

**CITY COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
1046 SE 2nd STREET
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA 33841**

A Budget Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 1046 SE 2nd Street, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Richard Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Robert Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson Campbell	Present
Commissioner	James Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
Water/Wastewater	Shane Coulter	Present
Streets/Stormwater	Mike Bolin	Present
Parks/Fire Dept.	Roc Eiland	Present

Also present was PCSO Sgt. Warren Burgess

3. FY 2018/2019 Budget Work Session:

3.A. Consider proposed millage rate for FY18/19

Mr. Hilliard stated that staff has presented a proposed millage rate range for the commission to consider starting at 6.5068 to 7.2626. The current millage rate is at 6.8704. Mr. Hilliard strongly recommended the commission approve the highest millage rate and bring it down if needed

later in the budget session. Mr. Hilliard stated that the commission will need to consider the budget presented to them and the fact that the city suffered an extraordinary year last year requiring unbudgeted expenses. The commission will need to consider health care options, annual wage increases and capital items for this budget.

Commissioner Manley asked if the proposed homestead exemption was taken in consideration in the proposed budget and Mr. Hilliard stated that it was not.

Commissioner Elliott asked if the fire assessment was included in the proposal.

Ms. Smith stated that the fire assessment is a special revenue fund so it has to be separate. Ms. Smith stated that the fire department is in need of a lot of equipment and will need additional aid from the general fund.

Commissioner Campbell asked for a list of the needs for each department. Ms. Smith stated she is still working on that, she is trying to get all the capital items versus all the repairs needed and determine how much money will be available

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to keep the current millage rate at 6.8704 for FY 2018/2019 budget.
Commissioner Manley opposed.**

Motion to keep current millage rate at 6.8704 passed by a vote of 4-1.

4. **COMMENTS**

None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**


Motion Commissioner Campbell, second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:39 P.M.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Richard Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk