

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2018**

A regular meeting of the City of Fruitland City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Member Absent:** Commissioner Ray Lewis

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; Associate Pastor Reverend Loida Divine, Community United Methodist Church, 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.

**By unanimous consent, the city commission excused the absence of Commissioner Lewis from this evening's meeting.**

**3. PROCLAMATION**

***National Police Week – May 13, 2018 to May 19, 2018***

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Cheshire read into the record, a proclamation recognizing May 13 to May 19, 2018 as *Police Week* and designating May 15, 2018 as *Peace Officers Memorial Day* and publicly saluted the service of law enforcement officers in the community and across the nation.

Chief Fewless accepted the proclamation with gratitude.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

**On motion of Commissioner Bell seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the March 15, 2018 workshop as submitted.**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire took the following supplemental agenda items out of order on this evening's agenda and opened the public hearings at this evening's meeting.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

- (j) Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-009  
Gardenia East Subdivision Annexation - Gardenia East Subdivision –  
Petitioner: MRSF1 LLC, Owner**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-009, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS APPROXIMATELY 13.44 ± ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF US HIGHWAY 27/441 AND NORTH OF REGISTER ROAD; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE AFTER APPROVAL TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE LAKE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on April 26, 2018.)

After Ms. Geraci-Carver administered the oath for Mr. Greg Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., to testify, he referred to the city commission's consideration of the subject issue at the April 26, 2018 hearing and reported that there have been no changes in annexation issues since that time. He requested that the city commission proceed to the second reading and recommended approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission enact Ordinance 2018-009 as previously cited to become effective immediately as provided by law.**

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

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



**(k) Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing – Ordinance 2018-011 Large-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Gardenia East Subdivision – North of Register Road Petitioner: MRSF1 LLC, Owner**

Mr. La Venia referred to the May 7, 2018 letter received from the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) regarding the subject proposed comprehensive plan which will be reviewed according to Florida Statutes and to expect DEO's comments no later than June 3, 2018. (A copy of the letter is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After Ms. Geraci-Carver indicated that the subject item would need to be continued to a specific date and noted the recommendations by Mr. Beliveau, who was previously sworn, to hold the meeting two weeks after June 3, 2018, she suggested the regular meeting date of June 28, 2018.

**On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission continued its action to enact proposed Ordinance 2018-011, as cited below, to date certain June 28, 2018:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM LAKE COUNTY URBAN MEDIUM DENSITY TO MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 13.44 ± ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF REGISTER ROAD AND EAST OF US HIGHWAY 27/441; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on April 26, 2018.)**

**(l) Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-010 Gardenia East Subdivision Rezoning - R-1 to PUD – Petitioner: MRSF1 LLC, Owner**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-010, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING 13.44 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM LAKE COUNTY RURAL RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO RESIDENTIAL 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 first reading was held on April 26, 2018.)

Mr. Beliveau acknowledged the changes made by Ms. Geraci-Carver and the applicant, as previously recommended by the city commission.

Mr. Ryan Hinricher, applicant of the subject property who was sworn-in by Ms. Geraci-Carver, described the changes he made on the conceptual site plan and outlined the specifications of same; copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission enact Ordinance 2018-010, as previously cited, to become effective immediately as provided by law.**

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

**Mayor called for a roll call vote with the city commission members voting as follows:**

<b>Commissioner Ranize</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Commissioner Bell</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Vice Mayor Gunter</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor Cheshire</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Mayor Cheshire declared the motion carried on a four-to-one (4-1) vote.**

#### **END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

**5. (a) Water Conservation Plan - CUP 2020 EM50 Proposal - Discussion**

Mr. La Venia addressed the consumptive use permit 2020 EM50 proposal for water conservation (initial step) and addressed the need to renew St John's River Water Management District's SJRWMD's consumptive use permit (CUP) #2482 for water conservation planning by 2020; described the initial steps during the last



process to implement water conservation in the CUP which has to be renewed by 2020, and indicated that it was carried out by Ms. Jennifer C. Bolling (formerly SMW Geosciences Inc. now known as Jacobs CH2M®) with now retired Ms. Sarah M. Whittaker, SMW Geosciences Inc., who were authorized agents working on behalf of the city.

Mr. La Venia relayed his recommendation for Ms. Bolling to make a presentation before the city commission with a proposal to initiate the development of the water conservation plan to be submitted as part of the CUP renewal application which is budgeted annually.

After Vice Mayor Gunter -- in recollecting the city commission's experience in July 2009 -- noted the additional costs to restart the process due requests for additional information response extensions from SJRWMD, Mr. La Venia relayed his conversations with Ms. Bolling on the improved process; addressed her awareness of the previous issues (the Lake Griffin and the Ocklawaha River projects), and noted the phases of completion by 2020.

**After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission direct the city manager to invite Ms. Jennifer C. Bolling, Jacobs CH2M®, to a future city commission meeting to give a presentation on a proposal to initiate the development of the water conservation plan to be submitted as part of St. John's River Water Management District's consumptive use permit renewal application.**

Mr. La Venia confirmed, in response to an inquiry posed by Commissioner Ranize, that the city has appropriated \$10,000 in the FY 2017-18 budget to implement such work.

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

**(b) Dcon Kits – Fire Service Grant Awards**

The city commission considered the acceptance of the local government grant program award, also known as the "Local Fire Service Cancer Mitigation Grant Program", appropriated by the state legislature; administered by the Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, and for post fire on-scene decontamination kit proposal items at a cost of \$150.72 from the University of Miami Health System, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**(c) LIFEPAK – Quotes**

The city commission considered its action on the following quotes for a LIFEPAK:

At Mayor Cheshire's request, Interim Chief Gilpin explained the equipment which was approved in the budget.

- LIFEPAK 15 V4 -- Monitor/Defibrillator, Adaptive Biphasic, Manual and Automated External Defibrillator, Color LCD, 100 mm Printer, Noninvasive Pacing, Metronome, Trending, and Bluetooth for \$39,774.93 from Physio-Control Inc.

and

- LIFEPAK 15 BI Pacing AED SP02/CO NIBP CO2 Bluetooth, Version 2 for \$24,894 from Cardio Partners.

**On motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the city manager's recommendation to accept the quote for \$24,894 from Cardio Partners, as previously cited, for a LIFEPAK.**

**(d) Lawn Mower Discussion**

The city commission considered the following quotes for a lawn mower for Northwest Lake Community, Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field:

- Bermuda Grass Mower Lake County (surplus item), \$15,000 approximately,
- Toro Groundsmaster 3500, Statewide Turf Equipment, \$18,900, and
- Toro Goundsmaster 3500, Global Turf Equipment LLC, \$20,425 or \$12,000 (pre-owned)

After much discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission accept the quote for the Bermuda Grass Mower with Lake County as previously cited.**

After Ms. Racine identified the available funds in the capital improvement plan budget, **Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.**

**(e) Resolution 2018-024 Road and Streets FY 2017-18 Budget Amendment – Mid-Year Hurricane Irma Expenses**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-024, the title of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO INCREASE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET \$829,712, DECREASE UTILITIES FUND BUDGET \$135,670, AND MOVE VARIOUS BUDGET LINE ITEM AMOUNTS TO COVER OVERAGES AND SHORTAGES FOR THE MID-YEAR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR THE



AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET;  
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Ms. Racine gave an overview of subject budget amendment, she noted the funds remaining in reserves earmarked towards Hurricane Irma and confirmed in the affirmative to Vice Mayor Gunter's inquiry that the United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) paperwork has been completed.

Mr. La Venia addressed the plan to meet with Mr. Dustin Galle, FEMA's contractor designated to the area, regarding the city's public assistance application and described FEMA's procedures to receive reimbursement from the State of Florida.

Following further discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-024 as previously cited.**

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

**(f) Resolution 2018-023 Building Permit Fees Revision**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-023, the title of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FEE  
SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING AND ZONING FEES; AND  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In following up Mr. La Venia's comments, Ms. Geraci-Carver pointed out Agenda Item 5.(g) which proposes the enactment of building and zoning fees, established by the subject resolution.

Commissioner Ranize' referred to the exhibit -- building and zoning fee schedule - - where he did not see that a permit to perform the removal of a tree and questioned whether it would apply to constructing a home.

Mr. La Venia confirmed in the affirmative on the requirement of paying a permit fee to remove a tree; agreed with Ms. Geraci-Carver's statements that the items within the schedule included planning fees that were previously enacted by ordinance and both indicated that they would find out whether home construction is a separate category from planning and zoning.

Mr. La Venia addressed the ability to review and address the tree protection ordinance at the same time whilst the city commission is reviewing the Land Development Code. He and Ms. Geraci-Carver recognized that the exhibit

accompanying the subject resolution includes the current zoning fees and any changes and updates would be considered before the city commission.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-023 as previously cited.**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**(g) Second Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-013 Building and Zoning Fees**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-013, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING SEC. 99.30 IN CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COMMISSION TO SET BUILDING AND ZONING FEES BY RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on April 26, 2018.)

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission enact Ordinance 2018-013 as previously cited to become effective immediately as provided by law.**

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

**(h) Second Reading and Public Hearing – Ordinance 2018-005 Golf Carts**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-005, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR



CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on April 26, 2018.)

In response to Mayor Cheshire's inquiry, Chief Fewless expressed his desire for the city commission to enact the proposed ordinance, subject to a revised golf cart access map reflecting green in designated areas allowing golf cart access and red where they are prohibited. He voiced his agreement with Commissioner Ranize's concerns to include Dixie Avenue.

**On motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission continued its action on proposed Ordinance 2018-005 to a future meeting subject to receiving a revised map.**

**(i) Second Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-012 Lake County Countywide MSTU for Ambulance and EMS**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-012, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, WITHIN THE COUNTY-WIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (MSTU) OF THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN SAID MSTU FOR A SPECIFIED TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on April 26, 2018.)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission enact Ordinance 2018-012 as previously cited to become effective immediately as provided by law.**

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

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

**END OF PUBLIC HEARING**

6. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

(a) **City Manager**

i. **Vehicle Maintenance Program – VCDD Public Safety**

Mr. La Venia conveyed Interim Chief Gilpin's request for the city to enter into an agreement with The Villages Community Development District's (VCDD's) Public Safety Department who retains an inhouse mechanic to perform basic mechanical repairs and maintenance on its fire equipment.

Interim Chief Gilpin explained that the city currently utilizes Ten-8 Fire Equipment located in Tampa and concurred with Mr. La Venia's statement that some of the fire department's mechanical work is performed in Orlando. Interim Chief Gilpin recognized VCDD's vendors utilized to repair equipment at its locations instead of the fire department travelling to Orlando and Mr. La Venia pointed out the costs involved in comparison to the vendors the city uses.

After discussion and **by unanimous consent, the city commission accepted staff's recommendation for the fire department to proceed in working with The Villages Community Development District's Public Safety Department to maintain its fire equipment and directed the city attorney to draft a memorandum of understanding between the city and VCDD Public Safety Department to implement same.**

ii. **Countywide Public Safety Radios**

Mr. La Venia distributed a letter dated April 30, 2018 from Jeff Cole, Lake County Manager, regarding the countywide public safety radios anticipated to be addressed during the city commission's FY 2018-19 budget process. (A copy of the letter is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After Commissioner Ranize calculated the replacement of the existing radios and in response to his question, Mr. La Venia addressed his intent, if the city elects to support the county, to follow-up on receiving a lower rate of interest financed for the radios offered by the county

Commissioner Ranize voiced his concurrence with a statement made by Commissioner Lewis at a previous meeting that the city commission, during its review of the proposed 2018-19 budget, ought to decide in approving or denying same.

Following much discussion, Vice Mayor Gunter addressed his agreement with Commissioner Ranize's statements to which Mr. La Venia reiterated his plan to discuss the matter further with Mr. Greg Holcomb, Director/E-911 Coordinator/Public Safety, when the subject matter was recently addressed at a meeting he attended with Chief Fewless, Interim Fire Chief Gilpin and Mr. Bogle. He addressed the probability of the proposal



before the county changing and mentioned the plan for staff to review the current radios on what is required and where savings can be made.

After further discussion, Commissioner Ranize, in response to Mayor Cheshire, recognized the advantages of the radios utilized throughout the state when communications are restricted and addressed the need to expedite providing the county with the real figures.

**iii. Lake County Addressing – City Limits**

Mr. La Venia pointed out the county's proposed ILA which deals with the actual addressing system within city limits. He reported that the city currently does not have geographical information system technology or cross-referencing capability and noted the number of addresses and potential projects before the city. Mr. La Venia outlined the advantages of the technical support process urgently needed by the police and fire departments to ensure the identification of the correct addresses and the avoidance of any duplications in comparison to the current addressing system. He pointed out Ordinance 90-006 Current Street Numbering Assigned to Structures with notification to the city clerk.

After discussion, Mr. La Venia indicated, in response to Commissioner Ranize's inquiry, that he would find out whether the county's addressing system would include the addition of current addresses. He indicated that the subject issue will be before the city commission at a future meeting.

Mr. La Venia recognized the unincorporated area Fruitland Park residents who would continue to have a five-digit address; mentioned staff's plan to proceed with presenting the ILA with the city's fee schedule for public safety support before the city commission for consideration at a future meeting and indicated that funds will be available in the budget to pay the county when said system is in place.

Additional Items

**iv. Proposed 2018 Road Paving Program**

Mr. La Venia referred to his memorandum dated May 9, 2018 regarding the proposed 2018 Road Paving Program; reviewed the 2018 list of streets to be repaved, and pointed out the condition of the city streets; copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting:

- Sunset Way and Old Dixie Avenue  
both major roadway projects were previously addressed before the city commission;
- Olive Street (Tropic Circle to Mirror Lake Drive)  
paving and questioned why Olive Street was partially improved years ago;
- Fruitland Street (Dixie Avenue to Fox Hill  
intersection in very bad condition;

- Griffin Street  
needs to be repaved;
- Forest Street (Dixie Avenue to Highway US 27/441)  
needs to be repaved, and
- Old Dixie Avenue and Seminole Street  
millings needed.

Without knowing the costs involved to improve the city's worst roads, Mr. La Venia requested the city commission's position and addressed his willingness to proceed in obtaining bids towards the implementation of same.

After Mr. Bogle mentioned his ability to identify older streets that were improved in previous years, Commissioner Bell pointed out the city commission's discussions on surveying Mirror Lake Drive for roadway improvements; questioned the widening of sidewalks for pedestrian safety, and the inclusion of conducting same for Sunset Way in the budget.

Commissioner Ranize recognized the lack of funding and acknowledged the current development taking place on the one-way dirt road, Sunset Way; noted the need for improvements to be made since the 1970s and identified Seminole Avenue as another dirt road in the city.

In understanding the need for roadway improvements, Commissioner Ranize suggested setting funds aside, obtain estimates to survey same and work on placing same in the five-year plan to which Mayor Cheshire voiced his concurrence.

Mr. Bogle identified, at Mayor Cheshire's request, the improvements that could be implemented on Mirror Lake Drive; namely, marking the roadway with double-yellow lines, working with Chief Fewless to install regulatory signage, and erect lighting in the area.

**By unanimous consent, the city commission accepted the city manager's recommendation to proceed with roadway improvements for the 2018 city streets list, as previously cited, and obtain estimates to implement same.**

**v. FRDAP**

Mr. La Venia reported that the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Grant Program recently approved \$50,000 for additional work at Gardenia Park.

**vi. Police Department Status Update Report**

Mr. La Venia mentioned the plan for Chief Fewless to address the city commission regarding FY 2017-18 Mid-Year Budget which is not included on this evening's agenda.



Chief Fewless gave the following status update report, a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting:

- common complaints/concerns,
- calls for service,
- traffic stops,
- LEO assaults,
- Total arrests, and
- Personnel/Population Ratio

In order to keep the city safe, Chief Fewless requested that the city commission provide personnel.

Following much discussion, Commissioner Ranize mentioned his complaints on the lack of funding; recalled the city commission setting aside funds for one law enforcement position and praised Chief Fewless for justifying the need for same.

In response to Commissioner Bell's inquiry and after Ms. Racine identified the transferred funds in reserves whereby \$35,000 would be allocated for said position, Chief Fewless indicated it would be a little less to which he would delay same until June 1, 2018 and confirmed that someone is currently completing the Field Training Officer reserve program. Chief Fewless explained, in response to Vice Mayor Gunter's inquiry, that another vehicle will be required; referred to his comments during the FY 2017-18 budget session and stated same would be included in the October 1, 2018 budget.

After much discussion, **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the police chief's request for a law enforcement officer position to commence on June 1, 2018 with reserve funds set aside from the FY 2017-18 budget.**

**(b) City Attorney**

Ms. Geraci-Carver stated that she has nothing to report at this time.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public at this time.

**8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

**(a) Commissioner Ranize**

**(i) Register Road – Traffic Problems**

Commissioner Ranize pointed out concerns raised by an unincorporated area of Fruitland Park resident to Mr. Beliveau prior to this evening's meeting regarding the increased traffic problems on Register Road and addressed the potential impacts due to the impending Gardenia East project.

Commissioner Ranize suggested that the county ought to conduct a traffic assessment and relocate the traffic signals from Dixie Avenue to north Register Road in order to allow access.

**(ii) Proposed 2018 Road Paving Program – Mirror Lake Drive**

Commissioner Ranize pointed out the costs to construct Northwest Lake Community, Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field; recognized the need for sidewalks on North Dixie Avenue to said park and addressed the problems to walk from the area to the proposed new Fruitland Park Library due to the lack of sidewalks which he believes ought to be placed high as a priority on the 2018 list of streets to be repaved.

**(iii) Procurement Workshop**

Commissioner Ranize requested the need, before he leaves office, for the city commission to conduct a workshop on the checklist of requirements to eliminate repeated shortcomings when constructing new buildings proposed for public safety and public works.

Commissioner Ranize discussed with the city commission discussed its unawareness of necessary items required prior to the construction of the new Fruitland Park Library; its reliance on the expertise of contracted staff and the unfairness to residents

**(b) Commissioner Lewis**

Commissioner Lewis was absent from this evening's meeting.

**(c) Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell referred to the May 9, 2018 *2018 Lake County Community Service Awards*; acknowledged the very deserving individuals who received the awards by the Lake County Chamber Alliance and recognized Mr. David Lee, City of Fruitland Park resident, who was awarded the sports/athletics award highlighting his time in serving as coach and being an example to individuals in the community.

**(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.**

**(i) May 5, 2018 Employee Picnic**

Noting that Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder is not present at this evening's meeting, Vice Mayor Gunter praised her for a job well done at the May 5, 2018 Employee Picnic.

**(ii) Procurement Workshop**

Vice Mayor Gunter voiced his agreement with Commissioner Ranize' comments on the new Fruitland Park library being overbudget.

After much discussion, Mr. La Venia indicated that in future, staff would review the consideration of a design-build for such proposed building projects.



**9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**(a) May 5, 2018 Employee Picnic**

Mayor Cheshire reported on the success of the May 5, 2018 Employee Picnic. He recognized a firefighter staff who was in attendance; relayed his gratitude expressed for holding such events which are not taking place in other municipalities and indicated that such city events are well received by the community.

**(b) Dates to Remember**

Mayor Cheshire recognized the following events:

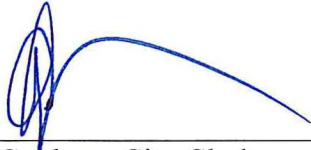
- May 11, 2018, Lake County League of Cities' (LCLC's) *Lake County Information Technology Innovations Update*, Lake Receptions 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.
- May 11, 2018, Movie on the Lawn *Coco* at 8:30 p.m.
- May 14, 2018, Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board, Library Services Conference Room, 2401 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778
- May 15, 2018 Fruitland Park Elementary National Elementary Honor Society (NEMS) *Induction Ceremony* at 6:00 p.m.  
In response to Mayor Cheshire's recollection of elected officials being present at the May 11, 2017 ceremony, he concurred with Commissioner Bell's statements encouraging the elected officials to be in attendance on May 15, 2018.
- May 19, 2018, *Coffee with the Mayor*, Fruitland Park Library, 205 W Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 8:00 a.m.
- May 22, 2018, Lake EMS Finance Committee Meeting, Lake County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 2:00 p.m.
- May 22, 2018, Lake EMS Employee Issues Committee Meeting, Lake County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 3:00 p.m.
- May 22, 2018, Lake EMS Operations Committee Meeting, Lake County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 4:00 p.m.'
- May 22, 2018, City Commission Workshop at 6:00 p.m.  
Chapters 154, 157 164 LDRs
- May 23, 2018, Lake-Sumter MPO Governing Board Meeting, 225 W Guava Street, #217, Lady Lake, Florida 32159 at 2:00 p.m.

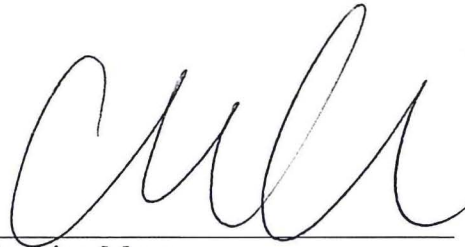
- May 24, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m., and
- May 28, 2018, Memorial Day – City Offices Closed
- June 5, 2018, Lake EMS Board Meeting, Lake County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 2:30 p.m.
- June 8, 2018, LCLC Lake County Property Appraiser’s Office, *Preliminary Tax Roll 2017*, Lake Receptions 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.
- June 14, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.
- June 28, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.  
**By unanimous consent, the city commission approved Mayor Cheshire’s request to cancel the July 26, 2018 regular meeting and hold a special meeting on July 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and recognized that the city commission will be considering setting the proposed Truth-in-Millage rate on its agenda.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

**On motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

The minutes were approved at the July 12, 2018 regular meeting.

Signed   
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Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed   
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Chris Cheshire, Mayor