

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 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	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
City Attorney Alternate	Jason Searl	Present
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.

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 December 9, 2014.

**Motion Commissioner Cochran, second Commissioner Nelson to
approve the Consent Agenda.**

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

Mayor Elliott welcomed County Commissioner Melony Bell to the meeting.

- A. City Manager Hilliard present Mayor Elliott with a gavei piaque in appreciation of the City Commission and staff for his year of service as Mayor of 2014.
- B. Mr. Glen Clover, Oak Square Consultants gave a presentation on the final Feasibility Study of the Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area. Mr. Clover stated that they started off with a unified theme for the development of this area. The final actual cost for the development to be implemented would be around \$84,000.000, stating that it would be feasible in stages.

Mr. David Balber, Balber Architecture was brought on board to help bring the vision to real life. Mr. Balber designed an image of the vision that would be self-explanatory just by looking at a picture, such as a billboard.

Mr. Mark Jackson, Polk County Tourist Development Council stated that we have created a vision for the Outdoor Recreation Area, stating that selling this vision is the key to success. The process needs to be done in stages to generate revenue to be able to make it grow to the full extend. There are three stages of the process: authenticity (uniqueness), selling and marketing, and operational; just because you build it doesn't mean they will come.

Mr. Clover ended by stating that they are looking at different ways to fund this and there are a lot of opportunities for funding.

Commissioner Bell thanked the Commission for their service to the community. Ms. Bell thanked Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Clover, Mr. Jackson and the whole team for creating this vision and the hopes of it coming true. Ms. Bell stated she would do whatever she could in her power to bring people to the table but it would take everyone to participate to make it reality.

Mayor Elliott welcomed Ms. Carolyn Simpson, Intern Chamber Director to the meeting.

7. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

City Manager Hilliard requested Mayor Elliott open the floor for nomination for Mayor and Vice Mayor, as he did.

Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to nominate Commissioner Nelson as Mayor.

Nomination carried with all yeas.

Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Nelson to nominate Commissioner Watts as Vice Mayor.

Nomination carried with all yeas.

8. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Commissioner Bell wanted to remind everyone of the DOT Community Workshop for the Hwy 98 John Singletary Bridge Project on January 27, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 at the Fort Meade Mobile Home Park Activity Center.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. City Manager Hilliard read the title for Ordinance 14-16 amending the City Retirement Plans on 2nd Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA TO AMEND THE CITY OF FORT MEADE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN, THE CITY OF FORT MEADE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN AND THE CITY OF FORT MEADE POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT PLAN, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "PLANS", TO UPDATE THE PLANS FOR RECENT GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS") REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF SAME SEX SPOUSES FOR PLAN PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to adopt Ordinance 14-16 amending the City Retirement Plans on 2nd Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. City Manager Hilliard read the title for Ordinance 14-17 amending FY 2013-2014 Budget Allocations on 2nd Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR THE CITY OF FORT MEADE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Watts to adopt Ordinance 14-17 amending FY 2013-2014 Budget Allocations on 2nd Reading.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Resolution R15-01 appointment of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochrane to approve Resolution R15-01 appointment of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. City Manager Hilliard read the title for Ordinance 15-01 LDC Text Amendments.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochrane to approve Ordinance 15-01 LDC Text Amendments with 2nd Reading on February 10, 2015.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C. Letter of Agreement with Chastain-Skillman for stormwater mitigation.

Mr. Hilliard stated there is a major problem with stormwater billing that needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Hilliard stated that Chastain-Skillman will do the review for the mitigation credit application for the stormwater customers. Mr. Hilliard stated the City Attorney Cloud has reviewed the agreement and would like to eliminate: Limited Responsibility and Dispute Resolution.

Commissioner Cochrane expressed concern about eliminating the Limited Responsibility clause.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to approve the Letter of Agreement with Chastain-Skillman for stormwater mitigation review.

Motion carried with all yeas.

11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A. Electric System

Mr. Hilliard stated that the electric department would be ready to pull wire to the poles that have been set on Hwy 98 East within the next couple weeks.

Mr. Hilliard stated that we are now a CROD client and we will have to purchase 10.3 megawatts of power from FMPA.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the value of the Interest Rate Swaps is climbing.

B. Fire Protection

Mr. Hilliard stated that he will be meeting with Gary Hester and Chief Cash of the Polk County Fire Department on Thursday, January 15, 2015 to discuss the direction of the FM Fire Department for outside protection. Polk County is proposing to drop funding for the OPA.

C. John Singletary Bridge Project – Highway 98 East

Mr. Hilliard reminded everyone of the DOT workshop on the Hwy 98 East Bridge project at the City Mobile Home Park Activity Center on January 27, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

D. Chamber Luncheon

Mr. Hilliard reminded everyone of the Chamber Luncheon to honor Director Pricella Perry's retirement on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 11:45 and encouraged participation by the Commissioners.

E. City Crew Hours of Operation

The City Crews have begun 10 hour shifts splitting Monday and Friday and the employees seem to be enjoying it.

F. Mr. Hilliard stated that there was a request made to close Broadway Street on Super Bowl Sunday for a private organization and there were some issues.

Commissioner Elliott recommended preparing an Ordinance defining the details of street closings for private organizations.

13. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Elliott wanted to know were staff was on the cemetery rules and regulations and asked if it could get moving along.

Commissioner Elliott also asked how the morale is at the Fire Department pending the County's request to stop funding the OPA. Mr. Elliott stated he would like to maintain the current level of service received from the Fire Department.

Commissioner Cochran asked what the ISO rating was and Mr. Hilliard replied that the FM Fire Department has a very good ISO rating currently.

Commissioner Watts brought up looking into Wi-Fi for the City.

Mr. Hilliard stated that it was still be looked at.

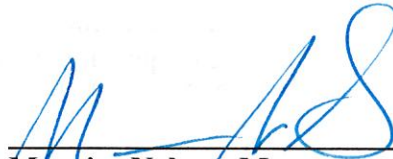
14. STAFF REPORTS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Manley second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of January 13, 2015 at 8:09 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk