

**MINUTES
CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Fort Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom Virtual Meeting.

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	Richard Cochrane	Present
Commissioner	Samuel Berrien	Present
Commissioner	Petrina McCutchen	Absent
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	Absent
Fire Chief	Roc Eiland	Present
CMHP Manager	Pat Wickersheim	Present
Library Director	Jacqueline Rose	Present
HR Director	Beisy Hernandez	Present
Community Center	Tory Dewdney	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.** Citrus Connection Mid-Year Service Update & FY 2021 Annual Budget Request
- Tom Phillips, Citrus Connection Executive Director

Mr. Tom Phillips shared a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the statistics of the public bus service in Fort Meade. Mr. Phillips stated that Polk

County has proposed that each municipality contribute 20% of the shared cost for bus services in their city. Mr. Phillips stated the ask of the City is an increase from the current year budget of \$14,175.00 to \$20,152.61 for FY2020-2021 to reach the 20% shared cost.

No action taken.

**B. Proclamation proclaiming National Public Works Week as May 17-23, 2020 –
*Melissa Cannon***

Ms. Cannon presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to accept the Proclamation.

Motion to accept the Proclamation passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Ms. Amy Gargus, 104 2nd Street SE, Fort Meade, stated that for 2 years now the issues with the dumpster at Fresh Choice Market have been ongoing. Ms. Gargus stated that she has notified the City Manager, Code Enforcement and the City Commission of the continuing issues and the City has done various items to resolve the issues but still they remain.

Ms. Judd stated that the City has personally deodorized the dumpster, is in the process of moving the transformers so that delivery trucks can pull in parallel instead of blocking the roadway and been in contact with Republic Services and the store owners several times. The city has also had a survey done on the area and is asking for the stakes that were installed in the City right-of-way be removed as they are a driving hazard.

Commissioner Elliott asked if the dumpster could be moved to the front of the store.

Ms. Judd stated that Code Enforcement will verify with Republic Services the pickups and any violations will be presented to the magistrate.

Ms. Lisa Rice, 504 N. Pine Ave, Fort Meade, asked when the parks would be opened.

Ms. Judd stated that the Peace River Park Trail has been opened. Ms. Judd stated that the island at Patterson Park is undergoing renovations, Peace River Park will begin paving of the entrance road and the playground equipment is being repaired, and the Community Center is still under renovation and no rentals have been scheduled.

Commissioner Cochrane asked City Attorney Cloud if notices could be posted and Mr. Cloud replied that he would draft the notices.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A.** Second and Final Reading Ordinance 20-09 Civil Emergencies – *Thomas A. Cloud*

City Attorney Cloud read the title to Ordinance 20-09.

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to adopt Ordinance 20-09 on 2nd and Final Reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-09 passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

- B.** Second and Final Reading Ordinance 20-10 Solid Waste Franchise – *Thomas A. Cloud*

City Attorney recommended tabling this item until the negotiations can be completed.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Elliott to table Ordinance 20-10.

Motion to table Ordinance 20-10 for final reading to the next meeting passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Minutes of April 28, 2020 Regular City Commission Meeting – *Melissa Cannon*
- B.** Refunding and Refinancing: USDA 2005 Series A & B Revenue Bonds – *Danielle J. Judd*
- C.** Competitive Florida Partnership Grant Application State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) – *Melissa Cannon*
- D.** Resolution 20-07 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Highway Lighting, Maintenance and Compensation Agreement – *Melissa Cannon*
- E.** Resolution R20-08 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Maintenance Agreement for Multi-Use Trail on Edgewood Avenue – *Danielle J. Judd*
- F.** Resolution R20-09 Payment Plan for Customers Impacted by COVID 19 Crisis - *Danielle J. Judd*

Motion Commissioner Cochrane, second Commissioner Elliott to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve consent agenda passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Amendment to Republic Solid Waste & Recycling Franchise Agreement
*Danielle J. Judd***

Ms. Judd stated that this amendment will allow for the negotiations to be finalized.

City Attorney Cloud stated that items 9.A. and 9.B. are related. Item 9.A. is an attachment to the emergency ordinance which will extend the current agreement until the negotiations are finalized on the new agreement. Upon adoption of item 9.B., item 9.A. will be approved.

- B. Emergency Ordinance: No. 20-11 Solid Waste Collection & Recycling –
*Thomas A. Cloud***

City Attorney Cloud read the title to Emergency Ordinance No. 20-11.

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochrane to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 20-11.

Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 20-11 passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Cloud stated the PRWC forestalled discussion on the implementation of phase two terms of agreement and will have this set for mediation. Attorney Cloud stated that as it is currently proposed, for the city to participate in anyway shape or form in the Southeast Wellfield, it will be financial folly or financial ruin of the city. We need to work toward an alternative that will work for us.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Ms. Judd stated that she addressed the Covid-19 updates under the public forum.

Ms. Judd stated the question of the 4th of July celebration needs to be addressed with the burn ban still in effect and the requirements of social distancing still in place. Ms. Judd asked the commission to consider the options for the June meeting.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- A. Commissioner Berrien – no comments
- B. Vice Mayor Cochrane – no comments
- C. Commissioner Elliott asked if the construction at Patterson Park was outsourced or if city staff was doing it.

Ms. Judd stated that Patterson Park construction is outsourced into several different vendors for an outlook, a fishing pier, new sidewalks, and a new kayak launch.

- D. Mayor Watts thanked City Manager Judd and staff for the efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic.

13. STAFF REPORTS

Building Department – *Lisa Bolin*
Code Enforcement – *Marvin Haynes*
CMHP – *Pat Wickersheim*
Library – *Jacqueline Rose*
Sheriff's Office – *Jennifer Crews*
Electric Department – *Jan Bagnall*
Community Center Recreation – *Tory Dewdney*

Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochrane to accept the monthly reports.

Motion to accept monthly reports passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

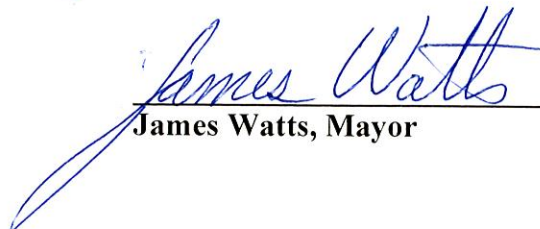
There being no further business to conduct, Motion Commissioner Elliott, second Commissioner Cochrane to adjourn the Regular Commission meeting of May 26, 2020 at 6:58 PM.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote of 4-0.

ATTEST:



Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk



James Watts, Mayor