

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Absent
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Absent
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

Also present: Polk County Sergeant Andy Beymer.

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 Meeting of September 9, 2014, TRIM 1st Hearing of September 10, 2014 and the TRIM 2nd Hearing of September 22, 2014.

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

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

Mayor Elliott proclaimed the month of October 2014 as "Community Planning Month"

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** First Reading and approve Ordinance 14-13 LDC Text Amendments Article 4 Signs.

Ms. Brown asked the Commission to table this item until the November 9th meeting. There was an attempt to have a Planning and Zoning meeting to get a recommendation but could not reach a quorum.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to table Ordinance 14-13 until the November 9th Meeting.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B.** Approve Resolution R14-11 authorizing the submission of an application to FDRAP for the Community Center.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Watts to approve Resolution R14-11.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C.** Approve Resolution R14-12 authorizing the submission of an application to FDEP.

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Watts to approve Resolution R14-12.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D. Surplus meter-reader hand held devices.

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to approve the surplus of the hand held meter-reader devices.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- E. FMPA/Contract Rate of Delivery

City Attorney, Tom Cloud spoke on behalf of the City Manager, stating that FMPA are undergoing a legislative audit. He stated we are at cross-roads with them and there may be some litigation because of it.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

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

Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Cochrane immediately following this regular scheduled meeting to re-adjourn and go into executive session to discuss litigation.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Ms. Brown spoke on behalf of the City Manager:

- A. City Mobile Home Park

There are currently 20 vacant mobile home sites. The City Manager has been in contact with Jacobson Homes to setup a park model. The displacement of the golf course to develop a RV Park would require the approval of the Home Owner's Association.

- B. Update of Hwy 98 East Singleton Bridge.

Representatives with FDOT and JAI will be holding a project kick-off meeting on December 4, 2014 from 3:00 P.M till 8:00 P.M.at the City Mobile Home Park Activity Center. The City Manager encourages everyone to attend.

- C. FMPA/ARP

The cost to terminate the interest rate swaps will be in the area of one hundred million dollars, \$100,000,000.00. Preliminary projections regarding this additional debt will cost the residents an estimated \$.50 per kilowatt on the demand side increasing cost to \$22.96 per kilowatt and a

\$1.15 per megawatt on the energy charges for \$32.62 per megawatt hour for the next 20 years.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Watts questioned if the City was having any problems with the radio-read water meters like Pasco County.

Commissioner Cochrane stated that staff notifies the customer if there is a significant increase in usage.

Commissioner Manley updated the Commission on the TPO meeting she attended and stated that they estimate the population of Polk County to increase 66.72% from 2010 to 2040, a rate of 22% per year.

Mayor Elliott asked Public Work Director, Jackie Cannon how the 98 East project was going.

Mr. Cannon stated that they are still moving along but they have to wait weeks on parts to come in.

13. STAFF REPORTS

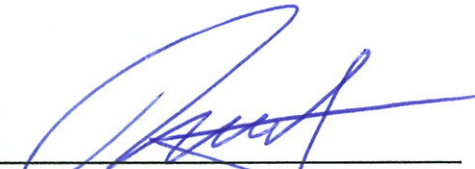
April Brown stated that she met with the engineer for the FDOT to discuss the easements for the trail. She also stated that Duke Energy is on board with the project.

The Christmas decorations have come in and they are being refurbished and will be ready for Christmas.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Manley to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of October 14, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk