

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT MEADE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom Virtual Meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Watts.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	James Watts	Present
Vice Mayor	Richard Cochrane	Present
Commissioner	Samuel Berrien	Present
Commissioner	Petrina McCutchen	Present
Commissioner	Robert Elliott	Present

**Staff Present**

City Manager	Danielle Judd	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present
Finance Director	Breanna Smith	Present
Public Works Director	Jackie Cannon	Present
Code Enforcement Officer	Marvin Haynes	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
HR Director	Beisy Hernandez	Present
Fire Chief	Roc Eiland	Present

Also, present PCSO Sgt. Warren Burgess.

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

Mayor Watts led the invocation. Mayor Watts led the pledge to the flag

**4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

**5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS**

**A. Proclamation for Lineman Appreciation – *Beisy Hernandez***

Ms. Hernandez presented a certificate of achievement to our linemen for their hard work and dedication. The Fort Meade Electric Department was part of the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) Line Worker Appreciation Social

Media Campaign and Mr. Chris Bagley was interviewed and will be featured in one of the articles.

The Commission congratulated Mr. Bagley and the Electric Department.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. City Commission approval of Resolution R20-18 Annual Stormwater Assessment. *Melissa Cannon.*

Mayor Watts opened the public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Watts closed the public hearing.

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Berrien to approve Resolution R20-18 Annual Stormwater Assessment.**

**Motion to approve Resolution R20-18 Annual Stormwater Assessment passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

- B. City Commission approval of Resolution R20-19 Final Fire Protection Assessment. *Melissa Cannon.*

Mayor Watts opened the public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Watts closed the public hearing.

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Berrien to approve Resolution R20-19 Annual Fire Protection Assessment.**

**Motion to approve Resolution R20-19 Annual Fire Protection Assessment passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

- C. City Commission approval of Resolution R20-20 Non-Ad Valorem Code Enforcement Assessment. *Melissa Cannon.*

Mayor Watts opened the public hearing:

Mr. Castor, 6138 Windstorm Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada wanted to know what the \$262.50 for assessments was for on the property located at 0 Hendry Ave. S.

Mr. Haynes stated that the property was not in compliance and taken before the Special Magistrate who authorized the city to abate the property and to have the

cleanup costs placed on the non ad-valorem assessment. Mr. Haynes stated since his phone conversation with Mr. Castor, he has resent all violations to him.

Mr. Castor stated he has moved and is not receiving his mail.

Mayor Watts closed the public hearing.

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to approve Resolution R20-20 Property Clean up Assessments.**

**Motion to approve Resolution R20-20 passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Cochrane requested to pull all items from the consent agenda and vote one by one.

- A. Minutes of August 5, 2020 Budget Workshop, August 6, 2020 Budget Workshop, *Melissa Cannon*

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Budget Workshop and August 6, 2020 Budget Workshop.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Budget Workshop and August 6, 2020 Budget Workshop passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

- B. Request for reduction of Code Enforcement Lien and Fines – *Marvin Haynes*

Mr. Silvo Fazzini requested a reduction of lien stating that there was a miscommunication between him and his lot maintenance person.

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to follow staff recommendations to utilize the lien reduction policy reducing the lien by 50% from \$2,310.00 to \$1,155.00.**

**Motion to follow staff recommendations to utilize the lien reduction policy reducing the lien by 50% from \$2,310.00 to \$1,155.00 passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

- C. Extension of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lakeland and the City of Fort Meade – *Jan Bagnall*

**Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lakeland for electric maintenance.**

**Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lakeland for electric maintenance passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Appointment of Citizens Advisory Task Force – *Melissa Cannon***

Ms. Cannon presented five applicants to be appointed to the CATF. The individuals who have applied are:

Ms. Tamala Camp, Mr. Clark Matthews, Mr. Terry Booker, Mr. Eddie Wilcher and Ms. Blondia Johnson.

**Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochrane to appoint the members to the CATF.**

**Motion to appoint the members to the CATF passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Cloud stated the PRWC phase 2 implementation agreement, which proposed for us to pay for water we cannot use in the Southeast wellfield, is starting to commence mediation. There will be a meeting of the attorneys on Friday, September 11, 2020. The FDEP proposed a rule for the Central Florida Water Initiative area and they have delayed the date for comments and have acknowledged that they cannot, with this rule, knock out your water allocation under your water permit.

City Attorney Cloud stated the Governor has issued Executive Order 20-193 extending the meeting quorum waiver until October 1, 2020.

Mayor Watts stated there was a water co-op meeting and a Mayors' Roundtable coming up that he will attend in person.

City Attorney Cloud stated that the Mayor and City Manager should receive an agenda for the water co-op meeting on the topics to be discussed. City Attorney Cloud stated that the Mayor's Roundtable meeting will be very important because there may be discussion of the mediation of the phase 2 agreement.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Ms. Judd stated that a notice was placed on the city website indicating what the city would be applying for under the mitigation grant, which is a requirement of the grant. Ms. Judd stated the city will be applying for utilities in electric, water and sewer and will bring this as an agenda item on September 10, 2020 to approve the actual grant applications for submittal.

**12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

- A. Commissioner McCutchen stated again that staff has done a great job on the budget and thanked the City Manager, staff, and the Commission for stepping up to the plate.
- B. Commissioner Berrien – None.
- C. Vice Mayor Cochrane thanked staff for their efforts during the budget and thanked the crews in the field and wished everyone good luck during hurricane season.
- D. Commissioner Elliott – None.
- E. Mayor Watts thanked staff for the budget process and congratulated Mr. Bagley and the Electric Department.

**13. STAFF REPORTS**

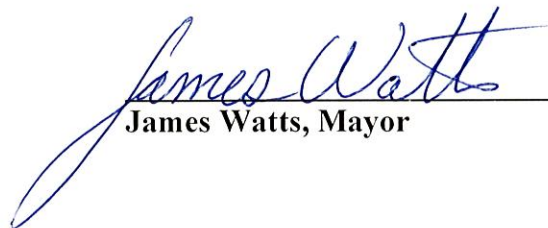
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Elliott second Commissioner Cochrane to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of August 25, 2020 at 7:28 P.M.**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

  
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James Watts, Mayor