FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES September 26, 2019

A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, September 26, 2019 after the conclusion of the Joint City Commission and Planning and Zoning Board Workshop 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; Police Chief Erik Luce; Public Works Director Dale Bogle; Community Development Director Tracy Kelley and Administrative Assistant Kelly Turner, Community Development Department; Deputy City Clerk Stevie Taub and City Clerk Esther Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

ACTION:

8:32:51 PM. Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

ACTION: 8:33:03 PM At Mayor Cheshire's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire opened the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. First Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 2019-013 Utility Service Provision Outside Municipal Boundaries

After Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2019-013, the substance of which is as follows, Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 50.04 IN CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS TO EXECUTE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION PETITIONS IN RETURN FOR CITY UTILITIES AS ALLOWED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on October 10, 2019.)

Later in the meeting and in response to several inquiries on the subject proposed ordinance posed by Mr. Carl Yauk, The Villages of Fruitland Park (Pine Hills) resident, Ms. Geraci-Carver described the statutory requirements, the public hearing process and the city commission's ultimate policy decision and Mr. La Venia noted the ability to conduct fire rescue services on proposed developments subject to the same fire assessment for entire city.

By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire closed the public hearing.

ACTION: 8:38:02 PM. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Mobilian that the city commission approve Ordinance 2019-013 as previously cited.

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Cheshire called for the public to be heard.

Mr. Yauk posed several questions on line items included in the approved FY 2019-20 budget for vests and the body cameras and requirement to wear same for the police department. He inquired about the line items earmarked in the budget for beautification and enhancement to improve the city's appearance and requested the city commission's direct action on same.

Mayor Cheshire accepted Chief Luce's request to respond to Mr. Yauk's questions regarding the police department after the conclusion of this evening's meeting.

ACTION: 8:40:17 PM No action was necessary.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the city commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:42:10 PM.

The minutes were approved at the October 24, 2019 regular meeting.

Signed

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed

Chris Cheshire, Mayor