

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:58 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	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
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Human Resource Director	Donna Parker	Present

Also present: Polk County 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**

Add Agenda Item 9-I Fire Protection Agreement 2014-2015

**Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to add Item 9-I to the agenda.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- E.** Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 14-09 Power Cost Adjustment.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;  
AMENDING SECTION 24-155, CODE OF ORDINANCES;  
PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to  
approve Ordinance 14-09 Power Cost Adjustment on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading being on September 9, 2014.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- F.** Fort Meade Neighborhood Development Project.

Mr. Ray Pennington, with the FM Neighborhood Development Project, welcomed the Commission and audience to the annual "Back to School Blast" to make school supply donations to the school age children. Mr. Pennington stated that Walgreens would be there to do sports physicals and Blood One to do bloodwork for students in need. BB&T and Suntrust would also be on sight to help the young adults to open checking and savings accounts.

- G.** Land Development Code revisions.

City Planner April Brown presented a revised sign regulation code to the Commission and asked for direction of how to proceed.

The final revisions will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission before being enforced.

**Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley for staff  
to proceed with the revisions as proposed.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- H.** Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 14-10 Stormwater Rates on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;  
PROVIDING FINDINGS; ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT UTILITY; ENACTING A STORMWATER  
UTILITY FEE; PROVIDING FOR METHOD OF COLLECTION,  
PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTING AND USE OF FEE REVENUES;  
REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN  
CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to approve Ordinance 14-10 Stormwater Rates on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on September 9, 2014.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- I.** Approval of the Fire Protection Agreement

**Motion Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Polk County.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

- A.** Proposal of Toshiba Copiers

City Manager Hilliard stated a proposal for new copiers for City operations has been presented to staff. Mr. Hilliard advised the Commission that the new copiers would save the City \$9,994.80 a year.

- B.** FMPA/ARP CROD

City Manager Hilliard stated that he and Mr. Herrington met with FMPA to discuss the CROD contract where their attorneys were available yet the City Attorney was not invited therefore the meeting concluded. Mr. Hilliard stated that the FMPA is trying to control both sides of the meters.

- C.** Bio-Solids Operations

Mr. Hilliard stated that the citizens of the City have been complaining of the noxious odor coming from the Bio-Solids operations north of the city. Mr. Hilliard stated that he has prepared a letter to be distributed in regards to the noxious odors and stated he would do everything he can to rectify the situation.

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to authorize staff and legal counsel to seek State assistance and failing State assistant to abate the nuisance to pursue all legal action including abatement to abate the nuisance if necessary.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

Mr. Clayton Frazier, owner of Badcock Home Store, whose business is located due east of the operation, addressed the Commission concerning these noxious odors. Mr. Frazier stated he has customers leaving or not even coming inside due to the odor. He also stated the smell inside his store was unbearable. His new neighbors have said if they would have known of the awful smell they would have never brought their business here. He stated the owner of Dally Mobile Home Park stated that the tenants wanted to break their leases to get away from the odor.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Nelson had a complaint about garbage not being picked up on Sherwood Dr. She stated that the customers should be pro-rated for not getting the service they are due.

Commissioner Cochrane inquired if staff has had time to look into providing free Wi-Fi for the City.

Commissioner Watts stated that he has not had any more complaints on Republic and has seen some improvement.

**13. STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of August 12, 2014 at 8:10 PM.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

  
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**Robert Elliott, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk**