

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION BUDGET SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2011**

MEETING STATISTICS. A budget session of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Commissioner Gunter delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Kelly.

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

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

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. Assistant Police Chief (APC) David Borst, Public Works Director (PWD) John Bostic III, City Treasurer (CT) Jeannine Racine Michaud, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director (RD) Sherry Bechtel, Library Director (LD) JoAnn Glendinning, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

Review of Previous Changes

CT Racine Michaud reviewed the changes made at the 8/16 Budget Session. The net change was an addition of \$5, 830.

CC Gibson Smith reported on various information which was requested at the previous budget session.

Stormwater

PWD Bostic reported on the cross connection program for backflow preventer. He will clarify further later.

Stormwater repairs – do \$30,000 worth of repair work only.

NPDES – PWD Bostic is to find out what the City gets for their \$7,500 and bring back.

Roads and Streets

Cross out “move \$5,000 to CRA for street signs.

Remove the finish mower for \$3,000

Parks Maintenance

Supplies – reduce this by \$1,000 – new amount is \$2,000

Utility Fund

Contractual services – Remove backflow testing - \$33,000
Remove fire hydrant testing - \$18,000

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Commissioner Richardson left the room at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

Supplies – add backflow testing kit - \$500

Training and Education – add \$1000 for hydrant certification training

Check into cost savings for printing all bills in black and white instead of color.

PWD Bostic to look into buying a used mini excavator and a compressor.

Mayor Bell recessed the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Library

Problem is with the funding coming from Lake County.

Commissioners requested staff to try to get sponsorships for programs.

LD Glendinning will look into volunteers working behind the check-out desk

Municipal Pool

No changes.

Recreation

Commission moved Nissan Xterra from Roads and Streets and gave to Recreation.

Removed \$2000 fuel allowance and added \$400 to fuel charge.

Redevelopment Fund

Look into moving 25% of PWD salary into CRA.

Questions were asked about possibly renting the 3 houses which were purchased. The discussion was the homes were not habitable. The discussion then turned to possibly tearing down the homes. This option will be looked into.

Capital Projects

Move \$90,000 from Williams Drive to contingency

Leave \$2,000 for street signs.

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DISCUSSION ON AD VALOREM

CT Racine Michaud reviewed the changes made to the budget at this review. She also reviewed the various scenarios which would lead to a balanced budget.

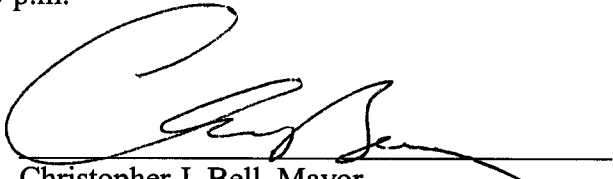
Commissioner Richardson left the room at 10:12 p.m. and returned at 10:14 p.m.

Commissioner Goldberg left the room at 10:31 p.m. and returned at 10:34 p.m.

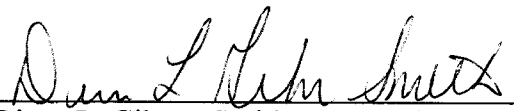
After much discussion, Commissioner Kelly suggested to set the ad valorem at 4.777 mills and give the employees a bonus. Commissioner Goldberg seconded this suggestion.

After more discussion, four Commissioners were in favor of setting the ad valorem at 4.777 mills and one was against. There is an understanding this will come down if more savings can be realized.

02. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Richardson moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11.05 p.m.


Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:


Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk