

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
COMMISSION BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP
AUGUST 11, 2015**

A Budget Planning Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:30 PM Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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

*Commissioner Cochrane arrived at 6:39 PM

Also present was Sergeant Luc Doyon

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Human Resources Director	Donna Parker	Present
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Absent
Water and Wastewater	Robbie Ward	Present
Streets/Stormwater	Mike Bolin	Present
Parks Supervisor	Roc Eiland	Present

3. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

City Manager Fred Hilliard opened the budget discussion stated that the budget has been balanced and stated that they closed the gap in the General Fund by budgeting a 1.5% COLA and up to a 2% Merit increase for employees instead of the proposed 3% Merit for a total of approximately \$18,000.

Commissioner Manley asked why the budget histories are less this year in the expenses.

Finance Director Mel Parker stated that the decrease in the Legislative is due to the \$20,000 from FPU that was budgeted that we have not received, nor will receive. In the other departments the capital spending was cut out.

Commissioner Manley questioned that if the Hammock Lake lift station was in the capital improvements it sounds important and why was it cut out.

Mr. Hilliard stated that there isn't enough money to fund that project but there is a rate study being done to increase the revenue in the sewer department to help fund this later on.

Mayor Nelson requested that staff reapply for the awnings grant and maybe ask to broaden the scope.

Mayor Nelson stated that more money needed to be in the budget for repairs and upgrades to City Hall.

Commissioner Cochrane asked if the loan from the Gas Fund was being repaid in this budget.

Mr. Hilliard stated that in the 2016 budget there will be a debt service line item in the departments that have or will borrow from other funds.


The next budget hearing will be the 1st TRIM Hearing on September 15th followed by the Final TRIM Hearing on September 22, 2015, both at 6:00 P.M.

4. **COMMENTS**

None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Budget Planning Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:55 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.



Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk