

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP  
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:36 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

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk/HR	Melissa Newman	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present

Also present was Sergeant Luc Doyon

**3. DISCUSSION WITH FPU REPRESENTATIVE MS. ALEIDA SOCCARAS**

Ms. Aleida Soccaras thanked the commission for inviting her to the workshop for FPU Economic Development.

Mr. Hilliard asked Ms. Socorass what the City can offer potential businesses wanting to open a business in the City using the economic development funds. Also, the change with Suntrust not accepting gas payments anymore there will be no place inside the City to make gas payments.

Mayor Nelson asked about doing something for the citizens as well.

Ms. Soccaras stated that FPU is very committed to the growth of Fort Meade. She stated that the City and FPU need to be partners in economic development to encourage growth.

Furthermore, the issue with the payments is that Western Union severed the relationship with Suntrust nationally and they will no longer receive payments for

FPU. FPU is open to suggestions to handle payments in the City other than the ones already offered.

Ms. Soccaras stated that FPU has invested a lot of money into the City to upgrade the gas system. They have upgraded the gas meters and are in the process of upgrading the gas mains.

Ms. Soccaras stated that an economic development plan needs to be presented that is in the best interest of the City's economic development. In order for this to work there needs to be a partnership between the City and FPU to attract potential customers.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the City would like to extend utility services to the North and asked if that would be an economic development plan that FPU would approve.

Ms. Soccaras stated that would be a great idea for the funds.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he would like to use some of the funds for engineering to develop the plans for the utility extensions.

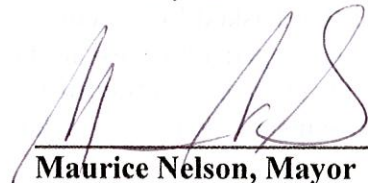
Ms. Soccaras stated that some of the funds have been used for economic development such as sponsoring the Chamber event in the amount of \$500.00.

4. **COMMENTS**

Commissioner Elliott requested a cease and desist of the letters that go out for extent of services on the water system that comes from FPU. Mr. Elliott asked for FPU not to solicit the City's customers.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Special Commission Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:56 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.

  
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Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk