

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	Jim Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
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

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Ms. April Brown led the invocation. Mayor Cochrane led the Pledge to the Flag.

**4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

9-C. Approve Ordinance 13-15 Pension and Retirement on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting of November 12, 2013

**Motion Elliott, second Watts to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

6. **PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

None

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Mayor Cochrane read the title for Ordinance 13-14 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;  
AMENDING THE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2012-2013 FOR THE CITY OF FORT MEADE; PROVIDING FOR  
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Nelson, second Elliott to approve Ordinance No. 13-14 on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading.**

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- B. Proposed revisions to the City's Code of Ordinances and LDC

City Planner April Brown presented the Commission with a draft amendment to the Code.

Mayor Cochrane recommended the draft be taken before the Planning and Zoning Board for recommendation to the Commission.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed rate reduction for Republic Services.

City Manager Fred Hilliard presented the Commission with a letter that was sent to Republic Services and explained that he met with Debbie Mullens, Representative of Republic Services, to discuss the rate reduction.

Ms. Mullens stated they would work out the issue with the City Manager and resolve any problems.

**B.** FDOT tentative work schedule for FY 2014-2019 (Fort Meade)

April Brown explained to the Commission the tentative work schedule of FDOT for the City of Fort Meade stating there are three projects in the next year FY 14-15; construction of the Peace River Trail, the lighting from US 17 to the Peace River Bridge and the traffic signal reimbursement.

**C.** Mayor Cochrane read the title for Ordinance 13-15 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, PENSION AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE II, TO PROVIDE FOR A SEPARATE PLAN FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES, FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS AND RESTATE THE PLANS UTILIZING THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.'S DOCUMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.**

**Motion Manley, second Nelson to approve Ordinance No. 13-15 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**A.** FMPA/ARP

City Manager Hilliard stated the board will talk about the demand side management at this month's meeting.

**B.** City Manager Hilliard stated he had been talking with other small cities about sharing equipment and services, such as street sweepers, sewer video cameras and other necessary equipment in an interlocal agreement.

- C. City Manager Hilliard stated Chief Eiland was in the process of working to improve the City's ISO rating by implementing a program to conduct annual fire inspections on businesses.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Nelson questioned if we could improve some of the poorly lit or unlit Christmas decorations due to citizens' complaints.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Watts, second Nelson to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of December 10, 2013 at 7:29 PM.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

  
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**Rick Cochrane, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk**