

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter Jr., Commissioners Chris Bell (joined in by Zoom video teleconference call), Patrick DeGrave and John Mobilian.

**Also present:** City Manager Gary La Venia ((joined in by Zoom video teleconference call)); City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer Jeannine Racine, Police Chief Erik Luce, Robb Dicus, Public Works Director ((joined in by Zoom video teleconference call)), Lake County Fire Rescue Lieutenant Christopher “Chris” Albert and Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Matt “Matthew” Linhorn; and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

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

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, Pastor Jerry Roames, Connection Point Ministries Church, gave the invocation and Chief Luce led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ACTION: 6:04.00 p.m. No action was taken.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Cheshire requested that Ms. Coulson call the roll where a quorum was declared present.

**Agenda Change - 5a Resolution 2022-030**

With respect to proposed Resolution 2022-030, Mayor Cheshire recognized the revised addendum to reflect the liability language under the quotation and life safety agreement.

ACTION 6:06:09 p.m. No action was taken.

**3. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

On or before 6:15 p.m. recess to the community redevelopment agency.

ACTION 6:06:44 p.m. **By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting at 6:07 p.m. to the community redevelopment agency and reconvened at 6:12 p.m.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

June 23, 2022 regular meeting

**ACTION 6:11:41 p.m. On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the consent agenda as previously cited.**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**By unanimous consent and upon Mayor Cheshire's suggestion, the city commission took items 5.(a) and (b) out of order on this evening's agenda.**

**(a) Resolution 2022-030 Flow Test Fire Hydrant Inspection Agreement**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2022-030, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING QUOTATION 1033636 – LIFE SAFETY AGREEMENT - INSPECTION SERVICES FROM WAYNE AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,750.00 TO CONDUCT NFPA 25 ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT TESTING OF 275 FIRE HYDRANTS OWNED BY THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Geraci-Carver confirmed the revised quotation from Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers and the addendum adding the public records provision.

**ACTION 6:01:24 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Mobilian and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2022-030 as previously cited.**

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

**(b) Flow Test Fire Hydrant Inspection Quotes**

The city commission considered its action on the following quotes:

- Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers \$13,750,
- VSCFS Fire and Security \$17,875,
- United Fire Protection (not provided), and
- Eagle Fire Protection (no response)

Mr. Dicus concurred, in response to a question posed by Vice Mayor Gunter, on the ability to clean and repaint the 275 the fire hydrants.

In answering Commissioner DeGrave's inquiry, Ms. Geraci-Carver identified the removal of the limitation of liability indemnification and segregation clauses from the addendum with Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers; indicated that they are working on providing a certificate of insurance to name the city in the certificate

and confirmed that their quote received earlier this day would be attached to the addendum.

**ACTION 6:11:56 p.m.** After much discussion and **on motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the city commission accepted staff's recommendation to award the flow test fire hydrant inspection quote to Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for \$13,750.**

**(c) FY 2022-23 Street Paving Quote**

The city commission considered its action on the FY 2022-23 street paving quote from Paqco Inc. (Paquette Company).

With respect to previous conversations with Mr. Dicus, Mr. La Venia relayed preference to strike Wingspread Drive and Myrtle Lake Avenue from the FY 2022-23 (totalling \$79,077.50) street paving quote; addressed the plan to implement same for FY 2023-24 and requested the need for roadway improvements that he described which not included in the CRA for \$105,000.

**ACTION 6:17:40 p.m.** After much discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Mobilian, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the city manager's recommendations as previously cited of the street paving quote from Paqco Inc. (Paquette Company).** The city attorney addressed the plan to draft a resolution for consideration at the next city commission meeting accepting the subject paving (piggyback) quote.

**6. (a) City Manager**

**i. Economic Development**

With respect to economic development, Mr. La Venia gave a status update report on the:

- recent telephone call regarding to document preparations for the 27.74+ Acres School Board of Lake County property located on N CR 466A/West Oliver Lane;
- planned meeting with representatives regarding the redevelopment on 305 CR 466A;
- concrete work to be implemented on the baffle box located on Mirror Lake Drive's right-of-way.
- construction of the 7-11 on the intersection of Eagles Nest Rd-US Hwy 27/441, and
- anticipation of the sewer line project.

**ACTION 6:21:12 p.m.** No action was taken.

**ii. Unimproved Public Right of Way Vacation Request Discussion**

Mr. Tim Coates, City of Fruitland Park resident, voiced his desire to work with the city to vacate his property on the portion of South Dixie Avenue to CR 25 to construct a building, without involving other property owners who appeared at the April 8, 2021 regular meeting, and depicted the location of same on a map.

Ms. Geraci-Carver relayed her recent conversations with Ms. Sharon Williams, Community Development Department Assistant to the Director, who conducted research on the two parcels of the subject property. Ms. Geraci-Carver recommended a surveyor to review and provide a legal description before a title report is submitted to determine ownership otherwise, a different process would be utilized if the property was deeded to the city and is not a right-of-way. Ms. Geraci-Carver concurred with Mr. Coates desire to meet with her to provide information in that regard and addressed her intent to report the outcome to Mr. La Venia and the city commission.

ACTION: 6:24:02 p.m. and 6:25:34 p.m. No action was taken.

**iii. Concrete Bollards – City Hall, Library, and Community Center Discussion**

Mr. La Venia referred to a quote received from Mikes Concrete showing one bollard for \$1,800 and noted the alternative designs and the proposed location of same at city hall, the library, and the community center.

After the city commission expressed desire for the decorative ballots, Mr. La Venia addressed his plan to compute the costs for consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION: 6:24:18 p.m. and 6:25:40 p.m. No action was taken.

**iv. Emergency Operations Center Public Safety Building Legislative Request**

**House Appropriations Local Grant Project Request**

Mr. La Venia reported that earlier this day, he submitted FY 2022-23 Local Support Grant Project Request to District 12 Senator Dennis Baxley and District 33 Representative Brett Thomas Hage for \$1 million towards the city's emergency operations center/public safety building. Mr. La Venia conveyed acknowledgement on the receipt of same from Representative Hage's Legislative Aide Nancy Kaye Bowers to be presented and submitted for consideration by the Florida House Appropriations Committee.

ACTION: 6:22:46 p.m. No action was taken.

**(b) City Attorney**

**i. City of Fruitland Park v. State of Florida Department of Management Services**

Mr. Geraci-Carver reported on scheduled July 18, 2022 mediation on the State of Florida Department of Management Services case and indicated that clarification is being sought on the funds that have not been paid to the state.

ACTION: 6:35:02 p.m. No action was taken.

**ii. Michael and Laurie Fewless v. City of Fruitland Park**

Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the Michael and Laurie Fewless case under the previous item 6(b)i.

ACTION: 6:35:02 p.m. No action was taken.

**iii. U.S. Bank National Association v. Robert Moore and City of Fruitland Park, Lake County Case No. 2022-CA-00845 (Judge Baxley)**

The U.S. Bank National Association v. Robert Moore and City of Fruitland Park, Lake County Case No. 2022-CA-00845 (Judge Baxley) was addressed in Ms. Geraci-Carver's report.

ACTION: 6:35:02 p.m. No action was taken.

**iv. Code of Ordinances Codification**

The code of ordinances codification was addressed in Ms. Geraci-Carver's report.

ACTION: 6:35:02 p.m. No action was taken.

**v. FMAA Conference**

Ms. Geraci-Carver announced that she will not be at the next meeting as she will be attending the Florida Municipal Attorneys conference and that former County Attorney Sandy Minkoff will be representing her on her behalf.

ACTION: 6:21:21 p.m. No action was taken.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget**

Ms. Racine announced that the FY 2022-23 proposed budget books are now available in the city commission's boxes for collection.

ACTION: 6:39:07 p.m. No action was taken.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no one from the public to address the city commission at this time.

ACTION: 6:35:51 p.m. No action was taken.

**8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

**(a) Commissioner Mobilian – LS-MPO**

Commissioner Mobilian announced that he will not be at the July 28, 2022 regular meeting as he will be out of town.

ACTION: 6:36:11 p.m. No action was taken.

**(b) Commissioner DeGrave**

Commissioner DeGrave stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

ACTION: 6:36:26 p.m. No action was taken.

**(c) Commissioner Bell – Infill Impact Fees**

Commissioner Bell thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and concerns regarding his recent hospitalization.

ACTION: 6:36:30 p.m. No action was taken; however, the city commission wished him well.

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

Vice Mayor Gunter stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

ACTION: 6:36:59 p.m. No action was taken.

**10. MAYOR'S COMENTS**

**Dates to Remember**

Mayor Cheshire referred to the following events:

- July 15, 2022, Comedy Night, 205 W Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 8:00 p.m.;
- July 16, 2022, Wal-Mart Grand Reopening, 2501 Citrus Boulevard, Leesburg, Florida 34748 at 8:00 a.m.;
- Zumbathon for Bless FP Elementary 205 W Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 9:00 a.m.;
- July 23, 2022, *Mommy and Daughter Tea Party*, 205 W Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 11:00 a.m.;
- July 28, 2022 regular city commission meeting;
- July 29, 2022 *Back to School Bash*, Library, 604 W Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 10:00 a.m.;

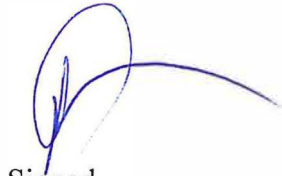
- August 4, 2022, *AARP Smart Driver One-Day Course*, Library, 604 W Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 9:00 a.m.;
- August 8, 2022, Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board, Office of Parks and Trails Conference Room, 2401 Woodlea Road, Tavares Florida 32778 at 3:30 p.m.;
- August 8 and 9, 2022, workshops (FY 2022-23 proposed budget);
- August 11 to 13, 2022, Florida League of Cities' Annual Conference (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) at The Diplomat Beach Resort, 3555 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida, 33019 at 7:00 a.m.;
- August 11, 2022 regular city commission meeting, Cancelled,
- August 19, 2022 *Lake County School District Update*, Lake County League of Cities, Mount Dora Golf Course, 1100 South Highland Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 noon, and
- August 25, 2022 regular city commission meeting

ACTION 6:37:02 p.m. No action was taken.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the July 28, 2022 regular meeting.



Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk, MMC



Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Cheshire, Mayor

