

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday April 9, 2013, 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 Cochrane.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	Jim Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	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

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

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

Additions:

6 A. Proclamation "Just Say No" week.

9 E. Ratification of Mayor's Signature for State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Sub-Grant Agreement

11 D. City Manager Report on Republic Services

**Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to accept additions to the agenda.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of City Commission Special Meeting of March 12, 2013 and City Commission Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013.

**Motion Manley, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

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

**A. Fort Meade Chamber Director Report**

None.

**B. Proclamation declaring the week of May 5 – 11, 2013 as "Just Say No" Week**

Proclamation requested by the City of Bartow Chamber of Commerce.

**7. PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

None.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Sale of Fort Meade Gas System**

City Manager Hilliard reported that TECO has contacted the City requesting to bid on the Gas System.

Florida Public Utilities stated that their original bid is "as is" and will not offer a counter bid.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-03 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CITY OF FORT MEADE ORDINANCE NUMBERS 07-06, 08-19, AND 09-12 RELATED TO WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES; MODIFYING THE WATER & WASTEWATER RATES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FINDINGS; MODIFYING RATE SCHEDULES; MODIFYING MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INDEXING ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF FORT MEADE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DAT.**

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to approve Ordinance 13-03 by title and request second reading on May 14, 2013.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- B.** Inter-local Agreement between Polk County and the City of Fort Meade for continued cooperation in the implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit No. FLS000015-003

**Motion Elliott, seconded Manley to adopt the Inter-local Agreement between Polk County and the City of Fort Meade for the Stormwater System.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- C.** East Coast Migrant Head Start Project

**Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to approve a lease agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Project at the current rate plus a CPI of 3.3%.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**D.** 2013 Budget Adjustments

Mel Parker, Finance Director presented the Commission with the 2013 Budget Adjustments.

Commissioner Manley requested Mr. Parker add more detail to the report.

**Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to authorize staff to make budget adjustments.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**E.** Ratification of Mayor's signature for State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Sub-Grant Agreement.

**Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to approve agreement and ratify the Mayor's signature.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

City Manager Hilliard gave an update on FMPA/ARP. They are looking into buying a Nuclear Plant in George. The staff is evaluating how adding a nuclear fueled option may reduce rates and improve systems reliability.

The strategies outlined for the members to consider about the Taylor Interest Rate Swaps are to do nothing and pay (financed) termination costs, issue bonds to which the swaps can be associated "economically" with a needed capital project or modify swap contracts to eliminate or delay triggering event. Based on the staff's evaluation, it appears that the termination of the Taylor Interest Rate Swaps will come at a cost to the ARP customers.

City Manager Hilliard recommended that Mr. Gerry Hartman with GAI Consulting review the stormwater report and provide a proposal for the City of Fort Meade.

The cost to review the residential, commercial and industrial properties would be \$9,900.00.

**Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to authorize staff to proceed with the stormwater study.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

City Manager Hilliard reported on the issue of the Fort Meade Fire Department responding to “permitted fires” being issued as “brush fires”. Mr. Hilliard is working with the Fire Chief to resolve the issue and the extra cost to the City.

City Manager Hilliard has hired a Public Works Director. Mr. Charles Boscoe will start employment on April 17, 2013.

City Manager Hilliard reported on Republic Services issues. The rates went up 3.3% with the CPI. The commercial customers experienced a much higher rate increase but the rates have been adjusted and they will be making restitution.

City Manager Hilliard requested a date for a work session on capital improvements. The Commission agreed to Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Cochrane requested staff put together a list of needs be sent to the Commission prior to the meeting.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Manley read an email from a citizen about concerns of how much water was left in the well related to direct usage in years and the effect US EcoGen will have on the City’s water supply.

City Manager stated he would provide the Commission the water permit report.

Commissioner Manley questioned the reclaimed water that is sent to Mosaic and if it would be more beneficial for the City to treat it and reuse it.

City Manager Hilliard stated he would provide the Commission with the agreement between Mosaic and the City of Fort Meade on the reuse water.

Commissioner Manley requested a monthly report from all departments in the City.

Commissioner Watts inquired about a drainage problem on NE 5<sup>th</sup> St.

City Manager Hilliard assured the Commission staff was working on it.

Commissioner Elliott expressed his concern on the lack of customer service at Republic Services.

Commissioner Cochrane asked to compare trash services.

Attorney Tom Cloud suggested staff look into Wauchula for trash services.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Manley, second Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of April 9, 2013 at 7:55 PM.  
Motion carried with all yeas.

  
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**Rick Cochrane, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
  
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**Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk**