

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 31, 2014**

A Workshop Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Thursday, July 31, 2014 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Elliott.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

*Commissioner Nelson arrived at 6:08 P.M.

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Finance Director	James Mel Parker	Present
Human Resource Director	Donna Parker	Present
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Water and Wastewater	Robbie Ward	Present
Public Facilities	Roc Eiland	Present
Streets Superintendent	Michel Bolin	Present
Recreational Director	Marcella Nelson	Present
Librarian	Kay Jackson	Present

3. DISCUSSION OF FY 2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Fred Hilliard opened the discussion with the proposed FY 2014-2015 budget stating there was approximately \$78,000.00 shortage in the general fund and shortages in the water and sewer budgets.

Mr. Hilliard stated this budget was employee friendly, stating they would get a 1% COLI and up to a 3% rate increase.

Commissioner Cochrane questioned the fees for pole attachment stating they need to be revisited.

Mr. Hilliard suggested the Commissioner raise the ad valorem 1 mil. stating 1 mil. will increase the revenue about \$88,000.00.

Commissioner Cochrane suggested assessing a fire assessment fee instead of raising the millage rate.

Commissioner Manley made a motion to increase the millage 1 mil. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Nelson to keep the current millage rate of 5.6484 the same.

Motion carried 4 to one.


Mayor Elliott	-	Yea
Commissioner Cochrane	-	Yea
Commissioner Nelson	-	Yea
Commissioner Watts	-	Yea
Commissioner Manley	-	Nay

Brian Ackley, representing the Chamber of Commerce, requested that the City increase their contribution an additional \$3,000.00 from the FPU contributions.

Commissioner Manley requested seeing the Chamber budget before making additional contributions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the workshop meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 7:09 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.


Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk