

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on January 8, 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 Manley.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Absent
City Planner/ Assistant Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present

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

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Reverend Vince Price led the invocation. Mayor Manley led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Commissioner Elliott requested to amend the Agenda to add an Ordinance under new business, Item E.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of City Commission Meeting of December 11, 2012.

Motion Watts, second Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Fort Meade Chamber Director Report

Chamber Director Priscilla Perry complimented Greenwood Chevrolet on their renovations and thanked Sgt. Casey Riley for his service in Fort Meade and welcomed Sgt. Andy Beymer.

Ms. Perry said that there are concerns about the traffic downtown (CR 630) on West Broadway and speeding. Might want to check with Polk County to inquire about lowering the speed limit or maybe the possibility of a roundabout.

Ms. Perry also stated that a letter would be going to the downtown businesses regarding the façade grants and wanted to remind everyone of the Peace River Folk Festival at the Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area on February 2nd and 3rd.

Further, Ms. Perry made a request to see if Code Enforcement could address some of the issues along Charleston to Broadway and the old Hardee's.

B. Appreciation of Service Year – Mayor Manley and Vice Mayor Cochrane

City Manager Hilliard recognized Mayor Manley's service for 2012 with the presentation of a plaque with a gavel and Vice Mayor Cochrane's service. He thanked them for their dedication and service the past year.

C. Elections of Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2013

The Mayor conducted the election for a Mayor and a Vice Mayor.

Motion Watts, second Elliott naming Rick Cochrane as Mayor for 2013.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Motion Nelson, second Watts naming Bob Elliott as Vice Mayor for 2013.

Motion carried with all yeas.

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 12-12 – Public Hearing – 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
AMENDING THE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-
2012 FOR THE CITY OF FORT MEADE; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Nelson, second Watts to accept Ordinance 12-12 as read.

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Attorney Cloud read the title for Resolution R13-01

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 8, 2013.**

Motion Nelson, second Watts to approve Resolution R13-01.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B.** Attorney Cloud read the title for Resolution R13-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
OPPOSING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON CITIES; PROVIDING
FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Kathy Till of Kathy Till & Associates on behalf of the Florida League of Cities presented information regarding unfunded mandates on cities. Information was provided to the City and the Commissioners and is made part of the record.

Motion Watts, second Elliott to approve Resolution R13-02.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C.** Approve proposal from Chastain Skillman for professional services regarding a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Small Community Wastewater Facilities grant in the amount of \$88,819.

Motion Manley, second Watts to approve proposal from Chastain Skillman.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D.** Charge-Off of Delinquent Accounts for 2012 in the amount of \$36,468.

City Planner April Brown informed the City Commission that since turning over the delinquent accounts to a collection company for credit bureau reporting, the charge-offs have been reduced by \$15,389 from 2011.

Commissioner Elliott asked if the Commission could be provided with a list of the names that have delinquent accounts. Finance Director Mel Parker stated that he would provide a copy to the Commission as it was public record.

Motion Watts, second Elliott to approve charge-offs.

Motion carried with all yeas.

E. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION 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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES ON SUNDAY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE COUNTY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Elliott discussed talking with the City Attorney about presenting an Ordinance for first reading that would amend the City's regulations for alcohol sales on Sunday to mirror those of Polk County. This was as a result of meeting with representatives from large retail businesses and one of the first items discussed was in regards to the City's regulations on alcohol sales.

Mayor Cochrane expressed concern that this would only be for packaged sales and not on premise sales.

Commissioner Nelson inquired as to what were Polk County's regulations.

Commissioner Manley had concerns about not having an Ordinance to review on this issue.

Attorney Cloud explained that this would only be the first reading of the title and that the Public Hearing and final decision would be at the second reading of the Ordinance which would have to be advertised. Further, Attorney Cloud stated that he would prepare the Ordinance to mirror Polk County and provide the Commission with a copy of Polk County's regulations for alcohol sales on Sunday.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to approve Ordinance 13-01 title and request second reading.

Motion carried by a 4 to 1 vote. Nelson opposed.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Hilliard gave an update on FMPA, the All Requirements Project and FMEA. Representative Mayfield from Vero Beach may introduce a Bill that would require all localities outside their respective boundaries with utility services to be governed by the State Corporation Commission when

establishing Rates. A similar Bill was introduced in 2008 but was defeated. Mr. Bryant and Mr. Guarriello received salary increases from the Board that amounted to approximately \$11,000 annually. There were 2 no votes cast. A report was given on Tax Exempt Financing. A tax reform movement in Congress has targeted the reduction or elimination of the amount of tax exempt financing a municipal facility may be allowed to issue finance community improvement projects. This will increase cost for both the Agency and the respective communities. Staff will prepare letters to Congressional delegation that strongly object. It was noted that the City will begin setting its Contract Rate of Demand on January 1, 2014 and not 2013. As such, will be putting aside obtaining another generator until 2014.

Request was made to schedule a workshop with the Grant Administrator for the USDA RBEG Feasibility Study on the Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area to discuss the components of the concept plan prior to beginning work. A workshop was scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley asked about the status of the CDBG grant for US EcoGen. City Manager explained that we were waiting on the DEO to send the contract. Additionally she requested that the dues and the appointment of a representative to the CFDC Board be placed on the February Agenda for consideration. Commissioner Manley thanked Sgt. Riley for his work in Fort Meade.

Sgt. Riley thanked the City for their support and stated that there was a reduction of crime in the past 5 years. The reason was the partnership with the community. Formally introduced Sgt. Andy Beymer as his replacement.

Commissioner Watts thanked the Mayor and Vice Mayor for their service during the past year.

Commissioner Elliott as well thanked the Mayor and Vice Mayor for their service. Also, mentioned that he and his family had been out to Streamsong and the golf course and food were excellent. Has an upscale atmosphere.


Mayor Cochrane inquired about looking at alternative routes for semi traffic from the downtown area. Additionally, he mentioned possibly doing community drives

to help the Fire Department buy equipment and would like to look at possibly buying some of the distressed parcels in town through the community's help.

Commissioner Manley stated that she would talk to the Vision Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Elliott, second Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of January 8, 2013 at 8:07 PM.
Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Brown, Assistant Deputy City Clerk

