

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
COMMISSION BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP
JUNE 23, 2015**

A Budget Planning Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present was Sergeant Luc Doyon

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Water and Wastewater	Robbie Ward	Present
Streets/Stormwater	Mike Bolin	Present
Library Director	Kay Jackson	Present

3. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

City Manager Fred Hilliard went through the proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget Report. Mr. Hilliard stated that there was a deficit of \$140,000 between revenues and expenditures that needed to be made up.

Commissioner Watts stated he would like to see the wish lists of the department heads and Mr. Hilliard stated that they were included but they needed to be prioritized.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he wanted the blessing of the Commission on a sludge program that will save money even on normal flow.

Commissioner Elliott asked how the fire department budget was being budgeted.

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Mr. Hilliard stated that in the stormwater budget there was some confusion in the way the rates were implemented when the rates were increased and staff is working on getting these fees added on the property taxes.

The timeline calendar for the TRIM process was discussed and the workshop on July 30, 2015 needs to be moved to July 23, 2015 and the rest of the dates are good.

Commissioners Manley and Watts, along with Mayor Nelson would like to attend the FLC Conference in Orlando.

4. COMMENTS

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the Budget Planning Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:17 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.



Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk