

FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2010

MEETING STATISTICS. A budget workshop of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Monday, August 10, 2010 beginning at 6:36 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Commissioner Richardson delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Public Works Director John Bostic.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked City Clerk Diane Gibson Smith to call the roll.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner Albert O. Goldberg, Commissioner Jim Richardson, Commissioner Sharon Kelly, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. City Manager (CM) Ralph O. Bowers, Public Safety Director (PSD) J. M. Isom, Sr., Public Works Director (PWD) John Bostic III, City Treasurer (CT) Elizabeth Palmer, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director (RD) Sherry Bechtel, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

Parks and Recreation

The total number of vehicles in the department were questioned. PWD Bostic stated he is sending three vehicles to surplus. A suggestion was made to check into selling these vehicles on EBay.

The lawn maintenance was questioned. PWD Bostic noted no one in the City is certified to do pest control.

PWD Bostic stated he checked prices on aerator fountains for the lakes. The prices are cost prohibitive at this time.

Review

CM Bowers stated the reorganization of the Police Department was reviewed. A solution was made in that a lower position could be removed until such time as the COPS grant is received. Also fees could be changed. After discussion, the decision was made to remove \$10,000 from the overtime budget instead of reducing staff.

CT Palmer reviewed the changes made at the workshop on August 9, 2010. The net effect of the changes thus far was a decrease in the General Fund revenue of \$19,868 and the expenditures increased \$24,588 for a difference of \$44, 456

CT Palmer put together a spreadsheet to help in determining how best to move forward to cover the difference and the affects of different scenarios.

The final decision was to move ahead with 4.50 mills, \$2 increase for the Police service fee, and \$1 for the Fire service fee.

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Water Utility

Water

A question was asked about equipment repairs/maintenance. PWD Bostic stated the spool is around \$7500 and will need to be installed by someone else.

Mayor Bell questioned the TV advertisement. PWD Bostic stated SJRWMD recommended this. The terminology was changed to required instead of recommended.

PWD Bostic stated the Water Environment Federation membership can be removed.

Sewer

No changes

Redevelopment Fund

Revenues

CT Palmer noted these figures can change based on the millage and certification of taxable values.

The commissioners questioned renting out the newly purchased properties. This will be reviewed.

Expenditures

CT Palmer reminded everyone about the \$5000 for street signs added. The contingency fund was reduced for this expense.

CM Bowers stated all the expenditures will be brought back for approval prior to spending.

CDBG items were not put into the expenditures yet.

Mayor Bell questioned the Casino building roof repair. CDD Rector gave an estimate of \$11,000 for repairs.

Mayor Bell questioned the Mirror Lake E & W resurface and edgework. PWD Bostic stated he will get an estimate on how much can be done for \$102,000.

Capital Projects

Revenues

CT Palmer stated a transfer of \$114,000 was being made to balance this capital projects budget.

Expenditures

Debt service payments are listed and a \$25,000 contingency.

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CM Bowers noted we need to budget around \$250,000 in contingency. After further discussion this was not added to the budget.

Sidewalks along Pine Ridge Dairy were discussed. CM Bowers noted wherever sidewalks are installed an eight inch water line will also be installed at the same time. The decision was made to use the \$110,000 for sidewalks to be determined.

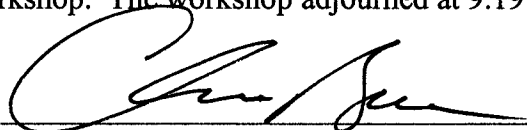
CM Bowers stated, for the record, that the County has said they are almost out of money on CR466A so he authorized Chet Ross (our auditor) to audit the County's books on this project.

CT Palmer reviewed the changes made.

Utility Fund Revenues


CM Bowers stated he is requesting a modest (\$0.50) increase in the base water and sewer rates. He would also like to see a \$0.10 increase per thousand gallons used.

Commissioner Richardson moved to adjourn the workshop. The workshop adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk