

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT MEADE  
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021**

A Special Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at City Commission Chambers, 8 West Broadway Street, Fort Meade, Florida, and via Zoom Virtual Meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**2. ROLL CALL:**

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

**Staff Present**

Interim City Manager	Beisy P. Hernandez	Present
Deputy City Clerk	Melissa Cannon	Present

Also, present PCSO Sgt. Warren Burgess\*

\*Zoom began at 6:27 due to interruption of internet service.

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

Worship Liturgist/Chairperson of Outreach Ministry and Missions, Dennis Guenther, First United Methodist Church of Fort Meade led the invocation. Mayor Berrien led the pledge to the flag.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Overview of the progression of the City Manager Executive Search – *Beisy Hernandez***

Ms. Hernandez presented the pre-screening results of the top five candidates to the commission.

After discussion, **Motion Commissioner Watts, second Vice Mayor Elliott to remove applicant #47 from the list of candidates.**

**Motion to remove applicant #47 from the list of candidates passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**B. Overview of the progression of the City Manager Executive Search –  
Prescreening Process – *Beisy Hernandez***

Ms. Hernandez stated the next step would be to schedule virtual interviews.

The consensus of the Commission was to schedule Zoom interviews on March 25, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am for 45 minutes each.

Vice Mayor Elliott recommended that each commissioner pick the questions to be asked in the interviews and allow the Mayor to ask them.

Ms. Hernandez stated she would provide any additional applications that come in through Friday and will close the position.

**5. COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Berrien thanked Ms. Hernandez for all her work.

Commissioner McCutchen also thanked Ms. Hernandez for all her work.

Mayor Berrien thanked the Commission for moving forward in a unified manner.

Commissioner Watts gave an update on the PRWC meeting from today stating that an agreement has been made regarding the CFWI rule challenge. In reference to the objection of the proposed Peace River surface water treatment plant south of Fort Meade negotiations will begin soon. Commissioner Watts stated that we had the support of all the cities in this case.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Watts, second Vice Mayor Elliott to adjourn the Special Commission meeting of March 17, 2021 at 6:48 PM.**

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

ATTEST:

  
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Samuel Berrien, Mayor

  
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Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk