

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on February 12, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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	Absent*

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

Also present: Director of Recreational Services, Deena Ware and Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer.

*Commissioner Manley was in the hospital due to an accident.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Clayton Frazier led the invocation. Mayor Cochrane led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of City Commission Meeting of January 8, 2013 and City Commission Workshop of January 28, 2013.

Motion Nelson, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

- A. **Mayor Cochrane welcomed County Commissioner Bell who was present in the audience.**
- B. **Fort Meade Chamber Director Report**

Chamber Director Priscilla Perry thanked the City for a fantastic job in their participation in the Peace River Folk Festival and the Battle of Bowlegs Creek. There were 120 re-enactors out on the field and over 200 family members. Next year will be the 150th Anniversary of the Battle and Ms. Perry would like to make some changes to make this the best year.

Ms. Perry stated the Fort Meade Leadership class has already started class 2. They will have tourism this month and will be traveling throughout the County. Next month they will have Polk County Day in Tallahassee. Class 1's project was to support school academies in Fort Meade. Fort Meade is the only High School that doesn't have an academy and that is being corrected. At this time they have talked to three academies; Well Dine, a pharmaceutical academy, CSX regarding logistics and Mosaic and Interstate Hotels about hospitality and turf management.

Ms. Perry spent the day at Streamsong today and one of the things that was brought to her attention was the fact that there are 100 or more people working at Streamsong that have to go to Bartow or Lakeland to rent homes because they can't find any in Fort Meade. She stated this is a wonderful opportunity for entrepreneurs.

Ms. Perry said that they have also been talking with the Polk County Arts Council and we will be talking more about our vision for the City.

Furthermore, Ms. Perry also stated Sgt. Beymer reported that the traffic has slowed down due to Deputies being visible in the area.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 13-01 – Public Hearing – 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE SECTION (4-16)
RELATED TO ALCOHOL SALES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ALLOWING AND EXPANDING HOURS ON PACKAGE OFF-
PREMISES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES ON SUNDAY IN
CONFORMITY WITH THE COUNTY REGULATIONS;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to accept Ordinance No. 13-01 as read.

Commissioner Elliott, Watts and Mayor Cochrane – Yea

Commissioner Nelson - Nay

Motion carried three to one.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title for Emergency Ordinance 13-02 – Public Hearing – 1st Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA,
RELATING TO PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS; DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR, IMPOSING, AND
EXTENDING AN IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM**

WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA UNTIL JULY 31, 2013, ON THE FILING, PROCESSING OR ISSUANCE OF ANY AND ALL PERMITS OR OTHER APPROVALS FOR ANY NEW PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE; ADOPTING AND PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to accept Ordinance No. 13-02 as read.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B.** Attorney Cloud read the title for Resolution R13-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR PRECONSTRUCTION GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.

The City of Fort Meade designates the Mayor as the Authorized Representative to file the application, provide assurances, execute the grant agreement, and designates the City Planner as the City's Grant Manager to represent the City in carrying out responsibilities under the grant agreement.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to approve Resolution R13-03 as read.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C.** Consider land swap with GLF Construction of property on N. Palmetto Avenue

GLF proposed to do a land swap with a portion of their property located on the south side of the subject parcel for a portion of the right-of-way on the east side, which would be 25'. With this swap, it

would allow the city to establish a storm water ditch to drain this area during periods of heavy rainfall.

Mayor Cochrane questioned the swap of a different parcel on N Palmetto Ave for an easement for the City.

City Manager Hilliard requested the item be tabled until he can talk with GLF further about the swap of property.

D. Consider CDFC Membership

City Manager Hilliard requested that the City of Fort Meade authorize payment of \$2,000.00 for annual dues and appoint a representative to the Central Florida Development Council, Inc. of Polk County (CDFC) Board of Directors.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to join the CDFC.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Hilliard informed the Commission that the City of Fort Meade will be included in the Polk County Burn Ban which was issued on February 7, 2013.

Mr. Hilliard assured the Commission that the EMS Station located in Fort Meade will not be relocated.

Mr. Hilliard announced that Ms. Deena Ware has been chosen by the Rotary International to participate in the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program and will be traveling to Taipei, Taiwan in April for one month. Ms. Ware will be provided a sabbatical for this project and upon her return will share her observations with Staff and community organizations in return.

Mr. Hilliard presented the Commission with a review of the FMPA/ARP 2003 to 2012 Audits outlining the ARP Power Sales.

Mr. Hilliard invited anyone who is interested in going to a meeting to review the Taylor Interest Rate Swaps on February 20, 2013, in Orlando after the Policy Board Meeting at 2:00 PM.

11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Elliott requested staff look into amending the sign ordinance and the land use table.

Commission Nelson announced the Black History Parade on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 12:30 starting at Lewis Annawoodbury Elementary.

Commissioner Nelson questioned whether we updated the contract with the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

City Attorney Cloud stated that we are operating under the original contract with the Sheriff's Office which is a continuing contract.

Mayor Cochrane inquired about a letter that was submitted by Mr. Moon on NE 7th Street about a sewer drain in the middle of his driveway.

City Manager Hilliard stated that was an existing manhole and the City hasn't changed anything to cause the problems they are experiencing.


13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Elliott, second Nelson to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of February 12, 2013 at 7:29 PM. Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk