

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 24, 2019**

A workshop meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Monday, June 24, 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; Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

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

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and 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.

Later in the meeting and **by unanimous consent, the city commission agreed with Mayor Cheshire's suggestion to set the time in which to conclude this evening's city commission workshop at 8:00 p.m.**

**3. UTILITY RATE STUDY**

Mayor Cheshire explained the purpose of this evening's workshop to address the utility rate study increase; review the recommendations and determine the type of rate increases to incorporate into the proposed water wastewater rate ordinance for consideration at a future meeting:

Mayor Cheshire referred to the sheet of questions relating to the utility rate study decisions and recalled the Utility Rate Study for Fiscal Year 2018/19 Preliminary Results presentation made at the June 13, 2019 regular meeting by Mr. Bryan Mantz, Gov Rates Inc.

Upon request, Mr. Mantz gave a brief overview on reasons for a utility rate increase recognizing the potential financial implications in the FY 2018/19 general fund which is insufficient to subsidize same. He emphasized the requirement to increase the rates to expand the system; noted the need for economies of scale with potential development; and pointed out the existing Water and Wastewater Capacity Reservation Bulk Treatment Agreement with the Town of Lady Lake. (Copies of the sheet questions and the Utility Rate Study for Fiscal Year 2018/19 Preliminary Results are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After much discussion, Mr. Mantz suggested pledging additional general fund revenues and impact fees to repay the existing state revolving fund loans to meet the debt service

**of the grinder pump pro-rated over ten years, and provide a public educational information on same;**

- **agreed, by unanimous consent, to adopt increasing meter installation charge “actual cost plus 10% administration fee” for all meter sizes;**
- **agreed, by unanimous consent, not to develop a mandatory wastewater connection;**
- **accepted the city manager’s plan on June 25, 2019 to communicate with the Town of Lady Lake the payment of the wastewater impact fee service provisions in the Water and Wastewater Capacity Reservation Bulk Treatment Agreement with the town (as depicted in the utility rate study) recognizing the city attorney’s recent letter to the town in that regard, and**
- **agreed, by unanimous consent, to determine a rate of 25% increase each year over three years for The Villages, subject to the city manager’s negotiations with Central Sumter Utility Company LLC on the adjustment for base rates outlined in its agreement for wastewater services.**

Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the intent to place a notice regarding the water and wastewater rate increases on the users’ water bills in July 2019; mentioned the city commission’s plan to consider at its July 11 and July 25, 2019 regular meetings respectively a proposed ordinance in that regard, and anticipated her review of the rate increases to be implemented by July 26, 2019.

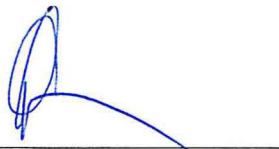
**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to come before the city commission at this time.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

The minutes were approved at the July 11, 2019 regular meeting.

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Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

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Chris Cheshire, Mayor