

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioners Christopher Bell, Patrick DeGrave and John Mobilian.

**Also Present:** City Manager Gary La Venia; City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer Jeannine Racine; Interim Police Chief Erik Luce, Police Department; Deputy Fire Chief Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; Public Works Director Dale Bogle, Human Resources Director Diane Kolcun, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Pastor Melvin Davison, Heritage Community Church, gave the invocation, and Interim Police Chief Luce 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 declared present.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Special Recognition – Colin Crews Planning and Zoning Board**

Upon Mayor Cheshire's suggestion and by unanimous consent, due to the absence of Mr. Colin Crews, former Planning and Zoning Board member, the special recognition was postponed to later in the meeting until his arrival.

**b. Fruitland Park Elementary – Trick or Trot 5k**

As a result of the October 30, 2018 Trick or Trot 5k event, Ms. Yoder presented, on behalf of the city, a check totaling \$1,626.93; proceeds of which were divided between the parks and recreation department and Fruitland Park Elementary School.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Tammy Langley, Fruitland Park Elementary School Principal, recognized the partnership effort that has existed over the years and wholeheartedly thanked the city commission and the community for their continued support.

**c. Fruitland Park Elementary - Honorable Mention(s)**

Mayor Cheshire highlighted Fruitland Park Elementary School on achieving the following:

- i. **Five Star School Award** recipient for 2017-18 and 2016-17 by the State of Florida Department of Education who recognized Fruitland Park Elementary School for its commitment to incorporating family community members into the school and earning a “C” or above or school improvement rating of “maintaining” or “commendable” and
- ii. **2018-19 National *LifeChanger of the Year***  
In June 2018, The National Life Group Foundation recognized Exceptional Student Education (ASD Grade 3-5) Fruitland Park Elementary School Teacher Dr. “Chris” Christine Schram, who was nominated (by community member Jean Baptist Byrant) for the 2018-19 National *LifeChanger of the Year* by supporting and encouraging students to reach their goals.

Ms. Langley thanked the city commission for the recognition.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Mobilian that the city commission approve the following consent agenda items:**

- a. **September 21, 2018 special meeting minutes**
- b. **September 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes.**

After discussion, Mayor Cheshire called for a vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**(a) Boards and Committees**

**i. Resolution 2019-001 - Planning and Zoning Board Appointment**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-001, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING  
THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD CHAIR AND  
VICE-CHAIRMAN SELECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2018/2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2019-001 as previously cited with the appointment of Mr. Fred Collins.**

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

**ii. Resolution 2019-002 - Board of Trustees Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Appointment**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-002, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE CITY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES FIREFIGHTERS PENSION TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2019-002 as previously cited with the appointment of Mr. Marc Matthews Jr.

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

**(b) Payment for CRA FY 2018-19 Tax**

On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the payment from the general fund to the redevelopment fund for the redevelopment taxes for FY 2018-19.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire opened the public hearings.

**(c) Second Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance 2018-017 Solid Waste Increase**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-017, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title, Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 98.12 TO INCREASE THE SOLID WASTE RATES EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on December 13, 2018.)

After discussion and after Commissioner Mobilian referred to the agenda where the title reads "Section 96.12", Ms. Geraci-Carver recognized the subject

ordinance that she previously read as “Section 99.40” is correct (as shown in supporting documents).

Mayor Cheshire referred to the refuse collection fees under subsection 99.40(A)(4) and recommended that the city commission consider striking the words “city clerk” and replace them with “city manager”.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission amending the language under subsection 99.40(A)(4) of Ordinance 2018-017 as previously cited striking the words “city clerk” and replace them with “city manager” and enact said ordinance to become effective immediately as provided by law.**

Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard.

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.** (The refuse collection rate adjustments were implemented on January 1, 2019.)

## 5. OFFICERS’ REPORTS

### (a) City Manager

#### i. Fire Inspector

After acknowledging the recent retirement of the city’s fire inspector, Mr. La Venia submitted proposals received from Florida Safety Systems LLC and Kerry Barnett Fire Safety Consulting LLC for inspection services for review by the city commission and indicated that same will be placed on the January 24, 2019 regular meeting for discussion. (Copies of the documents are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

#### ii. Gardenia Park Phase III FRDAP Project No. A19161

Mr. La Venia pointed out the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s agreement as a result of the application submitted for Gardenia Park Phase III Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant of \$50,000 for the skate park improvement project and addressed staff’s intent to proceed on same.

### (b) City Attorney

#### i. Notice of Claim – James Hartson

Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that she has no updates at this time.

ii. **City Commission Workshop**

With reference to the city commission's approval at its December 13, 2018 regular meeting to hold the February 19, 2019 city commission workshop, Ms. Geraci-Carver gave reasons for her inability to attend.

After discussion and by **unanimous consent, the city commission agreed to proceed holding the February 19, 2019 city commission workshop to discuss economic development matters without the city attorney's presence.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

In referencing the events of September 11, 2001, Mr. Carl Yauk, The Villages of Fruitland Park resident, voiced concerns on the controversy of sporadic and diverse communications among various emergency response units; addressed the need for efficient and nationwide communication in that regard and questioned the city's status. He questioned how the city timely alerts residents of danger or emergencies within the community.

Mr. Yauk referred to the commercial property located on the southeast corner of CR 466A and Dixie Avenue intersection; indicated that the community development department could contact the property owner to make improvements and believed the matter ought to be placed on the city commission agenda identifying various locations within the city that need improvements and how the community could offer assistance.

Ms. Rita Ranize, City of Fruitland Park resident, questioned the reason why the transfer of fire rescue services to the county was before the city commission; recalled the public previously advocating against same and referred to the commission's prior approval to retain the city's fire department.

7. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

(a) **Commissioner Mobilian**

Commissioner Mobilian stated that he has nothing to address at this time.

(b) **Commissioner DeGrave**

Commissioner De Grave stated that he has nothing to address at this time.

(c) **Commissioner Bell**

As a member of the Lake County Tourist Development Council, Commissioner Bell gave a report on the meeting he attended on January 7, 2019.

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

Vice Mayor Gunter extended appreciation to Ms. Yoder for her work regarding the December 7, 2018 annual hometown Christmas event.

**8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**(a) Parliamentary Procedures and Minutes**

Mayor Cheshire explained that Ms. Coulson and himself have been working on the conduct of the city's business according to parliamentary procedures. He believed the meeting minutes ought to be action-based and suggested that those who are interested in the city commission's proceedings can access the recordings.

Mayor Cheshire referred to his announcement at the November 8, 2018 regular meeting on the decorum of city commission debate and the recent parliamentary procedures course. He pointed out his conversations earlier this evening with Ms. Geraci-Carver who will attempt to create a cheat sheet for debate and proper motions at the meetings and referred to Meeting Rules and Regulations, Parliamentary Rules Ordinance 7, Rule 22 for the legislative body, when in session, to enforce parliamentary rules.

**(b) Toys for Tots – Fruitland Park**

Mayor Cheshire referred to The United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program where the drop off was at the Phillips Buick GMC Service Center in Fruitland Park during December 2018; expressed his satisfaction with the police department's involvement and commended them for a job well done.

**(c) New Fruitland Park Library Furniture**

Mayor Cheshire referred to the city commission's approval at the December 13, 2018 regular meeting of the new Fruitland Park Library furniture from Home Art Corporation.

Mr. La Venia, in response, reported on the status of obtaining a list of additional furniture quotes which have been considerably reduced

**By unanimous consent and at Mayor Cheshire's suggestion, the city commission agreed to proceed and directed the city manager to provide more information at a future meeting.**

**(d) Dates to Remember**

Mayor Cheshire announced the following dates:

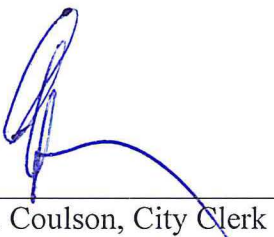
- January 11, 2019, *Keep Lake Beautiful and Organizational Meeting*, Lake County League of Cities (LCLC), Lake Receptions , 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, FL 32757;
- January 21, 2019, Dr. MLK Holiday – city hall closed;
- January 24, 2019, city commission regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.;

- January 25-27, 2019, Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (Basic), Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 at 8:00 a.m.;
- February 7, 2019, City Commission Workshop to address the Community Redevelopment Agency at 6:00 p.m.;
- February 8, 2019, *Lake County Economic Development Update*, LCLC, Lake Receptions , 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757;
- February 9, 2019, *Love Week - 5k Love Run*, outside city hall at 8:00 a.m.;
- February 11, 2019, Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails, Conference Room, 2401 Woodlea Road, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 3:30 p.m.;
- February 14, 2019, city commission regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the city commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

**The minutes were approved at the February 14, 2019 regular meeting.**

Signed   
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Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

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Chris Cheshire, Mayor