

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 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 7:00 PM by Mayor Cochrane.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Richard Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Robert Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson Campbell	Present
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 Campbell led the invocation. Mayor Cochrane led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

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

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

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS

5.A. Removed

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.A. Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018 passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.A.** City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 18-15 amending the budget allocations for FY17-18 (all funds)

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to adopt Ordinance 18-15 amending the budget allocations on 2nd Reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-15 passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- 8.B.** City Manager review/decision

Motion Commissioner Elliott to take a vote to hire Danielle Judd and direct City Attorney Cloud to negotiate a contract stipulating that she lives in the city limits.

Mayor Cochrane opened for public comment.

Residents opposed to hiring Ms. Judd:

Jordan Whatley, 801 NE 9th St.
Ashlee Dishong, 211 NE 6th St.
Dimple Galvin, 203 Maple Ln.
Chuck Hancock, 801 NE 9th St.
Alan Davis, 1513 Brooke Rd.
Laura Acuff Passanesi, 138 E. Broadway St.
Frances Acuff, 620 N Polk Ave.
Mr. Perry Brokaw, 1034 SE 2nd St.
Sharon Steurwald, 1042 NY St.

Mr. Samuel Berrien, 312 E Broadway St. stated he wanted to ensure there would be diversity in the city regardless of who took the position.
Commissioner Elliott amended his motion to include adding a contingency of a 6 months to one-year term. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion with Commissioner Watts being opposed.

Motion to hire Danielle Judd and direct City Attorney Cloud to negotiate a contract to include her living in the city limits and a term of 6-months to one-year passed by a vote of 4-1.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Approve the Municipal Emergency Services (MES) quote

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to approve Municipal Emergency Services quote.

Motion to approve Municipal Emergency Services quote passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

10.A. City Attorney Cloud stated that is with a great deal of regret that that he informs you that the water litigation attorney's wife passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Nevertheless, he has continued to work to settle the case. There is a meeting Thursday in Wauchula that he will attend and a meeting later with the Authority in Tampa.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Hilliard informed the commission that we were down to running on one well. Well no. 1 has split the shaft and is currently under emergency repairs and Well 2 is in the process of being brought back on line as well.

Mr. Hilliard stated there was an issue at the CMHP laundry room stating it does meet code for the reroof and an engineer has been obtained to work on it.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

12.A. Commissioner Manley

None.

12.B. Commissioner Watts

Commissioner Watts thanked the audience for their input.

12.C. Commissioner Campbell

Commissioner Campbell asked when city hall, sheriff's office and fire department renovations would be completed. Mr. Hilliard stated that there was a final walk-thru on Friday.

Ms. Campbell asked about insurance and FEMA for these projects. Ms. Smith stated that PRM has been more receptive and the FEMA projects are under review.

Ms. Campbell asked if there was going to be an employee Christmas party. Mr. Hilliard stated there will be an awards luncheon but no party.

Ms. Campbell asked if they would receive a ham or a turkey for Christmas. Mr. Hilliard stated a \$45.00 gift card would be given in lieu of the ham or turkey.

Ms. Williams stated she is trying to put the luncheon together for December 14, 2018 where the awards will be given out along with the Visa gift cards.

Ms. Campbell openly stated she would not be at the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday. Mr. Elliott and Mr. Watts stated they would not be in attendance either.

Ms. Campbell asked about decorations and it was stated they are working on them this week.

Ms. Campbell stated that any residents who have not received help for Hurricane Irma damages can contact Polk Works rebuild Florida.

12.C. Commissioner Elliott

Commissioner Elliott stated there should be an open house once the city facilities have been completed.

12.D. Mayor Cochrane

Mayor Cochrane asked what percentage of the insurance reimbursement compared to Irma expenses. Ms. Smith stated it is about 80%.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Campbell, second Commissioner Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of November 27, 2018 at 8:27 P.M.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

ATTEST:



Richard Cochrane, Mayor



Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk