

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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

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	Absent

Also present: Polk County Sergeant Luc Doyon

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Pastor Kenny Slay led the invocation. Mayor Nelson led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

A. Add 6 C Proclamation for STRIVE Inc.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Special Commission Meeting and Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Special Commission Meeting

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Employee of the Quarter Award

City Manager, Fred Hilliard presented Meter Reader, Allen "Richie" Davis with a plaque and a check for \$100.00 for being our 1st Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Hilliard thanked Mr. Davis for his hard work and dedication to the city, stating that his handy work is noticeable all over town.

City Manager Hilliard also wanted to recognize Human Resource Director, Donna Parker for implementing the awards program and the job she is doing is appreciated.

B. Mayor Nelson read the Proclamation proclaiming the week of June 1st – 5th 2015 as Code Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Week.

C. Mayor Nelson read the Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, May 30, 2015 as STRIVE Inc. Day in Fort Meade, FL.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Ms. Pricella Perry extended her gratitude for the job the City is doing and a special thanks to Donna Parker for stepping up to keep the Chamber of Commerce going.

Ms. Perry wanted to announce the Yankee and Seminole artifact event at the Fort Meade Museum on May 23-24, 2015. There will be artifacts on display for the first time ever and everyone is invited.

Mr. Glen Clover stated that this event is a joint event in conjunction with the Fort Meade Outpost project, which is a cultural heritage tourism economic development project. The Outpost is more than park, it is a destination.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement

City Manager Hilliard stated that he talked to the County and FDOT about the agreement and they would appreciate if we would let them do the agreement without the City as the middle-man.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Manley to send this back to the County and FDOT for the maintenance.

Motion carried with all yeas.

B. Morrison Cemetery update.

City Planner, April Brown presented a draft of the cemetery with removal of the concession stand to add approximately 9 blocks with 72 new grave sites and a draft with removal of the concession stand and the pavilion to add approximately 15 blocks with 120 new grave sites.

Mayor Nelson stated that she believed that the residents would like to keep the pavilion with the restrooms but remove the concession stand. Ms. Nelson stated she would present the proposal to the committee.

C. Central Florida Water Resource Development Project

City Manager Hilliard stated that Polk County and the municipalities within the County have been working on a regional water program. SWFMD will be providing some funds to form a regional authority. Mr. Hilliard stated this was informational and in the near future there would be a resolution or ordinance for the city to join the project for which he strongly encourages the city to join.

D. Proposal to add a wing to the CMHP Activity Center.

Mr. Terry Booker, 1017 Indiana St. Ft. Meade, FL. 33841, presented to the commission a plan to add a new wing to the existing activity center along with a shuffle board court and a rec hall. Mr. Booker stated that the original loan for the activity center had just been paid off and recommended to secure another loan to fund this project along with a tree trimming/removal plan without effecting the current budget. Mr. Booker also proposed a plan for a RV park in the future and

Motion Commission Watts, second Commissioner Manley to authorize staff to proceed ahead with securing the loan and developing a plan.

Motion carried with all yeas.

E. Donation request for Community Event from Lewis Anna Woodbury PTO.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to donate \$250.00 to the Lewis Anna Woodbury PTO.

Motion carried with all yeas.

F. Chamber of Commerce Proposal

City Manager Hilliard stated that with the vacant position open at the Chamber, he would like to put the Human Resource Director, Donna Parker "on loan" for 4 months, to get things organized and ready for a new Director.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A. US EcoGen Update.

Mr. Hilliard stated there is an interest now in doing the railroad crossing. If the commission is interested in pursuing this option an engineer will have to be retained to do some work to demonstrate to the railroad that we are going to do this. Chastain-Skillman has done some of the work in the past that was supposed to be paid for from a grant that fell through and will need to be compensated. Mr. Hilliard stated he has talked to the highway department and the railroad and they are both interested in doing this.

B. Green Cove Springs

Mr. Hilliard presented a letter from Green Cove Springs expressing their concerns with FMPA for informational purposes.

C. Metro PCS

Mr. Hilliard stated that Metro PCS has terminated their lease with the City.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Watts questions if the workshop that was presented by Rapid Systems had anything to do with WiFi and Mr. Hilliard stated that it was not.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Watts second Commissioner Elliott to recess the Regular Commission meeting of May 19, 2015 at 7:45 PM for a Special Session Meeting.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

