

**CITY OF FORT MEADE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the For Meade City Commission was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 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 Nelson.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present

City Manager	Fred Hilliard	Present
Assistant to City Manager	Deena Ware	Present
City Attorney	Tom Cloud	Present
Finance Director	James (Mel) Parker	Present
Public Works Director	Frankie Curlee	Present
Leisure Services Director	Dennis Guenther	Absent
Deputy City Clerk	Phyllis Kirk	Present

Also present were: Polk County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Casey Riley and Priscilla Perry, Chamber Director.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Nelson led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Motion Elliott, seconded Watts to add Item C Proclamation for William H. Bevis under Item 6. Motion carried with all yeas.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES:

A. Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Watts, seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting, February 9, 2010 and Trustees Pension Meeting February 9, 2010 as written.

Motion carried with all yeas.

6. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Fort Meade Chamber Director Report

Priscilla Perry, Chamber Director reported the following events:

March 27, 2010 – Fish Fry & Blues Event with Ramblin’ Rose Band

April 24, 2010 – Frog Hair Golf Scramble

April 24, 2010 – Blues & Jazz Downtown

May 15, 2010 – Peace River Folk Festival

B. Proclamation Declaring April 2010 as “Water Conservation Month”

Commissioner Cochrane read a Proclamation declaring April as “Water Conservation Month” calling attention to April as a dry month and educating citizens on water conservation. Mr. Danny Kushner, SFWMD accepted the Proclamation.

C. Proclamation Honoring Commissioner William H. “Bill” Bevis

Vice Mayor Watts read a Proclamation honoring Commissioner Bevis’ 90th Birthday and distinguished service to the community. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bevis accepted the Proclamation on Mr. Bill Bevis’ behalf.

7. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Mrs. Jo Ann Clements, 30 N.W. First Street, Fort Meade advised the Commission that Representative Baxter Troutman has introduced Bill 1217 in the House proposing regulation of FMPA. FMPA has to date spent over \$86,000.00 lobbying against this bill. Mrs. Clements urged everyone to write and/or call their Representatives to try and get this bill passed.

Mr. James “Mel” Parker, 102 S. E. Pine Avenue, Fort Meade notified the Commission that the house across the street from him that burned several years ago has finally been demolished.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Resolution 10-03 Creating a Community for a Lifetime

Attorney Tom Cloud read Resolution 10-03 by title only “Creating a Community for a Lifetime”.

Motion Cochrane, Second Watts to adopt Resolution 10-03 as read.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- B. Attorney Tom Cloud read the title for Ordinance 09-15- 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA;
PROVIDING FINDINGS; AMENDING THE FORT MEADE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING “AMENDMENT CPA-
2009-1-WSP”; REVISING THE INFRASTRUCTURE,
CONSERVATION, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COORDINATION ELEMENTS, BASED ON THE CITY OF FORT
MEADE TEN-YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK
PROGRAM INCORPORATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Watts, Second Cochrane to approve Ordinance 09-15 on
Second and Final Reading.**

Mayor Nelson opened and closed the public hearing as there was no one wishing to address the Commission.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- C. Attorney Tom Cloud read the title for Ordinance 10-02 – 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH PARKING LOT AND CLEVELAND AVENUE;
PROVIDING FINDINGS; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING
ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Motion Cochrane, Seconded Watts to approve Ordinance 10-02 on
Second and Final Reading.**

Mayor Nelson opened and closed the public hearing as there was no one wishing to address the Commission.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- D.** Attorney Tom Cloud read the title for Ordinance 10-03 – 2nd Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA,
RE-ZONING THREE PARCELS OF PROPERTY CONSISTING
OF APPROXIMATELY .2643 ACRES FROM R-1C SINGLE-
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD;
PROVIDING FINDINGS; SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF
CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Cochran, Second Watts to adopt Ordinance 10-03 on Second
and Final Reading.**

Mayor Nelson opened and closed the public hearing as there was no one wishing to address the commission.

Motion carried with all yeas.

- E.** Attorney Tom Cloud read the title for Ordinance 10-04 – 1st Reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA
VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY LOCATED
ADJACENT TO 17 N. ORANGE AVENUE;
REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion Watts, Second Elliott to adopt Ordinance 10-04 on First
Reading and set the Second Reading and Public Hearing for
the April 13, 2010 Commission Meeting.**

Motion carried with all yeas.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Establish Workshop Date with FMPA/ARP Representatives

City Manager Hilliard presented dates that FMPA could meet with the Commission of March 29, 30, 31 and April 6 and 8. The Commission agreed on March 31, 2010 as a meeting date with meeting to begin at 6:30 PM. Location to be decided later based on availability.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Mr. Cloud notified the Commission that Polk Transportation Planning Organization (PTO) voted USF and Kathleen Road as the two stops for the high speed rail system. Neither were the original selected sites for Polk County.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager, Fred Hilliard explained to the Commission that Trash Taxi is in the process of merging with Advance Disposal and needs Commission approval to transfer the current city contract.

Mr. Curtis Agius addressed the Commission stressing that he will continue working for Advanced and services to the City will only get better because it expands his resources. Mr. Agius asked for Commission approval of Advanced taking over his current contract with the City. He then introduced Mr. Dave Lavender, Owner of Advanced Disposal to the Commission. Mr. Lavender explained that Advanced is privately owned and located in Jacksonville, Florida where they will remain.

City Attorney explained that the contract had been reviewed and was approved for Commission's decision.

Motion Cochrane, Seconded Elliott approving the transfer of the City's current waste contract with Trash Taxi to Advanced Disposal.

Motion carried with all yeas.

City Manager explained that the US EPA is in the process of setting nutrient level standards for nitrogen and phosphate for Florida's lakes and streams which will impact the City's waste and storm water discharge limits.

A spread sheet outlining electric cost comparisons was included in the Commission packets showing that the City had reduced its operating expenses by +/- \$160,000.00 while FMPA had increased energy costs by +/- \$1,500,000.00 confirming that FMPA's bulk power costs are 30% above the available open market.

Mary Jo Russell, Code Enforcement Officer has turned in her resignation and will be retiring on March 31, 2010. The position is being advertised internally within the region.

13. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Manley stated that she looks forward to seeing everyone at the Relay for Life opening ceremonies which will begin at 7:00 PM, March 12, 2010 at the Fort Meade High School Athletic Track and will continue all day Saturday, March 13.

Commissioner Cochrane stated that during February's meeting he had asked for information on the electrical demand east of S.R. 98 bridge and wanted to know if there was any way to meter that section of Fort Meade's electricity. City Manager responded that City's staff was looking into a way to determine the usage for that section of the City, along with Bill Harrington who would be helping. Commissioner Cochrane also requested the percent of losses on our present electrical system and wanted to know if there was anything the City could do to start repairing some roads in the City. Commissioner Cochrane also stated that the City was more solvent than a year ago and that the audit showed there are funds in the general fund that could be used to give City Manager a raise. The Commission then came to a consensus of City Manager's review to be done in May.

Mayor Nelson then asked Ms. Melony Bell to address the Commission. Ms. Bell stated that she had been a board member of Ridge League of Cities for years and has now come off that board and they are requesting a commissioner to replace Ms. Bell on the board.

Commissioner Elliott nominated Mayor Nelson, seconded Cochrane to appoint Mayor Nelson to serve on Ridge League of Cities Board.

Motion carried with all yeas.

Ms. Bell also invited the Commission and all public to attend breakfast at Broadway Café on Thursday, March 10, 2010 at 7:30 AM to meet Mr. Dennis Ross who is running for Congress from Polk County.

Mayor Nelson stated that she had spoken with some of the Polk County Engineers and they will be repairing some of the roads in Fort Meade beginning with Broadway and then Oak Street this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Watts, to adjourn the Regular Commissioner's meeting of March 9, 2010 at 7:56 PM. Motion carried with all yeas.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Maurice Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Phyllis Kirk, Deputy City Clerk