

**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
5:30 P.M.
FORT MEADE MOBILE HOME PARK ACTIVITY CENTER
1046 SE 2ND STREET
FORT MEADE, FLORIDA 33841**

A Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 5:30 PM Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the CMHP Activity Center, 1046 SE 2nd Street, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

*Arrived at 5:36

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Thomas Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present

Also present was PCSO Sgt. Warren Burgess

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Nelson led the invocation. Mayor Cochrane led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. LOCAL MITIGATION WORK SESSION:

Finance Director, Breanna Smith presented a summary of every project that is open for damage assessment. Staff has been working with FEMA to prepare these estimates. Ms. Smith stated that the total of damages to City properties is estimated at \$1.7 million dollars. The City's insurance company has determined that some of the damage doesn't meet the deductible and has issued \$97,000 for

damages so far however, she is working with them to have them reassess these claims to get reimbursement. None of these items were in the budget and to date we are \$364,000 over budget and these numbers will increase.

There are air quality/mold issues in City Hall, the Fire Dept. and the Sheriff's office substation that need immediate attention. Semco has issued a bid to mediate these issues as well as complete the needed repairs to each of these buildings. This bid will qualify for our emergency procurement process however everything else on the list will need to go out to RFP per project.

Commissioner Elliott asked about any CDs the city has and if they can be used as an option.

Ms. Smith stated to it is estimated at two years for any FEMA reimbursement. To qualify for a USDA loan all of the FEMA and Insurance issues have to be closed out. She has been working with Citizens Bank and Trust to secure a line of credit as an option to get started with repairs.

It was suggested to contact Wauchula State Bank for a line of credit as well.

Commissioner Elliott suggested moving forward with getting the repairs completed.

Mayor Cochrane asked the Commission how they would like to direct staff to proceed. City Attorney Cloud stated that staff should move ahead with securing a line of credit. Next would be putting together the RFPs for the repairs.

Mr. Hilliard stated that he would have proposals for a line of credit and a contract from SEMCO for approval at the April 10th meeting.

Mayor Cochrane asked Mr. Carl Locke Jr. (SEMCO) if they had a timeline of the repairs and he stated that it was not in the proposal but he would provide one. Mr. Locke estimates about 6 months.

The HOPE project that Lowes was scheduled to do has been put on hold because of the air quality/mold in the Fire Dept.

5. COMMENTS

Commissioner Manley stated she wants to see all of the items that were in the approved budget that have been put on hold.

Commissioner Nelson as about the basketball court grant. Mr. Hilliard stated that all capital projects are on hold, stating that while we have the grant money the city would have to contribute additional money to complete the project.

Mr. Hilliard stated that we have run into some environmental issues with the CDBG grant project that will need to be taken care of that was not in the grant and will need to be funded by the City before they can begin the project.

Commissioner Nelson announced that she was recently married and her name has changed to Maurice Campbell. Everyone congratulated Mrs. Campbell.

6. ADJOURNMENT


Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the Workshop of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:43 P.M.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Richard Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Wessell, Deputy City Clerk

