

**CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on October 9, 2012 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 Manley.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

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

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
City Planner/ Interim Deputy Clerk	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Recreational Director	Deena Ware	Present

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Riley.

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Reverend Vince Price led the invocation. Mayor Manley led the Pledge to the Flag.

**4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

Additions were made to the Agenda to include the Minutes from the September 5, 2012 City Commission meeting and an Agenda Item regarding a proposal from ADP for payroll services.

Motion Elliott, second Watts to approve Additions.

Motion carried with all yeas.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of City Commission Meeting of September 5, 2012.
- B. Minutes of the Special Called City Commission Meeting, September 15, 2012.
- C. Minutes of the Special Called City Commission, September 25, 2012.
- D. Approval of the Polk County Sheriff's Office Agreement for Fire/Rescue 9-1-1/Dispatch Calls.

Motion Watts, second Elliott to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. **PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

- A. Fort Meade Chamber Director Report

Chamber Director Priscilla Perry unable to attend due to illness.

- B. Proclamation for Polk County Family Week to Linda Chancey by Mayor Manley.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

Curtis Bankston  
1370 North Charleston Avenue  
Fort Meade, Florida 33841

Mr. Bankston had questions about extension of sewer to east side of US 17 and condition of road in Robinson Circle.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 12-09 – Public Hearing – 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;  
ADOPTING TEXT CHANGES TO THE CITY OF FORT MEADE'S LAND  
DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED  
"DEVELOPMENT DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS";  
AMENDING ARTICLE 4 ENTITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS", AND  
AMENDING ARTICLE 7 ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL**

**PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; RATIFYING UNAMENDED PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Manley opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Manley closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion Nelson, second Elliott to accept Ordinance 12-09 as read.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution R12-17 – Approve three (3) year Maintenance Agreement between the City of Fort Meade and the Florida Department of Transportation.**

**Motion Watts, second Elliott to adopt Resolution R12-17.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- B. Approve proposal from ADP for payroll services in the amount of \$9,521.40.**

**Motion Watts, second Elliott to approve proposal from ADP.**

**Motion carried with all yeas.**

- C. Memo regarding Robinson Circle**

**City Manager gave a report regarding the present issues in Robinson Circle. Proposed plat was never recorded by Mobil and there are no rights-of-way and/or easements for streets or utilities. City Manager will draft a letter for review by the City Attorney to the property owners to discuss dedication of rights-of-way and easements from the property owners to the City. The City will provide dirt in an effort to help repair some of the potholes existing in the current roadway.**

- D. Memo regarding Stormwater Rate Increase**

**Commissioner Elliott suggested that a Workshop be held to further discuss the proposed Stormwater rates prior to implementation. City**

**Manager will be compiling information and would try to schedule a workshop prior to the next City Commission meeting if possible.**

**10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Hilliard gave an update on FMPA and the All Requirements Project. On September 27, 2012, a meeting was held and the gas hedge equity, Gantt+2 program was discussed which would result in a rate increase. 6 members voted against it and the motion was defeated. Additionally, it was discussed that FMPA is holding onto interest rate swaps for the Taylor project. These swaps come due 10/20/15 and it appears that FMPA is approximately \$100 million short.

Mosaic generator – Staff met with Power Secure and Bill Herrington to discuss what is needed to have the 1 MG unit operational. Staff is also looking at the 1.2 ton generator. This could result in a potential \$200,000 per year savings. Additionally, would lessen the rate of demand from FMPA.

Weather Siren is installed and operational.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

City Attorney shared a story of a book he has read called “The Black Knight” and the history of Alexander Dumas who wrote such books as “The Three Musketeers” and “The Count of Monte Cristo”. This book stresses that we should never take for granted our civil rights.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Nelson inquired about the grant at Peace River Park and the bridge. City Planner explained that we had not seen anything in writing (only word of mouth) regarding grant but it was only for the proposed trail in the park. According to FDOT, the bridge is structurally sound and there are no design plans for it at this time. Also, question was raised regarding the recycling issues with Republic. Staff indicated that they were being resolved and work orders were coming in.

Commissioner Elliott mentioned the fall decorations and how the merchants were participating in the spirit of the fall season.

Mayor Manley mentioned that the W. Henry house (Reid Gifford) had been approved for the National Historic Registry and the Marsh family will be collecting donations for the monument. Also, Mayor Manley inquired about the drainage problems at Carol Allen’s house on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. City Manager indicated that there were drainage problems within the area and not just her house. The City was looking into addressing the issues, but manpower is low and funding as well.

Discussion was held on the American Legion area and drainage issues there as well. Apparently property owners may have filled in the ditches and this is causing problems. Staff will look into whether or not we can notify these owners to correct the problems or possibly implement Code Enforcement action.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Elliott, second Nelson to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of October 9, 2012 at 8:05 PM.  
Motion carried with all yeas.

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**Barbara Manley, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**April Brown, Interim Deputy City Clerk**