

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Elliott.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Ms. April Brown led the invocation. Mayor Elliott led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

9-E Third Amendment to Lease Agreement for East Coast Migrant Head Start Project.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to approve the addition of 9-E.

Motion carried with all yeas.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the City Commission Special Meeting, March 11, 2014 and the Regular meeting of March 11, 2014.

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Special Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014 and the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014.

Motion carried with all yeas.

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

Proclamation declaring the week of May 5th – 9th, as “Just Say No Week”.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

Ms. Priscella Perry, Chamber of Commerce Director, wanted to thank the City and the Chamber for working together on various projects throughout the City.

The Plan Air Art Festival will be later this month and she will send more information for the reception.

Ms. Perry inquired about the funds set aside for awnings in the CRA stating she would like to see those funds used on other beautification projects in the City.

City Planner, April Brown stated she would get with the City Attorney to see how the funds can be used and present some options to the CRA Board for recommendation to the City Commission.

Mr. Curtis Bankston, 1370 N. Charleston Ave. Ft. Meade, FL. 33841, stated that Robinson Circle is in the City limits but is not treated like it. He stated they would like sewer extended to the residents of Robin Circle and help with the road into Robinson Circle.

City Attorney Cloud stated he would look into what options the City and the residents of Robinson Circle could take and present them at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 14-05 on 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE,
FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AMENDING THE FORT**

MEADE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION, PARKS AND RECREATION, WATER, WASTEWATER AND ELECTRIC; PROVIDING FOR A COPY TO BE KEPT ON FILE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to adopt Ordinance 14-05 on 2nd Reading.

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing.

Mayor Elliott closed the public hearing.

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution R14-02 – TPO Interlocal Agreement**

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MEMBERSHIP APPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE POLK TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve Resolution R14-02.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 14-06 Amending the 2013-2014 Budget. 1st Reading**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR THE CITY OF FORT MEADE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to approve Ordinance 14-06 Amending the 2013-2014 Budget on 1st Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C. ARP Alternative Fixed Cost Allocators/ Peak Shaving Proposal**

City Manager Hilliard explained how the City shaves its peak by running generators and the other members are complaining about the cost being pushed back to them. ARP is trying to phase this process out so generation will not be allowed. The City will have established its Contract Rate of Demand (CROD) as of January 1, 2015 and will be allowed to operate our DMS System when needed.

D. Schedule workshop regarding MLK.

Mr. E.J. King stated he would like to setup a workshop with the City Commission and Mr. George Gadson, a native of Fort Meade and a renowned sculpture, to discuss options for beautification of MLK St.

Commissioners decided on April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to have the workshop in Commission Chambers.

E. East Coast Migrant Head Start Project Third Amendment to Lease Agreement.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Third Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City and East Coast Migrant Head Start Project beginning in August in the amount of \$2006.00.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

A. Republic Services

City Attorney Cloud spoke of the letter that was given to Republic Services by City Manager Hilliard regarding customer complaints. City Attorney Cloud recommended having a workshop with the customers to determine what actions need to be taken regarding Republic Services.

Mr. Ron Clark, Attorney for Republic Services, responded to the Commission regarding Mr. Cloud's comment stating the contract was up in one year and did not recommend termination before then. Attorney Clark stated Jevon Herman, General Manager of Republic Services, is devoted to taking care of Fort Meade.

Mayor Elliott questioned the commercial account rate stability stating there have been two rate increases in the last couple months.

Mr. Jevon Herman stated that Republic Services acquired the rates when they acquired the accounts and are working to stabilizing them as per the contract.

Mr. Richard Johnson had a complaint of Republic trash trucks riding through the City MHP not picking up the garbage and driving erratically.

The City Commission decided on a workshop to discuss the issues of Republic Services at the Fort Meade Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A. US EcoGen

City Manager Hilliard stated they were working on locations for water and sewer.

B. City Manager Hilliard introduced and welcomed Donna Parker as the City's new Human Resource Director.

C. RFQ 14-03 HVAC

City Manager recommended a contract with Long's AC for service of City buildings.

Commissioner Watts recommended that the City run the RFQ one more time giving everyone a chance to bid.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to pursue the contract with Longs after further review.

Motion carried with all yeas.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Nelson questioned the time of the Code Enforcement meeting and she was told it would be on April 24, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Elliott asked that staff provide the dates for the workshop to the Commission.

Commissioner Manley welcomed Ms. Donna Parker to the staff of the City of Fort Meade.

Commissioner Watts also welcomed Ms. Donna Parker.

Commissioner Manley thanked the City and everyone who participated in Relay for Life.

Commissioner Manley requested an evaluation for the City Manager in the next couple months.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of April 8, 2014 at 8:27 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk