

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioners Christopher Bell, Ray Lewis, and Rick Ranize.

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver; City Treasurer; Jeannine Racine; Police Chief Michael A. Fewless; Interim Fire Department Chief Don Gilpin; Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Public Works Director Dale Bogle; Community Development Administrative Assistant Tracy Kelley; and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; Pastor Chuck Padgett, Trinity Church of God, gave the invocation, and Chief Fewless led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

At Mayor Cheshire's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was present.

Mayor Cheshire announced the decorum for this evening's meeting.

3. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting at 6:05 p.m. to convene the Local Planning Agency meeting and resumed its meeting at 7:42 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the following consent agenda items:

(a) Approved the December 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

and

(b) Adopted Resolution 2018-005 - Board of Trustees' Appointment – C. Themm as cited below:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A
MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MUNICIPAL FIRE FIGHTERS PENSION TRUST FUND OF
THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) Resolution 2018-003 Relatives and Personal Relationships – Mayor and Commissioners

On motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed at the city attorney's request its action to adopt proposed Resolution 2018-003 as cited below for more information.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A POLICY APPLICABLE TO MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO RELATIVES AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Tabled from the January 11, 2018 regular meeting.)

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire opened the public hearings at this evening's meeting.

(b) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing – Ordinance 2018-002 – Rezoning and Development Agreement – Petitioner: First Baptist Church of Leesburg Inc.

On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission continued, at the city attorney's request, its action on proposed Ordinance 2018-002 as cited below, to the next meeting for more information:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING 14.95 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 52.70 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT (PFD) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 85.44 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 17.00 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (R-3A) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 33.98 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM

GREENBELT DISTRICT (GB) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; APPROVING A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on February 8, 2018.)

(c) Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing Ordinance 2018-001 – Site Specific Comprehensive Plan – FLUE - Petitioner: Terry F., Rachel Ann Ross and Carrie Blevins

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2018-001, the substance of which is as follows, and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO 163.3187(1), FLORIDA STATUTES; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY PROVIDING TEXT AMENDMENTS SPECIFIC TO LOTS 13 – 19, BLOCK B, 1ST ADDITION TO DREAM LAKE SUBDIVISION, CONSISTING OF LESS THAN 10 ACRES IN SIZE, LOCATED ON SUNSET WAY, FOREST STREET AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, SPECIFYING ALLOWABLE USES ON THE PROPERTY; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY AS LIMITED BY THE SITE SPECIFIC AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORWARDING OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on January 11, 2018.)

Ms. Geraci-Carver confirmed that there are no changes between the first reading and this evening's second reading and quasi-judicial hearing. She recognized the presence of the Ross' and their attorney at this evening's meeting.

Mr. Carlisle Burch, City of Fruitland Park resident, reiterated the city commission's potential action to change to the comprehensive plan; referenced Commissioner Gunter's statements made at the January 11, 2018 regular meeting on the nonexistence of duplexes, in previous years, on Forest Street, and pointed out the

adoption of the city's comprehensive plan in 1991 regarding the single family R-2 rezoning designation which should have been changed. He noted the choice for residents to live there based on the zoning and its composition; referred to the original seven single family dwelling units which has now been changed to 14, and recognized the narrow streets that need improvement.

Mr. Burch addressed the need for the city commission to review existing zoning designations in the city and recognized the city commission's initial agreement in proceeding to remove Single Family Medium Density Residential (R-2) zoning designations and its subsequent actions permitting duplexes to remain. In recognizing the Ross' satisfactorily upkeeping of the properties, he voiced his objections on the need for more.

By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission enact Ordinance 2018-001 as previously cited to become effective as provided by law pursuant to the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Notice of Intent if in compliance and no challenge is filed by an affected party when the notice of intent is posted on the Department's website.

Mayor Cheshire requested a called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:

Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Commissioner Bell	Yes
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Commissioner Ranize	No
Commissioner Cheshire	Yes

The motion was declared carried on a four to one (4-1) vote.

(d) Resolution 2018-001 - Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Special Exception Use – Petitioner: Terry F., Rachel Ann Ross and Carrie Blevins

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-001, the substance of which is as follows, and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE IN THE R-2 ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW DUPLEXES, ON THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED ON SUNSET WAY, FORREST AVENUE AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK,

FLORIDA, OWNED BY TERRY AND RACHEL ROSS AND LARRY AND CARRIE BLEVINS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on January 11, 2018.)

Ms. Geraci-Carver confirmed that there are no changes between the first reading and this evening's second reading and quasi-judicial hearing.

There being no one from the public and by unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire closed the public hearing.

On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2018-001 as previously cited.

Mayor Cheshire requested a called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:

Commissioner Ranize	No
Commissioner Bell	Yes
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Commissioner Cheshire	Yes

The motion was declared carried on a four to one (4-1) vote.

- (e) **First Reading – Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-003 Rezoning – Petitioner: WTG Properties LLC**
By unanimous consent, the city commission withdrew its action on proposed Ordinance 2018-003, the substance of which is as follows, at the petitioner's request.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING .66 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY (R-2) TO COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; APPROVING A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on February 8, 2018.)

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

6. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

i. Resolution 2018-006 - Motor Cycle Helmet and System

Later in the meeting, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-006, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR DONATION OF SAID PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to the request from the City of Groveland's Police Department to Chief Fewless for old motor cycle helmets, he acknowledged the 2009 former police vehicle associated with them and indicated that he was informed that said helmets existed before that date.

Following Chief Fewless' request for the two helmets be donated to the city, Ms. Geraci-Carver reassured the city commission of her plans to contact the city on their intent to utilize said helmets appropriately in an "as is condition:" to which Chief Fewless indicated that the letter he plans to send to them will include same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-006 as previously cited.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

ii. Resolution 2018-007 - Northwest Lake Community Park

Later in the meeting, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-007, the substance of which is as follows,

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK REGARDING JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCCER FIELD AT

NORTHWEST LAKE COMMUNITY PARK;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. La Venia pointed out the county's ILA amendment to be extended for another year; relayed Ms. Geraci-Carver's understanding that reimbursement funds of \$50,000 would be by August 31, 2018 and that the second reimbursement is anticipated to be received a year later. She addressed the need to expedite the expenditure of the respective funds.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-007 as previously cited.

Mayor Cheshire requested a roll call vote on the motion and it was declared unanimously carried.

Mr. La Venia referred to his report made at the January 11, 2018 regular meeting regarding the plan to build a parking area at Northwest Lake Community Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field Complex. He relayed his discussions with Mr. Duane K. Booth, Booth Ern Straughan & Hoitt (BESH), engineers, surveyors and land planners retained by the city, describing the composition and the process of constructing the driveways as asphalt and remainder with a base clay which would create a stable parking area. Mr. La Venia addressed the intent to obtain parking lot quotes which would permit the erection of fences and concrete pads for the food trucks bleachers in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry, Mr. La Venia explained that he will find out from Mr. Booth as to whether the erection of asphalt millings would qualify; be deemed as impervious surface, and if a permit would be required from St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD).

(b) City Attorney

Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to a meeting she had earlier this day with the attorney, Mr. Jimmy Crawford, regarding Lake Saunders Groves Land LLP easement (Lake Ella Road and US 27); pointed out the attorney's initial agreement to grant 10 feet; however, 20 feet is acceptable which is stipulated in the easement, and relayed the attorney's request for impact fee credit in exchange for granting the easement.

Ms. Geraci-Carver relayed her remarks to Mr. Crawford on the plan to obtain an appraisal of the property value and whatever it is, an impact fee credit would be received. She described, in response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry, the determination yet to be made on who would be paying for the appraisal and relayed

Mr. Crawford's statements seeking assurance that there would be no above-ground facility such as a lift station which has been moved which was later confirmed to her by Mr. Booth.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry on the intent to sell the property for development purposes, Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to Mr. Booth's email communication to her prior to this day's meeting recommending the force main connection to the property as part of the development; mentioned her plan to relay same to Mr. Crawford, and addressed her intent to keep the city commission apprised to which Mr. La Venia expressed appreciation for her efforts.

Answering Commissioner Ranize' questions on the need to include the water line, available funding, and the deadline to implement same, Ms. Geraci-Carver conveyed Mr. Booth's confirmation on the requirement for wastewater; noted the language in the easement allowing for other utilities, and estimated the separation of about 10 feet between water and wastewater lines.

After Mr. Bogle described the ability to erect dry line and that he would contact Mr. Booth on the approximate costs based from the geographical information system, Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the likelihood of same being part of the development improvements as cost savings to the city.

Mr. Bogle outlined the capabilities of the new tank's design with a constant wastewater flow towards the Town of Lady Lake where nothing will be in between the lines with the exception of the lift station.

After Vice Mayor recollected the SJRWMD meetings he attended with former City Manager Ralph Bowers, Mr. Bogle indicated that he will find out whether the city would receive credit when applying for the consumptive use (berm) permits and what the town would utilize for the city's reclaimed water.

Following further questions, Mr. La Venia concurred with Mr. Bogle's suggestion to raise the issue with the representative from CDR Maguire Inc. (debris monitoring services retained by the city) regarding the Hurricane Irma documents, during the week commencing February 29, 2018.

Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed her plan to pursue although the Lake Saunders Groves Land LLP easement documents have not yet been executed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared before the city commission.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Ranize

i. Stormwater – Urick Street to Mirror Lake Drive

Commissioner Ranize referred to discussions at the January 11, 2018 regular meeting on the plan to meet with Mr. Booth regarding the storm water runoff at the proposed new Fruitland Park Library construction site and questioned the status.

In response, Mr. La Venia referred to a previous meeting staff had and the questions relating to working on the review of the 14" line.

ii. Stormwater – Urick Street to Mirror Lake Drive

Mr. La Venia referred to his letter dated January 18, 2018 to Mr. Justin Green, State of Florida Division of Water Resource Management, with a copy to Ms. Susan Davis, SJRWMD, regarding the pond not retaining water at Mirror Lake Village (also known as Fruitland Estates); a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. La Venia pointed out his conversations with the representative overseeing the Fruitland Park area who relayed the plans to provide the engineer -- who made approvals - to return to review the site in question (including the costs involved and the overflow of the small retention pond which is causing erosion). Following Vice Mayor Gunter's reference to Mr. La Venia's conversations with Ms. Davis at the January 12, 2018 Florida League of Cities' Meeting, Mr. La Venia indicated that he has not yet heard from the division and SJRWMD.

After Commissioner Bell suggested that Mr. La Venia inform the property owner, Ms. Geraci-Carver agreed to coordinate with Mr. La Venia and the community development department staff to review whether the property is controlled by a homeowner's association.

iii. Berckman Street and Old Dixie Avenue Intersection and Cutoff Road

Mr. La Venia relayed his conversations with county staff on January 12, 2018 regarding the proposed four-way stop sign to control traffic at the intersection of Berkman Street and Old Dixie Avenue.

Mr. La Venia conveyed his discussions he had on January 12, 2018 regarding Shiloh Street and Cutoff Road improvements; relayed Mr. Booth's suggestions for the county to rebuild the base on said roadway, and reported that county staff would review earmarking one of the roadway improvements into the FY 2018-19 budget cycle. Mr. La Venia pointed out the meeting he had with Ms. Lori Koontz, Road Operations Division, and Mr. Jeff Johnson, Roads Superintendent, both at Lake County Public Works Department on the subject issue and indicated that he is waiting to hear back from them.

- iv. **Grease Trap Ordinance - Town of Lady Lake**
Commissioner Ranize referred the Grease Trap Ordinances 2015-022, 2015-005, and 2010-002 previously provided to him by Ms. Coulson and requested that the city ensures it is up-to-date on same.

- v. **Proposed 2018 Workshops**
With reference to the 2018 Proposed Workshops addressed at the January 11, 2018 regular meeting and after Commissioner Ranize, referred to his conversations with Mr. La Venia regarding disaster response, Mayor Cheshire recalled the city commission's consensus for the staff committee to meet and report back with a disaster response and an emergency management plan.

Mr. La Venia addressed the need for the city commission to consider holding a workshop on the land development regulations; recognized the draft documents on Chapter 155, Conditional Uses and Special Exceptions; Chapter 163, Sign Regulations; Chapter 152, Administration, and Chapter 154, Zoning Regulations available for city commission review to be distributed in advance of the workshop, and pointed out his previous discussions with Mr. Booth noting the requirement to address Chapter 158, Stormwater Management which needs to be in compliance with SJRWMD.

After much discussion, and **by unanimous consent, the city commission agreed to hold a workshop on March 15, 2018 after the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board to review Land Development Regulations on the previously cited Chapters 152, 154, and 158 and accepted the city manager's recommendation to review dates to hold future workshops and provide the respective documents in advance for commission review.**

- (b) **Commissioner Lewis**
 - i. **Proposed 2018 Workshops**
Commissioner Lewis requested the city commission's direction on its vision relating to the Berkman Street corridor and recalled the city commission's previous actions withdrawing same.

Commissioner Lewis referred to the P&Z Board's January 18, 2018 actions at its meeting denying the rezoning application by WTG Properties LLC from single-family medium density (R-2) to commercial PUD (CPUD) located south of Berkman Street and east of Willard Avenue (CR 468); the residents' comments relating to same whereby the land use is permitted, and conveyed Mr. Beliveau's explanation on said application meeting the criteria.

After Commissioner Lewis mentioned his vision of where industrial and residential professional zoning designations ought to be along Old Dixie Avenue, Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to the future land use designation identifying the allowed use and voiced her concurrence on the city commission's flexibility in reducing a particular zoning category.

After Ms. Geraci-Carver indicated that she will address the matter with Mr. Beliveau on the city commission's consideration of future rezoning applications, Commissioner Ranize, in response to Commissioner Lewis' statements, questioned permitting the roofing contractor's business on Dixie Avenue not meeting the zoning requirements and Commissioner Bell suggested the city reviewing its entire future land use.

Following further discussion and after Mr. La Venia suggested the possibility of Ms. Geraci-Carver reviewing the zoning designation for certain areas where it could be more restrictive than the future land use designation, Commissioner Lewis addressed the problem in implementing same due to the "Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act".

Ms. Geraci-Carver concurred with Commissioner Bell's statements explaining the commission's ability to adopt overlay zoning by making certain streets or an area more restrictive on what could be included through the comprehensive plan amendment, even if it allows for more expansive uses.

After Mr. La Venia suggested, in response to Mayor Cheshire's inquiry, the city commission holding a workshop on amendments to the comprehensive plan and Vice Mayor Gunter's belief that the amendments ought to be for the entire city, Ms. Geraci-Carver recognized the city commission's position to review the entire city's future land use map, to which Mayor Cheshire suggested including on the workshop list.

After much discussion and **by unanimous consent, the city commission agreed to include on the 2018 City Commission Workshop Schedule to review the future comprehensive land use plan map.**

ii. Speeding

Following Commissioner Lewis' reference to Pastor Padgett's concerns regarding speeding addressed earlier this evening at the LPA meeting and his conversations with Mr. La Venia on his experience on CR 468 and the cross-road from Mirror Lake Drive and Urick Street, Mayor Cheshire questioned the county's placement of a stop sign and requested that Pastor Padgett's concerns on the volume of traffic ought be reviewed.

iii. Code Enforcement – Pennsylvania Avenue

Mr. La Venia concurred in the affirmative to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry that he envisions code enforcement taking a different direction which he anticipates would be more stringent. He indicated, in response to Commissioner Lewis' concerns, that he will converse with Ms. Lori Davis, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding the present condition of debris and equipment around the residential properties viewed from Pennsylvania Avenue.

iv. Wastewater Connection Line

Commissioner Lewis pointed out the city commission's discussions at its January 11, 2018 regular meeting regarding the actions undertaken at the June 8, 2017 regular meeting to not proceed with the investigation regarding the Terry Ross Development project and his understanding of the opinion from Ms. Dorothy "Dottie" F. Green, Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, LLP, attorney retained by the city, on the procedures for governmental employees in this regard.

(c) Commissioner Bell

Ordinance 2018-002 – Rezoning and Development Agreement – Petitioner: First Baptist Church of Leesburg Inc.

Commissioner Bell voiced his anticipation on proceeding with the proposed Ordinance 2018-002, rezoning and development (Pine Ridge Dairy Road PUD) project.

(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.

Animal Control

After Vice Mayor Gunter recalled the residents' complaints at the January 11, 2018 regular meeting regarding the overpopulation of cats, Mr. La Venia reported that Ms. Lori Davis' communicated with the county regarding feral or stray cats in the city and pointed out the response received on its program. He explained that the county no longer utilizes its office of animal services but contracts with a volunteer organization to which Commissioner Ranize voiced his concerns on the problems he has experienced with cats and lack of assistance from the county.

Following much discussion and in response to Mayor Cheshire's inquiry, Ms. Geraci-Carver indicated that staff could review the city's existing Animal Control Services Ordinance 2005-030 to determine whether it could be reinforced.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

(a) Ordinance 2018-002 – Rezoning and Development Agreement – Petitioner: First Baptist Church of Leesburg Inc.

Mayor Cheshire voiced concerns indicating that he would like to ensure that the city is not expending funds it does not have as it relates to proposed Ordinance

2018-002, rezoning and development (Pine Ridge Dairy Road PUD) and relayed his reassurance that the fire department staff and Ms. Geraci-Carver is working on remedying the situation.

(b) Dates to Remember

- Later in the meeting and in response and **upon Mayor Cheshire's suggestion, the city commission agreed, by unanimous consent, to hold the city commission special meeting on February 8, 2018 instead of February 1, 2018 and for the Fruitland Park Library Groundbreaking Ceremony to be held on March 8, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.**
- February 9, 2018 – LCLC *TBD*, Lake Receptions 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.
- February 9, 2018 – Movie on the Lawn *The Emoji Movie* at 6:00 p.m.
- February 10-16, 2018, Love Week
Saturday February 10, 2018 *5k Love Run*, City Hall at 8:00 a.m.
- February 12, 2018, Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board, Library Services Conference Room, 2401 Woodlea Road, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 3:30 p.m.
- February 13, 2018, Lake Emergency Management Services Inc., Board of Directors Meeting, Lake County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 at 2:30 p.m.
- February 22, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.
- February 28, 2018, Lake-Sumter MPO Governing Board Meeting, 225 W Guava Street, #217, Lady Lake, Florida 32159 at 2:00 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the city commission agreed for Mr. Peter J. Hurtt, City of Fruitland Park resident, to appear.

After discussion, Commissioner Ranize indicated that he would provide Mr. Hurtt with information identifying the city commissioner for his district.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the March 22, 2018 regular meeting.

Signed _____
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed _____
Chris Cheshire, Mayor