

FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2009

MEETING STATISTICS. A meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 beginning at 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. CT Palmer 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., Vice Mayor Sharon Kelly, Mayor Christopher J. Bell. Commissioners Albert O. Goldberg and Darrell E Martin were excused.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. City Manager (CM) Ralph O. Bowers, Public Safety Director (PSD) J. M. Isom, Sr., City Treasurer Elizabeth Palmer, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

01. Presentations

- a. Public Safety Complex - Conceptual design presentations were given by the following architectural firms: Powell Design Group, Starmer Ranaldi, and James B. Senatore.

Mayor Bell recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

- b. Community Center – Conceptual design presentations were given by the following architectural firms: Starmer Ranaldi, James B. Senatore, and Powell Design Group.

02. Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye. The following was approved:

- a) Minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting

03. Agenda Update - Mayor Bell suggested ranking the firms instead of holding negotiations.

04. City Attorney's Report –

- a) CA Gerken stated he met with the Electric consultants regarding the appraisal. This will be discussed at the next meeting. A time frame for moving forward was requested.
- b) CA Gerken stated in the past, local contractors have been given preference on fixed price items. Under CCNA, location does matter in the negotiations. CA Gerken read the considerations for CCNA negotiations.
- c) Vice Mayor Kelly questioned if anything had been received on the right-of-way for CR466A. CA Gerken stated nothing has been received yet but City staff is to be involved in the next step.

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05. Ranked James B. Senatore, Architect and Construction as the top firm for the Community Center.

The Commission discussed the various proposals given by James B. Senatore, Starmer Ranaldi, and Powell Design Group Inc. The final ranking was as follows:

1. James B. Senatore, Architect and Construction
2. Starmer Ranaldi
3. Powell Design Group, Inc.

Commissioner Gunter moved and Vice Mayor Kelly seconded to begin negotiations with James B. Senatore, Architect and Construction as the top firm for the Community Center. The motion carried unanimously with all the commissioners voting aye.

06. Ranked Powell Design Group, Inc. as the top firm for the Public Safety Complex.

The Commission discussed the various proposals given by Powell Design Group Inc., Starmer Ranaldi, and James B. Senatore. The final ranking was as follows:

1. Powell Design Group, Inc.
2. Starmer Ranaldi
3. James B. Senatore, Architect and Construction

Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to begin negotiations with Power Design Group, Inc. as the top firm for the Public Safety Complex. The motion carried unanimously with all the commissioners voting aye.

07. City Manager's Report

- a) Request for temporary help for electric – CM Bowers followed up on the meeting CA Gerken reported on. He noted Mr. Pender (independent reviewer) will also be at the next meeting. Documents showing dates and schedules will be provided at the next meeting by WHH. The pro-forma reports are also supposed to be updated prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Gunter questioned the cost for the rest of the customers in City limits. He noted the Valley of the Springs subdivision is not included.

CM Bowers stated that is why he wants to hire Bruce Kirby, the former scheduler for the city of Leesburg, on part-time basis. He noted Fruitland Park doesn't have the liberty of leaving constituents on the table. Everyone within the City limits of Fruitland Park need to be included.

Mayor Bell questioned how much money it will cost to bring Mr. Kirby on board. CT Palmer stated she has calculated 480 hours at \$25 per hour and benefits or approximately a \$17,000 mid-year budget adjustment.

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Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commission Gunter seconded to hire Bruce Kirby. The motion carried unanimously with all commissioners voting aye.

09. Unfinished business - none

10. Held Public Hearing and adopted Ordinance 2009-004 amending the Comprehensive Plan by amending the Capital Improvement Element. CA Gerken read Ordinance 2009-004 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163.3187, FLORIDA STATUTES BY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR FORWARDING OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

Mayor Bell requested public comments. There were none

Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to adopt Ordinance 2009-004 corrected to indicate \$3 million each for the Public Safety Complex and the Community Center. The motion carried with Commissioner Gunter, Vice Mayor Kelly, and Mayor Bell all voting aye.

11. New business

- a) Mayor Bell stated he noticed the Gardenia Park sign needs to be replaced. Public Works Director Bostic noted a foam sign would cost approximately \$4,000.

Commissioner Gunter suggested looking at this at budget time.

- b) CM Bowers stated Public Safety Director Isom is requesting to purchase a motorcycle out forfeiture funds as we need to reduce the fund to as low as possible. Bulletproof vests, motorcycle, and equipment can all be purchased out of forfeiture funds. The total expenditure requested from this fund is \$32,500.

Mayor Bell questioned if some of these funds could be spent on equipment for the new proposed complex.

Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to approve the expenditure of \$32,500 from forfeiture funds. The motion carried with all the commissioners voting aye.

12. Citizens' comments - none

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13. Commissioners' comments

a) Vice Mayor Kelly - none

b) Commissioner Gunter – thanked Mayor Bell for rescheduling the meeting

14. Mayor Bell's comments. Mayor Bell stated everyone should keep Commissioner Martin in their prayers. Mayor Bell stated he attended a Safety Meeting at Grace Baptist Church. There was a good turnout.

CM Bowers stated he attended the Watershed Action Volunteer meeting and spoke with Kirby Green. CM Bowers stated dialogue is missing in the programs being brought forward.

Mayor Bell suggested scheduling negotiations for May 28. By consensus, negotiations are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. on May 28, 2009.

15. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Gunter moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk