

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Rick Cochrane	Present
Vice Mayor	Bob Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	Jim Watts	Present
Commissioner	Barbara Manley	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
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

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Andy Beymer and Lieutenant Ken Hall.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

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

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the City Commission Regular Meeting of September 11, 2013, TRIM/Budget 1st Hearing of September 11, 2013 and the TRIM/Budget Final Hearing of September 23, 2013.

Motion Nelson, second Watts to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

Chamber President, Bob Sweeney presented the Commission with a request of a \$2,000.00 donation for a billboard banner for a community economic campaign.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to adopt the Economic Campaign of the Chamber of Commerce and approve the donation of the \$2,000.00.

Ms. Pricella Perry wanted to update the Commission on the events coming up. Leadership Class 2 will be graduating this month and US Representative Tom Rooney will be at the Chamber Luncheon. November 16, 2013 is the Country Fair and the 2nd Saturday of December is the Christmas Parade.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Ms. Aisha Wright addressed the Commission requesting a donation of \$3,600.00 to aid with the utilities at HELP of Fort Meade.

Motion Watts, second Nelson to approve the request for a donation of \$3,600.00 for additional aid to HELP utilities for the FY 13-14.

Motion carried with all yeas.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sale of the Fort Meade Gas System.

Commissioners Manley and Nelson questioned the annual economic development contribution.

Ms. Aleida Socarras responded that the contribution could be used for businesses that would like natural gas but that would not be feasible for them to install themselves.

Motion Manley, second Elliott to approve Asset Purchase Agreement between the City of Fort Meade Gas Department and Florida Public Utilities.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Cochrane read the title to Resolution R13-12- City of Fort Meade Cafeteria Plan.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE
CAFETERIA PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion Watts, seconded Elliott to approve Resolution R13-12 the City of Fort Meade Cafeteria Plan.

Motion carried with all yeas.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A. City Manager Hilliard presented the Commission with a report of the collection of solid waste for the City. Mr. Hilliard is looking into a more cost-effective solution.

B. FMPA/ARP held a strategic planning session last week.


12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mayor Cochrane questioned the solid waste removal stating we needed to weigh our options.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Nelson, second Watts to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of October 8, 2013 at 7:58 PM.

Motion carried with all yeas.



Rick Cochrane, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

