

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on September 15, 2012 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway, Fort Meade, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Mayor Manley.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Absent
City Planner	April Brown	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Parks Director	Roc Eiland	Absent
Code Enforcement Officer	Frank Ramos	Absent
Recreational Director	Deena Ware	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Phyllis Kirk	Present

Also present: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Steven Mills

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 12-09 – 2nd Reading Public Hearing

Approve amendments to Ordinance 97-2 to approve text amendments to the Unified Land Development Code

City Planner Brown requested that the second reading of Ordinance 12-09 be postponed until the Regular Commission Meeting of October 9, 2012.

Motion Cochrane, second Watts to postpone the Public Hearing and second reading of Ordinance 12-09 until the Regular Commission Meeting of October 9, 2012.

Motion carried with all yeas.

4. BUDGET MEETING

A. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 12/13

Mayor Manley opened the Public Hearing on the tentative budget and proposed millage rate of 5.6484 percent.

B. Staff presentation of Fiscal Year 12/13 Budget

City Manager Hilliard stated that there were no changes in the budget from the September 5, 2012 Commission meeting. He further stated that it is a balanced bare bones budget reduced 5.7 percent from the previous year's budget.

C. Comments from the Public

The following addressed the Commission opposing an increase in property taxes:

Daniel Rollins, 1855 Highway 17 North, Fort Meade, Florida
Wayne Gunter, 400 North Oak Avenue, Fort Meade, Florida
Doug Tulloh, 803 NE 8th Street, Fort Meade, Florida

Patricia Jackson, 211 S. Washington Avenue, Fort Meade questioned a pass-through charge by her landlord at Valencia Mobile Home Park.

D. Amend Tentative Budget if Necessary

No amendments were made.

E. Close Public Hearing on Proposed Millage & Tentative Budget

Mayor Manley closed the Public Hearing.

F. Mayor Manley read the title to Ordinance 12-08A – 2nd Reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FORO THE CITY OF FORT MEADE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Cochran, second Nelson adopting Ordinance 12-08A as presented.

Mayor Manley opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one wishing to address the Commission.

Motion carried with all yeas.

G. Mayor Manley read the title to Ordinance 12-08B – 2nd Reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion Watts, second Nelson adopting Ordinance 12-08B as presented.

Mayor Manley opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one wishing to address the Commission.

Motion carried with all yeas...

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Electric Systems Demand Side Management System Authorization

City Manager Hilliard stated that the implementation of the Demand Side Management Program has begun to reduce the whole sale power cost from the FMPA/ARP system. Mr. Hilliard then requested that the Commission adopt a motion recognizing the benefits of the Electric Systems Demand Side Management System and authorize staff to incorporate the operational and capital cost of the program into the City Electrical Utilities Power Cost Adjustment factor and rate structure. Operational cost - \$58,911.20, Capital Cost \$640,764.00.

Motion Cochrane, second Watts recognizing the benefits of the Electric Systems Demand Side Management System and authorizing staff to incorporate the operational and capital cost of the program into the City electrical Utilities Power Cost Adjustment factor and rate structure.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

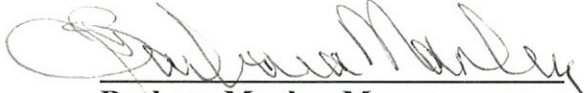
City Manager Hilliard requested a Special Commission Meeting to be held September 25, 2012 at 6:00 PM to discuss the EcoGen Developers Agreement.

7. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commission Cochrane notified the Commission that he would not be present at the October 9, 2012 Regular Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Watts thanked the staff for all the work on the 12/13 budget.

There being no further business to conduct, Motion Nelson, second Elliott to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of September 15, 2012 at 9:45 AM.
Motion carried with all yeas.



Barbara Manley, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Brown, Interim Deputy City Clerk