

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday July 9, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer and other officers.

*Commissioner Elliott arrived at 7:05 P.M.

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

9 E. Discuss Employee insurance rate change for FY 13-14.

Motion Manley, second Watts to amend the agenda to add 9 A. Employee insurance rate change.

Motion carried with all yeas.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of June 11, 2013 and City Commission Regular Meeting of June 11, 2013.

Motion Nelson, second Watts to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Fort Meade Chamber Director Report

None.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

- A. Mrs. Joyce Vaughn, 501 SE 9th St., Ft. Meade, FL., was present concerning the property located behind her at 811 S Perry Ave. stating the property is in very bad disrepair and the grass is extremely high and invested with rodents and snakes. Mrs. Vaughn asked the Commission to have something done to take care of the problem.

Mr. Quentin Biddle, 809 S Perry Ave., Ft. Meade, FL., was present, also concerned with the property located at 811 S Perry Ave., stating the extreme disrepair of the property and the need to have it rectified.

Mr. Curtis Bankston, 1370 N. Charleston Ave. Ft. Meade, FL. was present stating that if a property has been foreclosed on by a bank, the bank should be held responsible for the property maintenance.

- B. Mr. EJ King, 108 SW 3rd St., Ft. Meade, FL., was present inquiring about the public use of Green Acres Golf Course in the City Mobile Home Park. He stated that the property was City owned property, that all tax payer paid for and all residents should be allowed to use the course.

Ms. Joan Benson, 1016 Ohio St. Ft. Meade, FL. was present stating she was a title agent for 40 years and wanted to offer her services to locate deed restrictions on the Green Acres Golf Course.

Mayor Cochrane closed the public forum.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-04 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, PENSION AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE II, SECTION 18-18 TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF ANNUAL EARNINGS AND BENEFICIARY TO COMPLY WITH RECENT STATE LAW CHANGES, AND AMEND SECTION 18-22(c) TO CLARIFY THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (“DROP”) PROVISIONS AND TO REMOVE THE SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING AN IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTION OR ENTERING THE DROP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Nelson, seconded Manley to adopt Ordinance 13-04 on 2nd Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

B. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-05 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-2 AS AMENDED, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING PARCELS ON THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY FROM FORT MEADE M-2 INDUSTRIAL PARK TO FORT MEADE M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND FORT MEADE MOBILE HOME PARK TO FORT MEADE R-2 RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A COPY TO BE KEPT ON FILE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Elliott abstained from discussion and voting.

Motion Nelson, seconded Manley to adopt Ordinance 13-05 on 2nd Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-06 2nd Reading

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
ADOPTING TEXT CHANGES TO THE CITY OF FORT MEADE'S
LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 2,
ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DISTRICTS";
PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO THE UNIFIED LAND
DEVELOPMENT CODE; RATIFYING UNAMENDED
PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Cochrane opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Elliott abstained from discussion and voting.

**Motion Watts, seconded Nelson to adopt Ordinance 13-06 on 2nd
Reading.**

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Music and message on hold services from Mr. Tom Thornburg of WWBF/On Hold.

**Motion Elliott, seconded Nelson to approve obtaining services from
Mr. Thornburg of WWBF/On Hold for music and message services
for the City phone system.**

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Budget Adjustments June 2013

**Motion Elliott, seconded Nelson
Motion carried with all yeas.**

- C. Millage Rates for FY 13-14 and set budget workshop.

**Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to maintain the current millage rate of
5.468 for FY 13-14 for budget purposes.**

**Mayor Cochrane, Commissioners Elliott, Nelson, Watts - yeas
Commissioner Manley - nay**

Motion carried four to one.

D. Surplus Property

Motion Elliott, seconded Nelson to remove from the books the surplus property.

Motion carried with all yeas.

E. Employee insurance rate increase

Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to maintain the current insurance plan for employees.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney Cloud presented the Commission with a draft resolution of the new law that passed on public comment. Mr. Cloud requested the Commission review and bring back any changes they would like to see before they adopted the resolution.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Hilliard informed the Commission of DEO Technical Assistance Grant for \$15,000.00. It will be a grant to work with the Vision Committee and the CFRPC within the Commercial districts.

City Manager Hilliard suggested Jackie Cannon be appointed as an alternate to the FMPA Board.

Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to appoint Jackie Cannon as an alternate to the FMPA Board.

Motion carried with all yeas.

City Manager Hilliard stated there were two items that came up at the last FMPA meeting one being the sale of the Vero Beach system and Taylor interest rates.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Elliott inquired about the contract with FPU.

Attorney Cloud stated they have a draft of the contract but it still needed a little work and should have it by the next meeting.

Commissioner Manley questioned what it takes to alter the City Charter concerning the City Manager's power to hire and fire employees.


13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Watts, second Elliott to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of July 9, 2013 at 8:15 PM.
Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk