

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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	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

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Kevin Oneal.

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

10-C. Add PUBLIC HEARING to 1st Reading of Ordinance 14-01 amending Code of Ordinances and LDC regarding fowl.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2013.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

City Manager Hilliard presented Mayor Cochrane with a gavel plague and thanked him for his service as Mayor of the City of Fort Meade for 2013.

7. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR 2014

Mayor Cochrane conducted the election for a Mayor and a Vice Mayor for 2014.

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Manley nominating Commissioner Elliott for Mayor for 2014.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Watts nominating Commissioner Nelson for Vice Mayor for 2014.

Motion carried with all yeas.

The meeting was turned over to Mayor Elliott.

8. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. City Attorney Tom Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-15 on 2nd Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, PENSION AND RETIREMENT,
ARTICLE II, TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE PLAN FOR
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 Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to adopt Ordinance No. 13-15 on 2nd Reading.

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10 NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 14, 2014.**

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Manley to approve Resolution R14-01.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 14-01 on 1st Reading.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-2, THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, BY ADOPTING CHANGES IN THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY; INCLUDING THE AMENDMENTS THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A COPY TO BE KEPT ON FILE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Planner April Brown presented revisions to the Code regarding fowl with recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Board to the Commission.

Code Enforcement Officer Melanie McVay explained that we needed some regulations to have a “tool” to work with.

Commissioner Manley expressed concern for whom would “police” these regulations.

City Manager Hilliard stated he was concerned with the time management it would take to enforce these regulations.

Mr. David Ayers, 516 N. French Avenue, Fort Meade, FL. 33841 addressed the Commission stating he and his family has raised chickens in coops for over 50 years in the City and no one has complained and expressed concern for people who take responsibility for their fowl.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to concentrate on the free running fowl while staff works on the ordinance.

A roll call vote was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Mayor Elliott - Yea

Vice Mayor Nelson - Yea

Commissioner Cochrane – Yea

Commissioner Watts - Yea

Commissioner Manley – Nay

Motion carried four to one.

- C. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 14-02 on 1st Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-08 AND THE CITY CODE; REPLACING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 6 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH LOCAL MODIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to approve Ordinance No. 14-02 on 1st Reading.

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D. Consider purchase of 2014 Brush Truck for Fire Department

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve the purchase of the 2014 brush truck.

Motion carried with all yeas.

11. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A. FMPA/ARP

City Manager Hilliard stated the ARP is upset with the Demand Side Management Program because it pushes the cost back to the other members. He also stated we will know what our major peak with CROD is by the end of March.

B. Republic Services

City Manager Hilliard stated he provided Republic Services the methodology for the rates and they will be meeting on Thursday.

13. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley stated she would like to see the City of Fort Meade Library's schedule of events posted in the Ledger along with the other libraries.

Commissioner Manley also questioned the use of golf carts on US Highway 17.

Commissioner Cochrane asked the status of US EcoGen.

City Manager Hilliard stated they were scheduled to break ground in April, 2014.

Commissioner Cochrane inquired on the status of the Hwy 98 E project.

City Manager Hilliard stated he would update that project at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Watts wanted to give an update on the 98 E bridge stating the plans were in the design stage.

14. ADJOURNMENT


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

Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

