

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at the Fort Meade Commissioner Chambers, 8 W. Broadway Street, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Absent
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Employee Relations	Sheryl Williams	Present

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

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

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

4.A. Delete Item 5. B. from the agenda

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to remove item 5.B. from the agenda.

Motion to delete item 5.B. from the agenda passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS

5.A. Proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2018 through November 17, 2018 as Just Say No Week.

Mr. Ernie Cooper thanked the commission and stated that this is the 29th year of red ribbon week and that the proclamation will be presented to the 5th grade for educational purposes.

Mayor Cochrane read the proclamation proclaiming Just Say No Week and presented it to Mr. Ernie Cooper.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.A.** Minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting, Minutes of the October 16, 2018 and October 17, 2018 Commission Workshops and Minutes of the October 23, 2018 Special Commission Meeting.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting, Minutes of the October 16, 2018 and October 17, 2018 Commission Workshops and Minutes of the October 23, 2018 Special Commission Meeting.

Motion to approve the previous minutes passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Mr. Perry Brokaw, outgoing HOA President, 1034 SE 2nd St., Fort Meade, thanked the city for cleaning up the shuffle board courts and the golf course and also the transparency of the financial report.

Mr. Ben Speight, 613 NE 3rd St., Fort Meade, presented two questions to the commission to be addressed:

1. I know that we are working with FMPA to create a Journeyman Lineman training but are we doing anything to solve the problem for our current linemen who took the training in Lakeland and were not certified. It doesn't seem right that they would lose all their years of training.
2. Since our current city manager will be retiring soon, what method is in place to ensure that both the new program being created with the help of FMPA and the problem with our current lineman not being certified is made a priority by our new city manager and that the ball will not be dropped.

Mr. Daryl Gargus, 104 SE 2nd St., Fort Meade, stated he would like to iterate on the previous questions stating that how can they take our money and not certify our people. Mr. Gargus asked if the program with FMPA will be free. Mr. Gargus also wanted to know if a financial audit would be done once the city manager retired and it was stated that financial audits are performed every year and are available on the website.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.A. City Manager Candidate Itinerary

Ms. Williams presented a timeline of the city manager candidate visits for Friday and Saturday. Mayor Cochrane read the itinerary aloud.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Mr. Ryan Weeks, Project Manager for FDOT, John Singletary Bridge Project.

Mr. Ryan Weeks and Mr. Mark Bayer PE presented a proposed design of the Singletary Bridge on Hwy 98 E. They are proposing to move the new bridge to the south of the existing bridge to prevent overlapping and detours. The proposal includes moving the existing railing to the entrance of the Peace River Park. The proposal also includes attaching utilities to the new bridge and LED lighting.

9.B. Approve Resolution R18-17 3-year Maintenance Agreement with FDOT

After some discussion, **Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to direct staff to renegotiate the contract with FDOT to cover the costs to the city.**

Motion to direct staff to renegotiate the contract with FDOT passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

9.C. Approve Lakeland Mass Transit Agreement

Breanna Smith stated that there was some miscommunication in the last presentation, so a new agreement was presented to cover the costs over three years.

Mr. Tom Phillips, Executive Director explained the different services offered in the city and the estimated ridership.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Lakeland Mass Transit Agreement.

Motion to approve agreement with Lakeland Mass Transit Agreement passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

9.D. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 18-15 amending budget allocations for FY 2017-2018 (all funds)

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to approve Ordinance 18-15 amending the budget adjustments for all funds on 1st Reading.

Motion to approve ordinance 18-15 amending the budget adjustments passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

10.A. City Attorney Cloud stated that there is further discussion regarding settlement of the water law case and stated that a framework has been worked out for negotiating a settlement agreement and he was asked to join in a motion to cancel the hearing and abate the proceeding.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Elliott to ratify City Attorney Cloud's actions.

Motion to ratify Attorney Cloud's actions passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

None.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

12.A. Mayor Cochrane

Mayor Cochrane asked about the cannon that was at city hall. Mr. Hilliard stated that it is being worked on. Mayor Cochrane recommended talking to some of the local residents to see if they can help.

Mayor Cochrane asked what was going on with Biosolids. Mr. Cloud stated that they are filling every appeal they can find and have asked for an emergency hearing to get rid of the writ of garnishment stating that it would disrupt their business.

Mayor Cochrane asked about code enforcement. Mr. Hilliard stated that MaryJo Russell is currently here but would be leaving at the end of the year and they are reviewing applications.

12.B. Commissioner Watts

Mr. Watts requested an update status of the projects at the CMHP. Mr. Hilliard stated that the bids are being reviewed now.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of November 13, 2018 at 8:13 P.M.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

ATTEST:



Richard Cochrane, Mayor



Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

