

RESOLUTION 2013 -023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to adopt a public participation policy for meetings of the City's boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission accordingly desires to pass this Resolution 2013-023 to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following Public Participation Policy shall apply to meetings of City boards or commissions as provided herein.

Sec. 1. Citizen's Rights

(a) Definition. For the purposes of this section, "board or commission" means a board or commission of the City of Fruitland Park.

(b) Right to be Heard: Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a City board or commission except as provided for below. Public input shall be limited to three (3) minutes. This right does not apply to:

1. An official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the board or commission to act;
2. An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
3. A meeting that is exempt from §286.011; or
4. A meeting during which the Commission is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. This paragraph does not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 2. Suspension and Amendment of these Rules

(a) Suspension of these Rules: Any provision of these rules not governed by the City Charter or City Code may be temporarily suspended by a vote of a majority of the Commission.

(b) Amendment of these Rules: These rules may be amended or new rules adopted by resolution.

- (c) Effect of Variance from Rules: The failure to follow this Public Participation Policy shall not be grounds for invalidating any otherwise lawful act of the City's boards or commissions.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution.

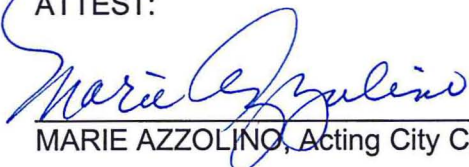
Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

RESOLVED this 26 day of September, 2013, by the City Commission of the City of Fruitland Park, Florida.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

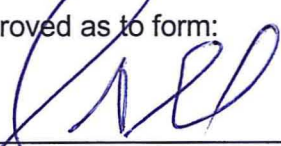
ATTEST:


MARIE AZZOLINO, Acting City Clerk

Passed First Reading 9/26/2013

Passed Second Reading N/A

Approved as to form:


SCOTT A. GERKEN, City Attorney