

**CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA  
BUDGET HEARING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

A Budget Hearing of the Fort Meade City Commission was held at 6:00 PM Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Watts.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

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

Also present was Sergeant Casey Riley

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Newman	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Streets/Stormwater	Mike Bolin	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
Code Enforcement	Mary Jo Russell	Present

**3. FY 2016-2017 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET**

- A. City Manager Fred Hilliard presented the Commission with the proposed millage rate of 6.2458 and tentative budget for FY 2016-2017.

Mayor Watts opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Terry Booker, 1017 Indiana St., Fort Meade, FL. expressed concerns with the CMHP budget stating that he would like answers to when the Activity Center project will be started. If the money is in the budget for the project, then the project should be done.

Mr. Booker stated that he presented a list of questions to be answered and still hasn't received a response.

Mr. Richard Greer, 1018 Wisconsin St. Fort Meade, FL. questioned some items in the CMHP budget such as the property taxes and the finance and accounting fees.

- B. City Attorney Thomas Cloud read the title to Ordinance 16-13 –Levying Taxes – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF FORT MEADE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to approve Ordinance 16-13 Levying Taxes FY 2016-2017 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on September 20, 2016.**

**Mayor Watts – Aye  
Vice Mayor Manley – Aye  
Commissioner Elliott – Aye  
Commissioner Cochrane – Aye  
Commissioner Nelson – Aye**

**Motion to approve Ordinance 16-13 Levying Taxes for FY 2016-2017 passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.**

- C. City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 16-14 – Adopting the Final Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to adopt Ordinance 16-14 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on September 20, 2016.**

**Mayor Watts – Aye  
Vice Mayor Manley – Aye  
Commissioner Elliott – Aye  
Commissioner Cochrane – Aye  
Commissioner Nelson – Aye**

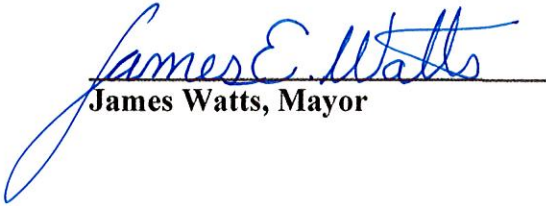
**Motion to approve Ordinance 16-14 Adopting the Final Budget  
passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**4. COMMENTS**

Commissioner Manley expressed concerns about not meeting with Department Heads directly to discuss their wants and needs for the budget. Ms. Manley would like to see a five-year plan presented and used to achieve the goals set forth.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Commissioner Manley, second Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the budget hearing of the Fort Meade City Commission on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:36 P.M. Motion carried with all yeas.

  
James Watts, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

