

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday June 11, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:20 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	Absent
City Planner/ Assistant Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Utilities Director	Robbie Ward	Present

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer and additional Deputies.

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

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of City Commission Meeting of May 14, 2013 and City Commission Workshop Meeting of May 18, 2013.

Motion Nelson, second Elliott 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).

Polk County Commissioner Chairperson, Melony Bell, addressed the City Commission regarding the partnering with United Way for the Reading Pals program at Lewis-Anna Woodbury Elementary. This program is sponsored by Carol Barnett. A breakfast will be held for additional information on June 20, 2013 at the Activity Center at the City Mobile Home Park. Volunteers are needed and all state and county offices will be participating as well as Greenwood Chevrolet.

Additionally, Women's Club is sponsoring a 4th of July celebration at the Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area and would appreciate the City's support for a family fun day. All proceeds will go back to the schools. There will be an auction, bar-b-que and a baby contest as part of the festivities.

Mr. Reid Gifford of 424 North Oak Avenue, Fort Meade, Florida addressed the City Commission with regard to a special exception being given to him regarding his water bill as his house is now part of the historic registry. Discussion was had and the City Commission declined his request.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sale of Fort Meade Gas System

City Manager presented Staff's recommendation to the City Commission regarding the proposals from Florida Public Utilities and TECO. Based on the proposals submitted, the incentives offered and rate information, Staff recommended that the City consider the sale of its gas system to Florida Public Utilities.

Discussion was held with representatives from Florida Public Utilities, (Cheryl Martin) regarding rates and that they would like to work with the City to collect payments on their payment and pay the City a portion.

Motion Manley, second Elliott to approve the sale of the Fort Meade Gas System.

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2013 TRIM Schedule was discussed and the dates chosen were Wednesday, September 11, 2013 and Tuesday, September 24, 2013.
- B. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-04 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, PENSION AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE II, 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 Elliott, seconded Watts to approve Ordinance 13-04 on 1st Reading as amended.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C. Attorney Cloud read the title for Resolution No. R13-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL PENSION TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Manley, seconded Watts to approve Resolution R13-05.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D. Attorney Cloud read the title for Resolution No. R13-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA;

ADOPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE GENERAL EMPLOYEES, FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION AND RETIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to approve Resolution No. R13-06.

Motion carried with all yeas.

E. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-05 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-2 AS AMENDED, THE 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.

Jimmy Davis of 290 Berquist Road, Fort Meade, Florida, spoke on behalf of Christinia Segall regarding the re-zoning of her property. She would like it to remain as it is and then possibly re-zone to Agriculture in the future.

City staff agreed to remove the Segall property from the proposed re-zoning map.

Mayor Cochrane closed the Public Hearing.

Motion Manley, seconded Nelson to approve Ordinance 13-05 on 1st Reading as amended.

Motion carried with four (4) yeas, Commissioner Elliott abstained.

F. Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 13-06 1st 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.

**Motion Manley, seconded Watts to approve Ordinance 13-06 on 1st
Reading.**

Motion carried with four (4) yeas. Commissioner Elliott abstained.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney wanted to clarify a comment that he did call the State Attorney's office regarding threatening comments made to Staff.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Hilliard gave an update on the wastewater pump station at Charlton Court apartments that the City has been repairing for several years with no service contract. A meeting will be arranged to meet with representatives from Charlton Court and the City's subcontractor Leedy Electric to review the needed improvements.

City Manager Hilliard introduced Jackie Cannon as the new Public Works Director and Robbie Ward as the new Utilities Director for the City.

City Manager Hilliard discussed the push for a limited Fourth of July celebration this year and the current shortfall in the General Fund budget. Discussions were regarding some options he is considering as a means to reduce the deficit.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley suggested that we discuss Fourth of July at the budget meetings and look at trying to involve other organizations to help raise funds.

Commissioner Manley also had a question to Sgt. Beymer regarding the number of dispatched calls.

Commissioners Nelson and Watts congratulated Jackie Cannon and Robbie Ward on their promotions.

Commissioner Elliott noted that on July 18, 2013 @ 12:00 p.m., the USDA would be doing a presentation at the dealership and all were invited to attend.

Mayor Cochrane asked if there was a Mayor's luncheon on June 18th. Staff would check on it.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Elliott, second Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of June 11, 2013 at 8:38 PM.
Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:


April Brown, Assistant Deputy City Clerk