

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, February 14, 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, Administrative Assistant Jeni Simiken, Police Department; Deputy Fire Chief Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Fruitland Park Library Director JoAnn Glendinning; Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION: 6:00:00 PM Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, Interim Police Chief Luce gave the invocation, and Vice Mayor Gunter led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

ACTION: 6:01:06 PM At Mayor Cheshire's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

3. CRA AGENDA

As soon as practical at 6:15 p.m., recess to the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting.

ACTION: 6:01:25 PM and 6:04:43 PM. **By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting to the Community Redevelopment Agency and reconvened at 6:05 p.m.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- a. December 13, 2018 regular meeting**
- b. January 10, 2019 regular meeting, and**
- c. January 24, 2019 regular meeting**

ACTION: 6:06:54 PM **On motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the consent agenda.**

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) Resolution 2019-004 – PageFreezer® Subscription Agreement

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-004, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PAGEFREEZER AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FOR USE OF WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SERVICES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:07:38 PM A motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Mobilian that the city commission adopt Resolution 2019-004.

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

(b) Resolution 2019-008 – Fire Inspection and Vacant Property Registration – Designated Use of Funds

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-008, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING USE OF FUNDS COLLECTED FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS AND VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:14:51 PM On motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed its action to adopt Resolution 2019-008 to the next regular meeting.

(c) Resolution 2019-009 – Minor Lot Split and Unity of Title Fees

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-009, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FEES FOR MINOR LOT SPLIT AND UNITY OF TITLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:15:35 PM A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner DeGrave that the city commission adopt Resolution 2019-009.

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

(d) Resolution 2019-005 – Radios – FY 2018-19 Budget Amendment

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-005, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER BY \$24,641 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET TO POLICE, ROADS AND STREETS, AND BUILDING AND ZONING BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:23:40 PM A motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2019-005.

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

(e) Resolution 2019-006 – Paving - FY 2018-19 Budget Amendment

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-006, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER BY \$75,000, TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE ROADS AND STREETS BUDGET TO THE TRANSFER TO PAVING FUND BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:25:25 PM A motion was made by Commissioner Mobilian and seconded by Commissioner DeGrave that the city commission adopt Resolution 2019-006.

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

(f) Resolution 2019-007 Change Order No. 1 Library Furniture

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-007, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK LIBRARY – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM SIGNATURE CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:28:01 PM A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2019-007.

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

(g) December 2018 Financial Report

Ms. Racine reviewed the December 2018 financial report.

ACTION: 6:30:59 PM On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the December 2018 financial report as submitted by the city treasurer.

(h) Fire Inspector Discussion

Mr. La Venia reported that as a result of communications with that Lake County, they provided the fire inspection services rates which he deemed to be high; believed his recommendation for Florida Safety Systems LLC (FSS) to provide annual plan reviews and fire inspections (addressed at the January 24, 2019 regular meeting) to be the most responsible bidder and anticipated that a resolution and the awarding of a contract would be considered before the city commission at its next regular meeting.

ACTION: 6:36:16 PM By unanimous consent, the city commission authorized the city manager to place, for city commission consideration on the next regular agenda, a draft resolution with supporting information approving the retention of Florida Safety Systems LLC for fire inspections and reviews, as the successful bidder.

6. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

i. Fruitland Park Library Furniture

Mr. La Venia reviewed his memorandum dated January 22, 2019 regarding three quotations on additional library furnishings (window coverings) -- copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting:

- Interior Window “Plantation” Shutters (eastside of the building)
 - o Joy’s Blinds & Draperies Inc., \$3,978 (the local company),
 - o Dress-Up Your Window Inc., \$3,770 and
 - o Blinds 4 Less, \$3,978

- Adult Computer Tables/Work Stations (main gallery)
 - o Home-Art Corporation, \$4,100.80 (lowest and most responsible)
 - o Library Interiors of Florida Inc., \$15,936,
 - o The Library Store, \$12,256.32 and
 - o Brodart Furniture, \$22,264

and

- Built-in Wood Shelving (Florida Room and special collections)
 - o Home-Art Corporation, \$15,358.20 (most responsible)
 - o The Library Store, \$15,017.86 and
 - o Brodart Furniture, \$16,424

ACTION: 6:37:17 PM. On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the city manager’s recommendation to accept the new Fruitland Park library furniture quotations, as previously cited, from Joy’s Blinds & Draperies Inc. for the interior window shutters; Home-Art Corporation for the adult computer tables and Home-Art Corporation for the built-in wood shelving. (Funds already earmarked in the FY 2018-19 capital improvement program budget.)

ii. Northwest Lake Community Park/Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field (Recreation) Complex

Mr. La Venia gave a report on the current installation of the LED sports lighting at Northwest Lake Community Park/Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field (Recreation) Complex with the anticipation for them to be completely operational in approximately one week.

ACTION: 6:42:47 PM. For informational purposes, no action was necessary.

iii. New Fruitland Park Library – Windmill

Mr. La Venia described the plans to return the original windmill – formerly sold by the city in 1958 which was situated at Gardenia Hotel in front of the former Casino community building – back to its initial location by the end of next week.

ACTION: 6:43:44 PM. For informational purposes, no action was necessary.

iv. 2019 Love Week

Later in the meeting, Mr. La Venia commended Parks and Recreation Director Michele Yoder on a job well done and gave a report of events for 2019 Love Week:

- Saturday, February 9, 2019
 - o *The Love 2019 5k*,
 - o *Partnership with Fruitland Park Code Enforcement (Grizzard Street)*
- Wednesday, February 13, 2019
 - o Senior Social Adult Luncheon with a concert by Fruitland Park Elementary School students;
 - o Preschool Day at Fruitland Park Library
- During the course of the week
 - o Citizens First Bank's *Bank and Bite*
 - o *Building Ramps for Elderly and Disabled Carpenters for Christ*
 - o *Local churches feeding first responders*

ACTION: 6:52:53 PM. For informational purposes.

d. City Attorney –

a. Notice of Claim – James Hartson

Ms. Geraci-Carver reported that there were no developments relating to James Hartson's notice of claim.

ACTION: 6:45:01 PM. No action was necessary.

b. Notice of Claim – Michael Fewless

Ms. Geraci-Carver reported that Mr. Michael Fewless is appealing the State of Florida Department of Management Services Division of Retirement's decision and confirmed that it is not a litigation against the city. She explained that the new dates for depositions have tentatively been rescheduled for March 18-19, 2019.

ACTION: 6:45:03 PM. No action was necessary. .

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION: 6:45:41 PM. There were no comments from the public.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Mobilian

i. Mosquito Control

Commissioner Mobilian indicated that he is currently researching the situation at The Villages regarding mosquito control.

ACTION: 6:45:51 PM. For informational purposes.

ii. City Commission Meeting and Workshop Absence

Commissioner Mobilian announced that he will not be able to attend the February 28, 2019 regular meeting. He indicated that he will also be absent from the February 19, 2019 city commission workshop meeting to address economic development and requested whether it could be rescheduled.

ACTION: 6:46:14 PM. **By unanimous consent, the city commission accepted Commissioner Mobilian's request and agreed to consider rescheduling the economic development workshop on the next regular meeting agenda.**

(b) Commissioner DeGrave – City Commission Meeting Absence

Commissioner DeGrave requested to be excused from the May 9, 2019 regular city commission meeting as he will be out of the country.

ACTION 6:48:23 PM. **By unanimous consent, the city commission accepted Commissioner DeGrave's request.**

(c) Commissioner Bell - Lake County Parks and Trails Advisory Board

Commissioner Bell gave a report on the February 11, 2019 Parks and Trails Advisory Board meeting; conveyed the feedback received from the photographs he shared of the new LED sports lighting at Northwest Lake Community Park/Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field (Recreation) Complex and addressed the plan for the board to consider at its next meeting said park's future plans.

ACTION: 6:48:42 PM. For informational purposes.

(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr. - Radios

At Vice Mayor Gunter's request, Mr. La Venia gave a background on the need to expend more than \$350,000 to participate, obtain and operate (among the county, sheriff's office and the municipalities), the new countywide emergency network radios serviced and programmed as an upgrade on a shared system for ten years which is a continuous budget item.

ACTION: 6:49:38 PM. No action was taken.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS - Dates to Remember

Mayor Cheshire announced the following dates:

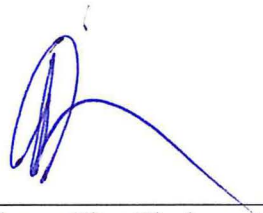
- February 19, 2019, City Commission Workshop at 6:00 p.m. – cancelled;
- February 20 and 21, 2019 *Lake Legislative Days* Doubletree Hotel, 101 South Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301-7774 at 8:00 a.m.;
- February 25, 2019, Lake County Arts and Cultural Alliance for Economic Prosperity, 20763 U.S. Highway 27, Groveland, FL 34736 at 3:00 p.m.;
- February 27, 2019, Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization, Governing Board Meeting, MPO Office, Suite 217, 225 W. Guava Street Lady Lake, Florida 32159 at 2:00 p.m. and
- February 28, 2019, city commission Meeting Regular at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: 6:52:26 PM. No action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the city commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the February 28, 2019 regular meeting.

Signed 

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 

Chris Cheshire, Mayor