

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA  
COMMISSION BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP  
JULY 14, 2015**

A Budget Planning Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:30 PM Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Mayor Nelson.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

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

\*Commissioner Cochrane arrived at 6:33 PM

Also present was Sergeant Luc Doyon

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Human Resources Director	Donna Parker	Present
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Water and Wastewater	Robbie Ward	Present
Streets/Stormwater	Mike Bolin	Present
Parks Supervisor	Roc Eiland	Present

**3. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2015-2016 BUDGET**

Finance Director, Mel Parker explained the proposed budget stating that some of the departments have been balanced but the utilities have not and there will be further changes.

Mr. Parker stated that the City is looking to secure a bond with the Florida League of Cities to fund some of the proposed Capital Improvements that will need to be paid back in debt services. He stated that all the wish lists of the departments have

been included in this proposed budget to be funded by the bond and this will change before the final budget.

Commissioner Manley asked if there was something in the approved budget why wasn't it spent and where is the money

City Manager Hilliard stated that the lack of projected revenues in the stormwater department and the issues with the wastewater department with Biosolids it just did not support the budget.

Commissioner Watts suggested the City look into a contract with DOT for sidewalk projects that are being funded by DOT.

Mr. Parker stated that the Fire budget will be tough to budget with the loss of some funding.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any merit raises for employees in the proposed budget where Mr. Parker stated there was up to a 3% increase in salary and a onetime 1% COLA to be dispersed around November 2015 in the budget. Ms. Nelson also questioned the compensation for Ms. Donna Parker for her role in the Chamber position and as well as her Human Resource position. Mr. Hilliard stated he has spoken to the Chamber and they will look into it.

Commissioner Manley asked where all the legal fees were charged and Mr. Parker stated that they are charged to each department.

Mr. Parker stated that there will need to be a separate pension budget going forward as per legislative updates.

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to table Item 4 - Consider FY 2015-2016 Millage Rate until the next Budget Workshop on July 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to table Item 5 - discussion of the Natural Gas fund until the next Budget Workshop on July 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM.**

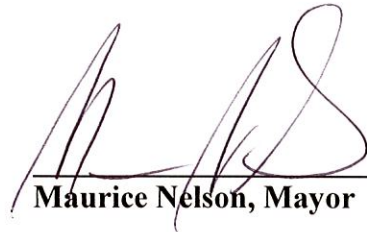
**Motion carried with all yeas.**

4. **COMMENTS**

None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochran to adjourn the Budget Planning Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:14 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.



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**Maurice Nelson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



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**Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk**

