

**CITY COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018
6:00 P.M.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
1046 SE 2nd STREET
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA 33841**

A Budget Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 1046 SE 2nd Street, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Absent
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
Parks/Fire Dept.	Roc Eiland	Present

3. FY 2018/2019 Budget Work Session:

3.A. Consider proposed budget for all departments

Ms. Breanna Smith presented a balanced budget and the capital improvements list that was incorporated in the budget for three fiscal years.

Ms. Smith stated that one of the changes that was made from the previous meeting was in the Fire Dept. adding air packs for this fiscal year and postponing the radios to the following fiscal year. Ms. Smith stated that some of the items requested are split between departments.

Ms. Smith stated that in the recreation and cmhp departments there is a \$15,000 capital improvement line item that we are working with the Emergency Management Division to help fund a shelter study for each building.

Mr. Hilliard stated he would like to add a part-time planner to assist in planning for the city. Another full-time position would be an electric supervisor to take over the electric department so the Public Works Director can focus on public works. Mr. Hilliard also stated he would like to add an assistant city manager position to aide the city manager.

Mayor Cochrane requested a discretionary budget of \$50,000 to be used by the commission at their discretion.

Commissioner Manley asked which was more important the employee positions or the discretionary. Commissioner Watts stated he would like to see all of it added. Mr. Cloud suggested setting up another workshop to decide.

Commissioner Manley asked how much these positions would cost. Mr. Cloud stated that the planner could range from \$15,00 to \$30,000. Mr. Hilliard stated that the electric supervisor would be compatible to what Jackie makes. Ms. Manley stated that Jackie will still have more duties than a supervisor and there should be a differential between the two.

The consensus of the commission was to have another budget workshop on September 4th at 6:00 pm to add the requests for the employee positions and the commissioner discretionary fund.

Commissioner Elliott thanked Breanna for her hard work on the budget and the new layout.

Mayor Cochrane noted that there was repairs to a goat shed in the fire department budget and stated that when his dad sat on the commission one of his projects was to get a goat shed built. The goat shed was what they called a place for the guys "ole goats" to play checkers. The older gentlemen were offended by that statement and never used the goat shed.

Fire Captain, Dorrell Nelson stated that he has been working on a grant of \$31,035 for much needed light weight tools from Fire House Subs. Mr. Nelson invited the commissioners and city manager to a demo of the equipment to be purchased on September 6th at 7:00 pm.

4. **COMMENTS**

None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:59 P.M.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Richard Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

