

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2011**

MEETING STATISTICS. A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, March 17, 2011 beginning at 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. CM Ralph Bowers delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bell.

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. City Manager (CM) Ralph O. Bowers, Interim Police Chief (IPC) David Borst, Public Works Director (PWD) John Bostic, III, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

01. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW POLICE CHIEF TERRY ISAACS

CM Bowers announced his selection of Terry Isaacs as the new Chief of Police. Terry Isaacs comes to Fruitland Park from Sumter County Sheriff's Office. A Lake County Judge will do the swearing in ceremony.

Mr. Isaacs thanked the Commission and City Manager for the vote of confidence.

02. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

a. CM Bowers noted he would be out of the office for a week for a medical procedure.

b. Mayor Bell suggested canceling the regular CC meeting scheduled for March 24th and reschedule it for March 31st. By consensus the meeting date was changed.

c. CM Bowers reported on the Cost Share Agreement with St. Johns Water Management District. The agreement needs to be finalized. Part of the project is dependent upon CM Bowers designing a special monitoring program. This will be billable as in-kind service. This will still cost us some funding.

Commissioner Kelly questioned when CM Bowers would be able to fit this project into his schedule.

Commissioner Richardson moved and Vice Mayor Goldberg seconded to approve the Mayor signing the cost share agreement once the City Manager and City Attorney have finished their review. The motion carried unanimously with all Commissioners voting aye.

d. Commissioner Gunter reported on the Cooperative Fire meeting. Commissioner Gunter stated he questioned who would be paying for the additional service.

Mayor Bell stated he was contacted by the Lake County Manager to set up a meeting with Lake County Manager and the City Manager. A meeting will be scheduled for the near future.

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e. CM Bowers stated Kenneth Moton received a job opportunity in Philadelphia. He wished him the best.

The meeting recessed for the interviews at 6:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

CA Gerken and CDD Charlie Rector arrived at the meeting.

f. CA Gerken reported additional information on the cost share agreement. CA Gerken stated the agreement does have a provision for St. Johns to stop funding at any time. Also, future funding can be discontinued at any time. CA Gerken stated he contacted Ed de la Parte, but has not heard back from him yet on the possibility of this discontinuance.

Commissioner Gunter stated he understood the first year was the software. CA Gerken stated yes, the infrastructure was the initial year and the following years were for additional meters.

CA Gerken noted there may be some ability to accelerate the program if there is any concern of losing the matching fund.

CM Bowers questioned our obligation if St. Johns' takes away the funding. CA Gerken stated this will be addressed in the consent order. The agreement would be terminated if funding were pulled. The City could do as they wish with the project - including accelerating the program.

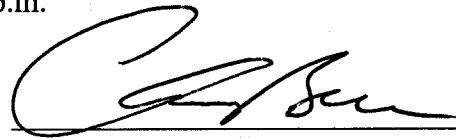
03. SELECTED JEANNINE MICHAUD AS THE TOP CANDIDATE FOR THE CITY TREASURER POSITION.

After discussion, the decision was made to ask Jeannine Michaud to come for a visit the week of March 31, 2011. CC Gibson Smith will work out the details for her visit.

The salary was discussed. The decision was made to be prepared to offer \$57,000 to start and then move the salary up to \$60,000 after six months. Relocation expenses will be decided on at the next meeting with her.


Commissioner Gunter questioned if we could put a clause in her agreement that the moving expenses would be reimbursed if she left within a year.

04. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Richardson moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk