

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Manley.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Wessell	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Streets/Stormwater	Mike Bolin	Present

Also, present: Polk County Deputy Donna Blackburn

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Pastor Phillip Williams led the invocation, Mayor Manley lead the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS

5.A. Proclamation proclaiming the declaration of support for the Polk Vision Smart Communities Team and Statement of the Polk County Broadband Plan.

5.B. Pastor Phillip Williams representing the Ministerial Alliance of Fort Meade, handed out an insert out of a historic book of the City and stated that there are some spiritual circumstances that happened back then and the Alliance is in hopes of reconciling these issues. The Ministerial Alliance has come together

to discuss this situation and would like to have a day of prayer and reconciliation at the flagpoles by City Hall with the City Leaders and the citizens on December 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.A.** Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Regular City Commission Meeting and Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Commission Workshop.

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Regular City Commission Meeting and the minutes of the December 7, 2017 Commission Workshop.

Motion to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017 Regular Commission Meetings and minutes of the December 7, 2017 Commission Workshop passed by unanimous vote of 5- 0.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

No one wished to speak.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.A.** City Manager Hilliard read the title to Ordinance 17-11 Amending Budget Allocations for FY 2017-2018 on 2nd and Final Reading.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to adopt Ordinance 17-11 Amending Budget Allocations for FY 2017-2018.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-11 Amending Budget Allocations for FY 2017-2018 passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.A.** Consider request for donation from Project Graduation Class of 2018.

Commissioner Elliott recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Ms. Lynn Woods, 500 SE 9th St., Fort Meade, FL. representing the Project Graduation requested a donation from the city to aid in a safe and fun graduation party for the class of 2018.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Project Graduation Class of 2018.

Motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to Project Graduation passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- 9B.** Consider cooperative funding agreement with SFWMD.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to approve the cooperative funding agreement with SFWMD for stormwater master plan.

Motion to approve agreement with SFWMD passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- 9.C.** Consider Social Media Policy

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Elliott to table this this item until the January 9, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion to table Item 9C. passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- 9.D.** Consider Fort Meade Child Development Center request for assistance.

Commissioner Elliott requested a lease agreement be made with the CDC.

Commissioner Cochrane and Mayor Manley requested to see the financials.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to table this item until more information is provided.

Motion to allow the use of the City's capacity at the landfill to dispose of the Old Motel passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

- 9.E.** Consider Pole Attachment Agreement with Mobilite, LLC.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Cochrane to approve the pole attachment agreement with Mobilite, LLC.

Motion to approve agreement with Mobilite, LLC. passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- 9.F.** City Mobile Home Park workshop follow-up.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the activity center was built with a bond secured by the lot rent of the CMHP. Mr. Hilliard provided other information regarding a rental agreement for the use of the activity center, the removal of the trailers in the front and he is working on cost estimates of the damaged buildings.

No action was taken.

- 9.G.** Consider Interim Financing for Disaster Recovery for Irma.

Ms. Breanna Smith stated that the current budget or any reserves that the City has were not adequate to sustain an emergency such as the one we have experienced with Hurricane Irma. The City has been working with Citizen's Bank & Trust to secure interim financing to fund these unexpected expenses. All capital spending was frozen following the damage of Irma.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve staff proceeding with securing intern financing.

Motion to proceed with securing intern financing passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- 9.H.** Consider request to participate in the Bartow MLK Parade.

The consensus of the Commission was not to commit participation in the Bartow MLK parade.

No other action taken.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

- A.** US EcoGen Project Status Report

Mr. Hilliard stated that he met with Mr. Needles and he has requested cost estimates to run power lines to the facility, raw water and treated water and how to extend the water to the facility.

- B.** Food Store Project

Mr. Hilliard stated they have taken care of all the environmental issues inside the store and are in the process of securing the loan and general contractor. They are looking for a possible use for the old Dollar Store as well.

- C.** Irma Recovery Status Report

Mr. Hilliard stated that he would like to commend Ms. Smith with her work with FEMA and the reports she has put together, she has done a great job.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- 12A.** Vice Mayor Cochrane

Mr. Cochrane asked about a report on line-loss. Mr. Hilliard stated that a service technician from FMPA will be coming down soon to do that.

- 12B.** Commissioner Nelson

Ms. Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12C. Commissioner Elliott

Mr. Elliott asked about the letter from Vero Beach and Mr. Hilliard stated he had a meeting with them in 2 days and he would update the commission then.

Mr. Elliott asked about a grant for Patterson Park and the cleanup.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the debris was under the county contract. Mr. Elliott asked directly about the lighting and Mr. Hilliard stated that he didn't know nothing about it but would look into it.

Mayor Manley requested the gate a Patterson Park be closed daily.

12D. Commissioner Watts

Mr. Watts wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

12E. Mayor Manley

Mayor Manley questioned if we were in the same situation as Vero Beach would we have to have all the members vote yes as well, she stated we should look at it as if we were in the same situation. Mr. Hilliard stated it would be the same for the City of Fort Meade.

Mayor Manley invited the commission to attend the Ridge League dinners, stating that she is now the president and would encourage attendance.

Mayor Manley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

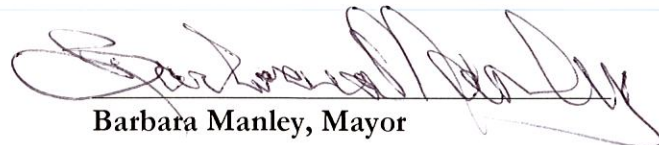
There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8:13 P.M.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

ATTEST:



Melissa Wessell, Deputy City Clerk



Barbara Manley, Mayor

