procedure to take regarding who to call if you have a complaint or concern about the trash service.

Commissioner Cochrane stated that the residents pay the City who in turn pays Republic for services so the residents need to call the City with any concerns with the services.

City Attorney Cloud stated that Republic Services has not delivered the services that it is supposed to stating they raised rates to the City when in fact they had a decrease in rates at the land fill.

Ms. Caroline Thomas, 523 S. Oak Ave., Ft. Meade, FL. 33841 stated she was very pleased with the service provided by Republic Services.

Mr. Herman stated that Republic Services would provide the best possible service it could for the remainder of the contract with the City of Fort Meade which is one more year.

Mayor Elliott as a business customer questioned the reason his bill has gone up three times in the last couple months and Ms. Mullens stated she would look into his account personally.

Mr. Ralph Stofield, Legal Counsel for Republic Services, stated that Republic has not increased rates passed what was allowed and approved by the City Commission.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion Mayor Elliott called the workshop meeting of April 29, 2014 adjourned at 7:25 P.M.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

