

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 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 Elliott.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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
Human Resource Director	Donna Parker	Present
Water/Wastewater Director	Robbie Ward	Present

Also present: Polk County Sergeant Andy Beymer and Deputy Cunningham.

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

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of November 18 and City Commission Workshop of November 24, 2014.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson 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. City Manager Hilliard read the title for Ordinance 14-13 LDC Text Amendments Article 4 Signs on 2nd Reading.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING TEXT CHANGES TO THE CITY OF FORT MEADE'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 2, ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DISTRICTS" AND ARTICLE 4, ENTITLED "SIGNS"; PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; RATIFYING UNAMENDED PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Watts to adopt Ordinance 14-13 Text amendments on 2nd Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve amendment of appointment of Citizens Advisory Task Force members to add Sam Berrien and Tamala Camp.**

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to amend the CATF board to add members Sam Berrien and Tamala Camp.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. CROD calculations.**

City Manager Hilliard explained that the peak power usage from December of last year until November of this year were used to calculate our CROD. The CROD base is 9.09 megawatts and FMPA has the option of increasing the CROD rate 15%, which will make it 10.36 megawatts. This will be the most power we have to buy from FMPA meaning any additional power needed could be purchased on the open market which is 37% lower.

Mr. Hilliard explained that we still were looking into some other options.

C. FMPA response to CROD related matters.

Mr. Hilliard stated he received a response to the 15 % analysis stating they want to do an increase of the 15 %. Mr. Hilliard stated the City would like to do their own scheduling.

Mr. Hilliard stated there may be a chance to get rid of the generators purchased to reduce CROD.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he stated to FMPA that if they build another generation plant the City should not be obligated to that facility and they recognize that.

Mr. Hilliard stated over the years we will be able to lower our power cost.

D. Capacity and Energy Exchange Agreement

Mr. Hilliard stated there were some minimal errors on the previous agreement that have been corrected. The agreement is to get the 3 megawatts from the St. Lucie Nuclear allocations.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to adopt the revised Capacity and Energy Exchange Agreement for the Fort Meade – St. Lucie Nuclear allocations.

Motion carried with all yeas.

E. FMPA Contract Rate of Delivery Implementation agreement.

Mr. Hilliard stated is the contract we will enter into with FMPA for CROD. This agreement goes over how the points of distribution, how it's going to be brought to us and how it's going to be operated.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve the FMPA Contract Rate of Delivery Implementation agreement.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- F. Fort Meade Community Health Care Board's request for donation.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve a donation to the Fort Meade Community Health Care Board in the amount of \$1,043.94.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

11. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

- A. Wastewater Treatment repairs.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the proposed bill for the sewer line and manhole replacement at the wastewater treatment plant was estimated at \$65,000.00 and the actual bill that came is was for \$52,000.00

- B. Christmas Holiday Schedule.

Mr. Hilliard stated that Christmas falls on a Thursday this year and that will make the closing of City buildings on Wednesday and Thursday, after an employee poll, Mr. Hilliard requested that the closings be on Thursday and Friday.

Mayor Elliott and Commissioners all agreed to change the closings from Wednesday and Thursday to Thursday and Friday.

12. **CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Manley thanked the Electric crew and all staff involved with the Christmas lights and the Christmas tree stating she has had numerous compliments and thanks to everyone who made the Christmas party so nice. Ms. Manley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Watts would like to extend his thanks to all City Staff and employees and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Nelson would like to thank everyone for their hard work at the Christmas Party stating it was really nice and different and she really enjoyed herself. Thank you to staff for all their hard work and for the Christmas lights.

Commissioner Nelson stated she had met with the YMCA and are going to try to partner the Impact Development of Central Florida with them. Ms. Nelson asked if the City would also be a partner with them utilizing the Community Center.

Mayor Elliott, Commissioner Watts and Manley and City Manager Hilliard all agreed.

Commissioner Nelson stated she has met with a group for the Morrison Cemetery requesting the fence be moved to enable more space. Mr. Hilliard advised taking the concession out of the cemetery creating more space. Ms. Nelson stated she would take it back to the group and get their advice.

Mayor Elliott thanked staff for the hard work on the Christmas lights but more important for their hard work all year round.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Watts second Commissioner Manley to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of December 9, 2014 at 7:34 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

