

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Watts.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

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| City Manager | Fred Hilliard | Present |
| City Attorney | Tom Cloud | Present |
| Deputy City Clerk | Melissa Newman | Present |
| Public Works Director | Jackie Cannon | Present |
| Water/Wastewater Director | Robbie Ward | Absent |

Also present: Polk County Sergeant Casey Riley and Captain Ian Floyd.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Watts led the invocation. Mayor Watts led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of May 10, 2016.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane second Commissioner Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

- A. City Manager Fred Hilliard presented Mr. Shane Coulter with a plaque and a check for "Employee of the 1st Quarter" stating that he is a great asset to the City.
- B. City Manager Fred Hilliard presented Ms. Emily Young with a plaque and a check for "Employee of the 2nd Quarter" stating that she is a great asset to the City.
- C. Ms. Cindy Rodriguez, with Southwest Florida Water Management District, introduced herself as the Sr. Government Affairs Manager of Public Affairs replacing Mr. Danny Kushmer. Ms. Rodriguez will be the liaison between municipalities and the District.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

Shawn Carshner, 3742 Walker Shores Dr., Bartow, FL., stated his group helped the American Legion put flags out in the cemetery and wanted to request permission for them to come back and do a city cleanup.

Mayor Watts directed him to contact the City Manager.

Mr. Curtis Bankston, 1370 N. Charleston Ave., addressed the commission stating he would like to semi-retire from being the spokesperson for his district and would like the city manager and his district commissioner to take over in his absence to keep things rolling. Mr. Bankston also thanked the city attorney for getting things started.

Mr. Charlie Perry, Commander of American Legion Post 23, would like to invite the commission and city officials to a flag burning ceremony on the fourth Tuesday of the month and have dinner.

Mr. Perry stated that there were 576 flags put on the veteran's graves and the tattered flags that were replaced will be burned along with others.

Tommy Storey, 202 N. Edgewood Drive, Fort Meade, Florida stated that this is the third month he has requested information on his slow moving vehicle.

Mr. Cloud stated that a new sergeant has been assigned to Fort Meade and they will get him the information requested.

Sgt. Casey Riley and Cpt. Ian Floyd stated they will get the correct information to him as soon as possible.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Renaming of the Ft. Meade Baseball Complex

City Manager Hilliard stated that he was contacted by Congressman Rooney who would like to spearhead a group to rename the Ft. Meade Baseball Complex in honor of Andrew McCutchen.

No action taken.

B. Request to vacate portion of 1st St. S.E.

City Manager Hilliard stated that the Polk County School Board requested to close the street on S.E. 1st St. between Oak Ave. and Cleveland Ave. Mr. Hilliard stated that he and the new Sergeant would meet with the School Board on this request.

No action taken.

C. Request to acquire property located at 108 5th St.

City Manager Hilliard stated that this property was given to the City by Polk County last year and is valued by the Property Appraiser at \$1,900.00.

Mr. John Graham addressed the commission requesting to acquire the property located at 108 S.W. 5th Street next to his property. Mr. Graham offered to purchase the property for \$900.00.

Commissioner Cochrane stated he would like to retain a utility easement.

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Cochrane to accept the offer of \$900.00 from Mr. Graham for the property at 108 S.W. 5th Street.

Motion to accept offer of \$900.00 to purchase 108 SW 5th Street passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

D. Appoint voting delegate to the Florida League of Cities.

Commissioner Cochrane nominated Commissioner Manley to be the voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities. Commissioner Nelson seconded the nomination. Commissioner Manley graciously accepted the nomination.

Appointment of Commissioner Manley to be the voting delegate to the Florida League of Cities passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

- E. Approve Fifth Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project.

City Manager Hilliard stated that this would be a 2 year lease for \$2,096.00 instead of the original one year lease.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to approve the Fifth Amendment to the lease agreement for the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project.

Motion to the Fifth Amendment to the lease agreement of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

- A. City Attorney Cloud stated that the judge ruled in the City's favor in the BDS case. Mr. Cloud sent a letter notifying BDS to pay the 2 late bills or the utilities would be disconnected next Wednesday, in six business days. Mr. Cloud stated that the amount owed at a minimum is \$105,000.00.
- B. Mr. Cloud presented the draft list of the stormwater assessments to the commission and stated they needed to be sent to the Property Appraiser tomorrow and there would be several public hearings on the assessment.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

- A. Mr. Hilliard stated that the budget should be out to them by July 8th and a budget meeting needs to be scheduled.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he has received the RFQ's for the Equestrian Center and the CMHP and he would be putting together a committee to work on them both.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley asked if there was a chance Biosolids would appeal the judge's decision.

Attorney Cloud stated anything is possible and they may do that.

Commissioner Manley stated that every year at budget she tries to encourage the millage not to be lowered and maybe even raised so she would like to have a longer meeting to discuss the budget.

Mr. Hilliard stated we would have a budget workshop on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Nelson asked when Biosolids were scheduled to leave and why would they want to add new equipment knowing they are leaving.

Attorney Cloud stated they are leaving in December and requested to add the new equipment at the City's cost and it was declined.

Mayor Watts welcomed Sergeant Casey Riley back to Fort Meade.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Manley second Commissioner Cochrane to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of June 14, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk



James Watts, Mayor

