

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Elliott.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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	

Also present: Polk County Lieutenant James Ken Hall.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Ms. April Brown led the invocation. Mayor Elliott led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of October 14, 2014 and TRIM Final Hearing of October 14.

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

FMPA operation, stating it would cost more to send the 300 kilowatts to the City than it's worth.

Mr. Hilliard stated there was a meeting with Mr. Bill Herrington to discuss the implementation of the Contract Rate of Demand.

Mr. Hilliard requested to have a workshop with Mr. Herrington to explain the details of the implementation of CROD.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the agreements.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

- A. City Attorney, Tom Cloud requests an Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy and expenses immediately following the regular meeting.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

- A. US Highway 98 Electric Project.

Mr. Hilliard stated that we ran into a slight problem between Lanier Road and in front of Fowlers where the right-of-way closes in requiring the use of easements.

- B. Polk County Alternative Water Supply Study.

Mr. Hilliard stated the City agreed to work with the County on water a supply study. The County is developing a water cooperative that the City will be among.

- C. Chamber of Commerce

With the retirement of Pricella Perry, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, as the biggest supporter, the City is concerned with the direction they will go. Mr. Hilliard suggested to have a workshop with the Chamber Board and the Commission.

- D. Polk County Waste and Recycling Division permit submission.

Mr. Hilliard encouraged the Commission to send a letter of support for the Polk County Waste & Recycling Division's permit to the FDEP to construct a disposal facility at the North Central Landfill and to modify the disposal facility operation permit.

- C. Approve acceptance of two escheated parcels located in the city limits of the City of Fort Meade. The parcels are located at 609 N. Orange Ave. and 108 S.W. 5th St.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to accept the two properties.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D. Appoint members to a Citizen's Advisory Task Force Board for CDBG Grant opportunity.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to appointment of the Citizen's Advisory Task Force.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- E. Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 14-17 FY 2013-2014 Budget Allocations.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Nelson to approve Ordinance 14-17 on 1st Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- F. Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 14-16 Retirement Plans on 1st Reading.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Watts to approve Ordinance 14-16 on 1st Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- G. **FMPA/CROD**

City Manager Hilliard stated that the City is in negotiations regarding CROD. Mr. Hilliard stated there are two agreements to be considered regarding CROD: Form of Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service and the Network operating Agreement to regulate the use of Duke Energy transmission system. These agreements need to be in place with the implementation of Contract Rate of Demand with FMPA, after which FMPA will no longer serve as the City's power transmission provider.

Mr. Hilliard went on to an agreement provided by FMPA that would allow FMPA to exchange the 300 kilowatts of power from the City's allocation in the St. Lucie power station for 300 kilowatts of power generated by the

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

Ms. Thelma Chambers, representing the Fort Meade-Frostproof Relay for Life, requested a donation of \$500.00 for the event that will be held at the Fort Meade High School Football Field on March 21, 2015.

Motion Commissioner Nelson, second Commissioner Manley to approve a donation of \$500.00 for Fort Meade-Frostproof Relay for Life.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Mr. John Graham came before the Commission requesting to have a commercial business of a mobile food truck anchored in a residential district.

Mr. Graham was directed to make application to the Planning and Zoning Board for such a request.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Attorney Cloud read the title for Ordinance 14-13 LDC Text Amendments Article 4 Signs on 1st Reading.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to approve Ordinance 14-13 on 1st Reading.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B.** Approve Polk County Transit Bus Stop License Agreement for a bus stop located partially on City of Fort Meade property, currently the City Library.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement upon approval of the attorney.

Motion carried with all yeas.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Nelson inquired about the progress of the Robinson Mobile Home Park issues.

Mr. Hilliard stated the survey is being prepared to develop a road through the park.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Manley second Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of November 18, 2014 at 8:02 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

