

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Mayor Christopher Bell and Commissioner Ray Lewis

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, Assistant City Treasurer Susan Parker; Lieutenant Erik D. Luce Police Department, Assistant Fire Chief Don Gilpin; Deputy Fire Chief Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Public Works Director Dale Bogle; and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Reverend Aaron Hornsby, Eagle's Nest Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lieutenant Luce led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Excused Absences

By unanimous consent, the city commission excused the absences of Mayor Chris Bell and Commissioner Ray Lewis. from this evening's meeting

3. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. to the Local Planning Agency and reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

At the city manager's request and by unanimous consent, the city commission took the following items out of order on this day's agenda.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

6. (i) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2016-023 Comprehensive Plan SSCPA - CR 466A-West Timbertop Lane - Applicant: James Phillips

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Ordinance 2016-023, the substance of which is as follows, Vice Mayor Gunter called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY URBAN LOW TO CITY COMMERCIAL ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.0± ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF CR 466A AND WEST OF TIMBERTOP LANE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

Mr. Rector noted the subject property and indicated that Mr. Chuck Johnson, who is representing Mr. Phillips, is present to answer any questions.

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, the public hearing was closed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission approve the Local Planning Agency's recommendation of approval on proposed Ordinance 2016-023 as previously cited.

Vice Mayor Gunter requested a roll call vote and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

- (j) **First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2016-025 Rezoning AG-C2 - CR 466A-West Timbertop Lane - Applicant: James Phillips**
Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution Ordinance 2016-025, the substance of which is as follows, Vice Mayor Gunter called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING 1.0 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE (AG) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, the public hearing was closed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission approve proposed Ordinance 2016-025 as previously cited.

Vice Mayor Gunter called for a roll call on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

(k) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2016-024 Annexation - CR 466A-West Timbertop Lane – Applicant James Phillips

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2016-024, the substance of which is as follows, Vice Mayor Gunter called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS APPROXIMATELY 1.0 ± ACRE OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF CR 466A AND WEST OF TIMBERTOP LANE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE AFTER APPROVAL TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE LAKE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, the public hearing was closed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission approve proposed Ordinance 2016-024 as previously cited.

Vice Mayor Gunter called for a roll call on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

(l) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing Ordinance 2016-027 Comprehensive Plan Amendment SSCPA CR 466A West Timmbertop Lane - Applicant: Charles Johnson and Owners: Kurt and Suzanne Damron

At Vice Mayor Gunter's request, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2016-027, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY URBAN LOW TO CITY COMMERCIAL ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 6.0± ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF CR 466A AND WEST OF TIMBERTOP LANE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, the public hearing was closed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission approve proposed Ordinance 2016-027 as previously cited.

Vice Mayor Gunter called for a roll call on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

(m) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing Ordinance 2016-028 Rezoning - AG-C2 – Applicant: Charles Johnson and Owners: Kurt and Suzanne Damron

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution Ordinance 2016-028, the substance of which is as follows, Vice Mayor Gunter called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING 6.0 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE (AG) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, the public hearing was closed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission approve proposed Ordinance 2016-028 as previously cited.

Vice Mayor Gunter called for a roll call on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

(n) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing Ordinance 2016-026 Annexation - CR 466A-West Timbertop Lane Applicant: Charles Johnson and Owners: Kurt and Suzanne Damron

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution Ordinance 2016-026, the substance of which is as follows, Vice Mayor Gunter called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS APPROXIMATELY 6.0 ± ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF CR 466A AND WEST OF TIMBERTOP LANE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE AFTER APPROVAL TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE LAKE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, the public hearing was closed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission approve proposed Ordinance 2016-026 as previously cited.

Vice Mayor Gunter called for a roll call on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Rita Ranize, City of Fruitland Park resident, questioned the position to be undertaken by the city commission and Mr. La Venia regarding the constant harassing and threatening behavior towards the city department's volunteer fire fighter staff.

In response, Commissioner Cheshire mentioned his intent to address the matter later under his comments on this evening's agenda and suggested writing a letter to Sumter and Lake Counties, if the city commission is in agreement with Ms. Ranize's comments.

Commissioner Ranize recommended asking the county managers to conduct internal investigations with their departments to prove whether the rumors relating to the fire department exist. He referred to Fire Chief Michael Laming's six years of devoted service as full time Lieutenant with Sumter County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department noting its refusal this year to approve permitting his part time outside employment (his continued role as a volunteer firefighter over the years) and mentioned the requirement for him to resign from the city. Commissioner Ranize recognized the low morale of the fire department; noted that Mr. La Venia previously held discussions with the Lake County fire chiefs and lieutenants resulting in unfavorable communications, and pointed out Mr. La Venia's subsequent meeting with the fire department to cease contacts in that regard.

In disagreement with Commissioner Cheshire's suggestion, Ms. Ranize suggested taking up the matter with the state and stressed the need to resolve the issue.

Responding to an inquiry posed by Mr. Peter Hurtt, City of Fruitland Park resident, Mr. La Venia described the series of events that led up to the subject problem with the counties and believed that there is a degree of harassment which is being addressed with the Lake County Attorney's Office.

After extensive discussions, **by unanimous consent, the city commission directed the city manager to write a letter to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners with a copy to the county manager requesting that internal investigations be conducted with their departments regarding the problems experienced by the City of Fruitland Park's Fire Department and if unsuccessful authorize the city attorney to pursue the issue at a higher level.**

Commissioner Ranize described how the citizens are protected and noted, later in this evening's meeting, discussions to be held on retaining a fire chief; thus, Mr. La Venia's intent to address same with Assistant Fire Chief Gilpin and Lieutenant Tim Yoder, Fire Department.

Ms. Sherrie Connell, City of Fruitland Park resident, extended praise and her appreciation to Deputy Chief Dennis Cutter, Police Department, where the lawn on a vacant property was cleaned up.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes

The October 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes were not available and will be postponed to the next meeting.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) Resolution 2016-046 – Services Advisory Committee Appointments

At Vice Mayor Gunter’s request, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2016-046, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SEVEN MEMBER FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE FIRST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Mr. La Venia gave a background on the subject proposed resolution, Vice Mayor Gunter announced the following appointments:

Group 1 – Commissioner Lewis:	Gary Towne
Group 2 – Commissioner Cheshire:	Edward E. Cihoski
Group 3 – Vice-Mayor Gunter:	Sydney “Dale” Arrowsmith
Group 4 – Commissioner Ranize:	Edgar J. “Jerry” Elton
Mayor Bell:	James Logan
Fire Chief representative:	Steve Whitaker
Business Owner representative:	William “Bill” Galbreath

Mr. La Venia noted that other alternates that wish to serve would be called upon by the city commission.

On motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2016-046 as previously cited.

In response to Commissioner Ranize’ inquiry on Ms. Coulson noticing the first meeting (scheduled for November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.), Mr. La Venia confirmed in the affirmative to her request to be provided with the members’ completed board/committee applications with their contact information in order that they be notified of same.

In answering Vice Mayor Gunter’s inquiry, Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that the committee will be establishing its own meeting schedules.

Upon Vice Mayor Gunter's suggestion and **by unanimous consent, the city commission suggested that meetings take place within the next two months and three or four more during the first few weeks in January 2017.**

After Commissioner Ranize posed a question, Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that the committee members will initially be made aware of the Florida-Government in-the-Sunshine and Public Records Laws; will be selecting its chair and vice chair at its organizational meeting, and will be establish its meeting schedules and its intentions.

Ms. Geraci-Carver stated that contact was made with Ms. Sandi Walker, Government Services Group Inc. (GSG) and indicated that a proposal for the Fire Services Advisory Board Support with GSG will be considered at the next meeting to which Mr. La Venia mentioned has since been provided to the city commission whereby the committee will decide on how it wishes to operate. (A copy of the proposal is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

Ms. Coulson concurred with Commissioner Ranize' request to ensure that the city commission members are not in violation of the public meetings law and that notice will be posted indicating that two more elected officials would most likely be present at the respective committee meetings.

- (b) **Resolution 2016-048 - Casino Community Center - Demolition and Mitigation**
At Vice Mayor Gunter's request, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2016-048, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, FINDING THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIBRARY AND STATING ITS INTENT TO PROCEED WITH DEMOLITION OF THE CASINO BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Mr. La Venia described the procedures involved with the demolition of the casino building, he confirmed in response to Mr. Hurtt's inquiries that the public library construction grant will not be delayed to which Vice Mayor Gunter noted the State of Florida Division of Library and Information Services' requirements for the city to undertake to receive the grant.

In response to Vice Mayor Gunter's inquiry, Mr. Rector outlined the plans in relocating the 114-year-old over 40-foot windmill from Oxford back to its original location, the proposed new library site.

On motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2016-048 as previously cited.

(c) **Resolution 2016-051 2017-18 FDRAP Grants – Gardenia Park – Phase III**

At Vice Mayor Gunter’s request, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2016-051, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

On motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2016-051 as previously cited.

(d) **Resolution 2016-052 – First Amendment to Agreement – Water Plant Improvements and Extension of Water and Wastewater Lines – The Villages of Lake Sumter Inc.**

At Vice Mayor Gunter’s request, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2016-052, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AND THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER LINES BETWEEN THE VILLAGES OF LAKE-SUMTER, INC. FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. La Venia explained that the subject agreement incorporates the quotation from Rainey Construction Company Inc.; conveyed its desire, where they have no issues to commence work on the capital lift station and force main (wastewater treatment plant connection line to the Town of Lady Lake) to be paid for by The Villages and noted the \$636,000 still owed to the city.

After discussion and in response to Vice Mayor Gunter’s inquiry, Mr. Rector referred to the pre-construction meeting that was held on October 22, 2016 amongst The Villages, Rainey Construction, Mr. Bogle and himself and conveyed the willingness to commence construction.

On motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2016-052 as previously cited.

Mr. La Venia recalled the issue of the CSX ROW that was addressed at the September 22, 2016 regular meeting; referred to a letter he sent recently to CSX Real Property Inc. regarding the purchase of its right-of-way easement on the tracks in the subject area, and relayed the offer of \$3,000. After he pointed out the response dated October 18, 2016 from Damien D'Anna, CSX, on its consideration of same and explained the valuation process to be conducted taking approximately six weeks, Mr. Rector identified the total footage and described the location. (A copy of the subject email is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

(e) **Two New Ford F-150 Pickup - Ford Bartow Quotation**

After Mr. La Venia indicated that the cost of the Ford F-150 pickup truck, already budgeted for the FY 2016-17, is lower than what was anticipated, Mr. Bogle described the vehicle's features and referred to the quotation from Ford Bartow Ford for the discounted price of \$23,335.63.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the quotation from Ford Bartow as previously cited.**

(f) **Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Ten-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Discussion**

Upon the request of Mr. La Venia and Ms. Gearci-Carver, and **on motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed its action on the comprehensive plan amendment, ten-year water supply facilities work plan.**

(g) **First Reading - EAR Transmittal – EAR Adoption Proposed Ordinance 2016-021**

Upon the request of Mr. La Venia and Ms. Gearci-Carver, and **on motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed its action on proposed Ordinance 2016-021, EAR Transmittal.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTE 163.3184; AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A); ADDING OR ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE FUTURE LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, PUBLIC FACILITIES, CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT, ELEMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ARISING FROM CHANGES FROM

THE 2010 CENSUS; ELIMINATING RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE LEVEL OF SERVICE; ELIMINATING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE FORMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE AFTER APPROVAL TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE LAKE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

(h) First Reading - Ordinance 2016-022 Nonresidential Design Standards LDR Amendment

At Vice Mayor Gunter's request, Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2016-022, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS RELATING TO NONRESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on November 10, 2016.)

Upon the consensus of the Local Planning Agency, the testimony given by Mr. Greg Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., at the LPA meeting earlier this evening was accepted for inclusion in this evening's proceedings.

Mr. Rector outlined at length the proposed requirements and procedures involved which was also addressed that the October 20, 2016 Planning and Zoning Board meeting and recognized the appeal process to which Mr. Beliveau concurred by citing examples of other municipal agencies.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 referred to Chief Laming's letter of resignation dated October 24, 2016 and indicated that he will be communicating with Deputy Chief Laming and Lieutenant Tim Yoder, Fire Department. (A copy of the letter is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

i. Public Works Department Director

Mr. Bogle reviewed his monthly summary report for October 2016; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

ii. Parks and Recreation Department Director

Ms. Yoder gave a report on the following:

- **Swimming Instructors**

the recent meeting she attended regarding the need, according to Florida Statutes, for swimming instructors or lifeguards to be certified by a nationally recognized aquatic training program and the intent to propose including the cost of \$400 for classes during the mid-year FY 2016-17 budget;

- **City Park Renovations**

the renovations to Cales Park and improvements to Gardenia Park from the recent grants received;

- **Movies on the Lawn**

- o October 21, 2016 *Monster House*;
- o November 10, 2016 *Pan* sponsored by the Law firm of Anita Geraci-Carver (to which she extended gratitude) and in partnership with the Fruitland Park Elementary School, and
- o December 8, 2016 *Polar Express*;

- **Hometown Christmas**

December 9, 2016 where the *Holiday Lighting Contest* registration commences November 1 to 28, 2016 with the entry form featuring first, second, and third places announced at Hometown Christmas -- said forms and maps are available at city hall or on the city's website:

<http://www.fruitlandpark.org/Word%20Doc/Light%20up.pdf>; voting will be conducted by the residents – and *Ugly Sweater Contest* involving five city elected officials to be judged by city residents, and vendors have already signed up to be at the event;

- **Second Annual Trick-or-Trot Costume 5k**

October 29, 2016 starting at 8:00 a.m. where medals will be awarded to participants who complete the run;

- **Employee Christmas**

the need to receive responses by email;

- **Fruitland Park Day**

April 17, 2017 with information already available on the website: <http://www.fruitlandpark.org/Word%20Doc/Parade%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

- **Soccer League**

after discussion and response to Commissioner Cheshire's inquiry, the joint development of a soccer field at Northwest Lake Community Park with the county will be on considered at the November 10, 2016 regular meeting;

- **Announcements**

in answering Mr. Hurtt's question, announcements of the city-related events and will be made on the city's website, outdoor signs as well as at city hall, water bills, social media platforms such as the Facebook platforms; namely, the city, Leesburg Word-of-Mouth, and What's Happening Now instead of advertising in the newspaper as they are too costly, and

- **Newsletters**

the plan to reinstate the city's newsletters quarterly instead of bi-annually.

iii. **Residential Contract – A Gamble**

At Mr. La Venia's recommendation and by **unanimous consent, the city commission postponed its action to approve a contract between Adam Gamble, property owner, and the City of Fruitland Park, on the purchase of a portion of property located on the northwest corner of 1629 Miller Boulevard.in the amount of \$15,000.00 and authorize the mayor to execute same to the next meeting for more information.**

(b) **City Attorney**

i. **Line of Credit**

Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to the inquiry made at the October 13, 2016 regular meeting. She explained how the city would have the authority to establish and annually secure a new line of credit in cases of an emergency which is limited for that year and if required, the need to show the financial institution the city's source of funds by pledging ad valorem taxes (which would require voter approval beforehand) as a repayment over a 12-month period. She questioned whether it would be worthwhile due to the difficulty for the bank to make it feasible.

ii. **Angelica Dobruck vs. City of Fruitland Park et.al.**

iii. **George Fernandez vs. City of Fruitland Park**

Ms. Geraci-Carver reported that she is still waiting for the judges' ruling on the litigation matters on the city's motions to dismiss.

9 COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Ranize

i. City Roads and Streets

Commissioner Ranize referred to his discussions earlier this week with Mr. La Venia regarding the county's position on not taking action as it relates to the city's roadways. He expressed concerns on the current deteriorating and dangerous conditions of the city's roads and noted that Cut-Off Road needs attention.

Commissioner Ranize pointed out a recent telephone call he received from a resident who resides on Pine Ridge Dairy Road citing reasons why asphalt is needed on Rooks Street, to which Commissioner Cheshire concurred to which Mr. Bogle, in response, indicated that he will deal with same.

ii. CR 466A Roadway Improvement Project

Commissioner Ranize referred to a recent returned call to his made by Lake County Chairperson District 2 Commissioner Sean Parks regarding the CR 466A Roadway Improvement Project presentation by Mr. Jim Stivender, Public Works Department Director at the October 13, 2016 regular meeting.

Commissioner Ranize indicated that Mr. La Venia and himself were informed by School Board Chairperson District 1 Bill Mathis, who gave a presentation at said meeting, of a different message relayed by Mr. Stivender from what was addressed. Commissioner Ranize relayed Commissioner Parks' dissatisfaction that he would continue to find out why the interpretations made on the CR 466A Roadway Improvement project was different from what he was informed by Mr. David Heath, Lake County Manager, Messrs. Stivender and Fred Schneider, Public Works Department County Engineer.

iii. Fire Department

Commissioner Ranize reiterated his disappointment with the county's unwillingness to work with the city and anticipated that the Fire Services Advisory Committee would steer the city in the right direction. He expressed preference to appoint staff in-house; if the criteria is met; otherwise, locate a retired firefighter.

(b) Commissioner Cheshire

i. Fire Department

In concurring with Commissioner Ranize' statements, Commissioner Cheshire with reference to Chief Laming's resignation, anticipated that after the general election, the city would not be alone.

ii. **CR 466A Roadway Improvement Project**

Commissioner Cheshire suggested that the city initiate and diligently seek funding including grants to complete the CR 466A Roadway Improvement Project from the state or federal government.

In concurring with the poor condition of Cut-Off Road, Commissioner Cheshire stated that he utilizes the roadway daily and predicted that it will worsen when CR 466A roadway project is complete.

(c) **Commissioner Lewis**

No report was available as Commissioner Lewis was absent from this evening's meeting.

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

i. **CR 466A Roadway Improvement Project**

Vice Mayor Gunter encouraged the city commission members to attend Lake County Days on February 15 and 16, 2017 to advocate CR 466A Roadway Improvement Project before the legislators.

ii. **Second Annual Trick-or-Trot Costume Sk**

Vice Mayor Gunter requested the involvement of the police and fire departments road closures due to the the Trick-or-Trot event.

10. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

No report was available as Mayor Bell was absent from this evening's meeting.

11. **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 8:55 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the November 10, 2016 regular meeting.

Signed 
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 
Chris Cheshire, Mayor