

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioners Christopher Bell, and Rick Ranize.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Ray Lewis

**Also Present:** City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer; Jeannine Racine-Michaud; Police Chief Michael Fewless; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; Community Development Director Charlie Rector, 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**

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Overseer Jerry Kingery, Heritage Community Church, gave the invocation; Police Chief Fewless led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and

**2. ROLL CALL**

At Mayor Cheshire's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Upon Mayor Cheshire's announcement and **by unanimous consent, the city commission approved the excused absence of Commissioner Lewis from this evening's meeting.**

**3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION –**

**(a) 2017 Fruitland Park 5k Love Run – Beyond the Walls Food Bank**

At Mayor Cheshire's request, and on behalf of the City of Fruitland Park, Ms. Yoder presented a check in the amount of \$1,433.55 Beyond the Walls Ministry Food Pantry, Heritage Community Church, as a result of the proceeds that were divided from the February 14, 2017 Fruitland Park 5k Love Run.

Ms. Hannah Rogers McClain, Beyond the Walls Ministry Food Pantry accepted the check with much appreciation.

**(b) NATIONAL LIBRARY DAY, LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION - April 2017**

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Cheshire read into the record a proclamation recognizing the week of April 9 to 15, 2017 as *National Library Week* and encouraged residents to visit the library to explore what's new; to help their school celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in

transforming learning to its students, and engage with the librarians by thanking them for making free information accessible to all.

Ms. Glendinning, Fruitland Park Elementary School Principal Tammy Langley and Mrs. Jane James, School Media Center Specialist, accepted the proclamation with gratitude.

**(c) WATER CONSERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION – April 2017**

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Cheshire read into the record a proclamation recognizing April 2017 as *Water Conservation Month* and called upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to save water.

Ms. Susan Davis, St Johns Water Management District, Governmental Affairs Program Intergovernmental Coordinator, thanked the city commission for the proclamation

**4. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting at 6:11 p.m. to convene to the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened at 6:17 p.m.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

The city commission considered its action to approve the following consent agenda items.

**(a)** Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2017

**(b)** Resolution 2017-011 – LSMPO - FY 2017-18 TMS - ILA

At Commissioner Ranize' request and by unanimous consent, the city commission withdrew from consideration the adoption of Resolution 2017-011, the substance of which is as follows.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE-SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), LAKE COUNTY, SUMTER COUNTY AND OTHER NAMED MUNICIPALITIES FOR FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND FOR CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A FUND FOR NON-GRANT-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed its action on the previously cited resolution to the April 13, 2017 regular meeting and approved the March 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes as submitted.**

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

(a) **Surplus – Service Patrol Vehicles Sale**

The city commission considered its action to approve the 2000 Ford F150, 1986 Chevy Army Surplus flatbed, and the 2000 Ford F150 trucks.

Chief Fewless recalled the city commission's approval at its September 22, 2016 meeting of the sale of its vehicles and addressed his plan, based on the city commission's approval, to proceed with the online auction service utilized by Lake County Sheriff's Office for the subject vehicles.

Following further discussion and **on motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the sale of three vehicles, no longer used, as surplus items to be available for public sale/auction.**

(b) **Resolution 2017-013 – Fruitland Park Public Library - State of Florida Department of State, DLIS – Construction Grant Agreement (17-PLC-3)**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2017-013, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FOR AN ON BEHALF OF FRUITLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Mr. La Venia addressed the procedures involved, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2071-013 as previously cited.

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

(c) **Resolution 2017-014 – Uniform Collection Agreement – Lake County Tax Collector**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2017-014, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE UNIFORM COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE LAKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA FOR COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2017-014 as previously cited.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

(d) **Resolution 2017-015 – Fruitland Park Library - Construction Contracts Competitive Award**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2017-015, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK WILL COMPETITIVELY AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND WILL COMPLY WITH FLORIDA LAW AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission adopt Resolution 2017-015 as previously cited.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

8. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

(a) **City Manager**

Mr. La Venia had no reports to submit at this time.

(b) **City Attorney  
Litigation Updates  
George Fernandez v. City of Fruitland Park Closed Session – Thursday,  
April 13, 2017.**

Ms. Geraci-Carver anticipated holding an attorney-client meeting this day; however, she noted that Ms. Stephanie McCulloch, Special Counsel at McLin Burnsed, would not be available.

Ms. Geraci-Carver announced that an attorney-client meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017 with the city commission, Mr. La Venia, herself Mses. McCulloch, and Certified Court Reporter Evelyn Andrews, Jasko Court Reporting Services Inc., concerning the case of George Fernandez versus the City of Fruitland Park, case number: 5-16CV3260C34PRC at the city hall commission chambers for the purpose of giving litigation direction and counsel concerning a settlement agreement.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments to submit at this time.

10. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

(a) **Commissioner Ranize**

Commissioner Ranize had no comments to submit at this time.

(b) **Commissioner Lewis**

Commissioner Lewis was absent from this evening's meeting.

(c) **Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell had no comments to submit at this time.

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

Vice Mayor Gunter had no comments to submit at this time.

11. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Cheshire recognized the following dates:

- March 24, 2017 – Movie on the Lawn *Mana*, City Hall at 8:00 p.m.
- April 1, 2017 – *Fruitland Park Day*, City Hall at 10:00 a.m.
- April 13, 2017 – Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- April 14, 2017 - LCLC *New Vision for Independence, Inc.* Meeting, Lake Receptions 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, FL 32757 at 12:00 noon
- April 22, 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, 11 TBA
- April 26, 2017 – Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board, 1616 S 14 Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 at 2:00 p.m.

- April 27, 2017 – Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May, 6, 2017 – Employee Picnic, Veterans Park at 11:00 p.m.
- May 10, 2017 - Lake County Community Service Awards, Lake Receptions, 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, FL 32757 at TBA
- May 11, 2017 - Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May 24, 2017 – Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board, 1616 S 14 Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 at 2:00 p.m., and
- May 25, 2017 - Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Cancellation

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the city commission at this time, on motion made, second and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.**

The minutes were approved at the April 13, 2017 regular meeting.

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

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