

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. 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	Richard Cochrane	Present
Commissioner	Robert Elliott	Present
Commissioner	Maurice Nelson	Present
Commissioner	James Watts	Present

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Wessell	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
Parks	Roc Eiland	Present
Recreation Director	Marcella Nelson	Present

Also, present: Polk County Sergeant Warren Burgess

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Manley led the invocation and the Pledge to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.A. Minutes of the August 22, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting.

**Motion Commissioner Watts, second Commissioner Nelson to
approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 Regular City Commission.**

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2017 Commission Meetings passed by unanimous vote of 5- 0.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Mr. Herman Fisher, VFW representative, had three items to address:

1. Mr. Fisher wanted to say that the City's response to the recent crisis was overwhelmingly great, the city did a great job getting everyone back up and running in the short period of time they did, they do deserve a round of applause for that.
2. The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be coming into Fort Meade on November 8, 2017 at noon with a motorcade escort. The opening ceremony is at 5:00 pm on the 9th at the American Legion and everyone is welcome and Mr. Fisher invited the commission to sit on the stage and be introduced. That weekend is Veteran's Day weekend and the American Legion will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner for all.
3. Mr. Fisher stated that there is a problem on NE 6th Street with vehicles speeding while grade school children are walking to and from school on Oak Ave. Mr. Fisher requested a four-way stop at 6th and Oak.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. PUBLIC HEARING: Approve Resolution R17-10 Annual Stormwater Assessment

Mayor Manley opened the Public Hearing
With no comments, Mayor Manley closed the Public Hearing

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Watts to adopt resolution R17-10 Annual Stormwater Assessment.

Motion to adopt Resolution R17-10 passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Mr. Cloud stated that FEMA was in the state and encouraged the City to take advantage of the FEMA and USDA offers such as low-interest loans for renovations, rehabilitation or needs of the departments. There will never be a better opportunity.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Hilliard stated that he would like to thank staff for the way they performed in this past crisis, they did an excellent job with what they had to do it with, no loss of life and no accidents. The staff stood up and did a heck of a job.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

12A. Vice Mayor Cochrane

Commissioner Cochrane stated he would like to repeat what Fred said, stating that he felt the winds were worse than Hurricane Charlie when he was without power for 11 days, the staff did a great job.

Mr. Cochrane stated he would like to do a proclamation for the out-of-town lineman that were here helping to restore power.

12B. Commissioner Elliott

Commissioner Elliott concurred with Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Hilliard and thanked everybody.

Mr. Elliott requested that Mr. Hilliard request a representative from Comcast to address the commission on their concerns, even before the crisis situation.

12C. Commissioner Nelson

Commissioner Nelson stated she concurred with everyone and wanted to give a special thanks to Sgt. Burgess for checking up on them. Ms. Nelson stated that the response time was excellent, an awesome job was done.

12D. Commissioner Watts

Commissioner Watts stated that he couldn't say it any better and wanted to thank everyone for their efforts.

Mr. Watts asked what the status of the grocery store was and Mr. Hilliard stated that he talked to them before the storm and they were still cleaning up.

12E. Mayor Manley

Mayor Manley asked to have a work session to discuss what the needs of the city is, what we did right, what needs improvements, the need for a better plan.

Mr. Cloud stated that all of the City buildings were damaged and this is one of the big things that needs to be planned for in these sessions.

Ms. Manley asked what the status of BioSolids was and Mr. Cloud stated we were still waiting.

There was some discussion of the time limit for FEMA and someone to help with filing the proper paperwork and what to ask for.

13. STAFF REPORTS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Elliott second Commissioner Nelson to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:33 P.M.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

ATTEST:



Melissa Wessell, Deputy City Clerk



Barbara Manley, Mayor