

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Nelson.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Maurice Nelson	Present
Vice Mayor	James Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Absent
Commissioner	Richard Cochrane	Present
Commissioner	Robert Elliott	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
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Human Resource Director	Donna Parker	Present
Water/Wastewater Director	Robbie Ward	Present

Also present: Polk County Deputy Robbie Meacham

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Mayor Nelson led the invocation and the Pledge to the Flag.

**4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

None.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of March 10, 2015**

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner 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).**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 15-03 Establishing a New Zoning District M-3 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A NEW ZONING DISTRICT AND ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS 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 Nelson opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Cliff Maker, 300 S Washington Ave., Lot 28, Fort Meade, FL. 33841 stated that he and his wife were recently traveling North on Hwy 17 when a semi-truck pulled onto Hwy 17 from 14<sup>th</sup> Street coming from Biosolids, with liquid spilling from the back of the truck with a foul odor and he had to use his windshield wipers to keep the mist off. Mr. Maker stated that we have one of the finest Badcock Furniture stores around and if he wasn't established with them he wouldn't even go there because the odor is so foul. Mr. Maker stated he was totally against Biosolids operation.

Mr. Billy Willis, representing WW Gay Mechanical, 121 NW 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Meade, FL. 33841 stated that the odor was so bad this morning that they could not even open the rollup door on the shop. He stated that if they would have known the odor from Biosolids would have been this bad they would have not bought the building in that location. Mr. Willis stated that they were against approving the ordinances for Biosolids.

Mr. Curtis Bankston, 1370 N Charleston Ave., Ft. Meade, FL. 33841, stated that he lives across the street from Badcock and he is constantly having to smell the foul odor and stated that he feels the odor is harmful to his health

due to having a constant sore throat from breathing in the odors and is strongly against Biosolids operation.

Mayor Nelson closed the Public Hearing.

City Attorney Cloud recommended that the Commission take no further action and withdraw the proposed ordinance.

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to take no further action on and to withdraw Ordinance 15-03.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- B. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 15-04 Zoning amendments on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-2 AS AMENDED, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING A PARCEL ON THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY FROM FORT MEADE M-2 INDUSTRIAL PARK TO FORT MEADE M-3 BIOSOLIDS TREATMENT FACILITIES; 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 Nelson opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Nelson closed the Public Hearing.

City Attorney Cloud again advised the Commission to take no further action and to withdraw the ordinance.

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to take no further action and to withdraw Ordinance 15-04.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

10. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

Attorney Cloud requested a brief Executive Session to begin immediately following the Regular City Commission Meeting.

**Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to authorize the Executive Session.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

None.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commission Cochran inquired about the fees that were still owed by Biosolids.

Attorney Cloud stated that this would be discussed in the Executive Session.

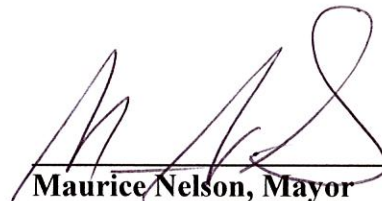
**13. STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Elliott second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Special Commission meeting of March 31, 2015 at 7:11 PM.

**Motion carried with all yeas.**



Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk