

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday March 12, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	Jim Watts	Absent
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.

**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 Special Meeting of February 12, 2013 and City Commission Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013.

**Motion Nelson, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

6. **PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

None.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title for Resolution R13-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 287.055, F.S., ALSO KNOWN AS "THE CONSULTANTS' COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT" OR "CCNA".**

**Motion Elliott, seconded Manley to approve R13-04.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- B. Sale of Fort Meade Gas System to Florida Public Utilities (FPU).

**Motion Elliott, seconded Manley to consider the sale of the Fort Meade Gas System.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- C. FDOT proposals for the resolution of the Highway 98 E Bridge.

**Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to authorize Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to pursue alternatives to provide full width lanes and pedestrian facilities for the bridge located on Hwy 98 East.**

- D. Appointment of a member to the Ridge League of Cities Board.

The City Commission appointed Commissioner Manley to serve as a member of the Ridge League of Cities Board to represent the City of Fort Meade.

- E. Appointment of member to the CDFC.

The City Commissioner appointed Commissioner Elliott to serve as a member of the CDFC Board to represent the City of Fort Meade

- F. Agreement with Roger Wright for a utility easement to Timbers North.

**Motion Manley, seconded Elliott to authorize the City Attorney to draft an agreement on the abandonment of the public road between Mr. Wright and the City of Fort Meade for utility easements to Timbers North on Hwy 17 N.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

## 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Hilliard reported that City Staff was working to correct the drainage problems on the property at NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street and N. Hendry Ave.

Mr. Hilliard stated he has not made contact with GLF Construction about the land swap on N. Palmetto Ave.

Mr. Hilliard met with members of the Polk County School Board regarding an easement for a privacy fence. Mr. Hilliard recommended that the Commission approve the easement.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the City does not have an agreement with the School Board regarding the swing gates the school uses to block off city streets. Mr. Hilliard stated it was a liability for the City and it may create delays for Police, Fire or EMS.

Mr. Hilliard reported on the meeting with FMPA regarding the Taylor Interest Rate Swaps stating it was little more than a history lesson on how they were

acquired and why. FMPA will be having another workshop this month and he will keep the Commission apprised of the actions.

Mr. Hilliard gave a very special thank you to City Staff and the Polk County Sheriff's Department for the excellent job they done cleaning Patterson Park.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

None.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Manley requested the City Manager and the City Commission to the opening of Relay for Life at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, March 15, 2013.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Elliott, second Manley to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of March 12, 2013 at 7:43 PM.  
Motion carried with all yeas.

  
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**Rick Cochrane, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk**