

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 28, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer Jeannine Michaud-Racine; Deputy Police Chief Dennis Cutter; Fire Chief Michael Lamming; Fire Department Lieutenant Tim Yoder, Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Public Works Director Dale Bogle; Mr. Terry Ribble, Public Works Department; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

After Pastor Jim Keegan, New Life Presbyterian Church recognized the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz and the 30 Years after the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, he gave the invocation.

Deputy Police Chief Cutter led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Bell requested that Ms. Coulson call the roll and a quorum was declared present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one came before the city commission at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

By unanimous consent the city commission, upon Mayor Bell's recommendation, took the following items out of order on this evening's agenda.

- (b) **Uniform Collection Agreement – Fire Services – Lake County Tax Collector**
By unanimous consent, the city commission withdrew from this evening's meeting, its approval of uniform collection agreement between the City of Fruitland Park and the Office of the Lake County Tax Collector for the provision of fire services (to determine, impose and levy the collection of certain non-ad-valorem special assessment) to become effective for the 2016 tax notice and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same and placed the item under Regular Agenda Item 7.(a).
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(a) Approval of Minutes

After discussion and on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the December 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

By unanimous consent and upon Mayor Bell's suggestion, the city commission took the following items out of order on this evening's agenda and opened the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(g) Second Reading and Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-001 Capital Improvement Revenue Wastewater System

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing, and after Mayor Bell requested that Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title of proposed Ordinance 2016-021, the public was called to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTED IN FURTHERANCE OF THE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTION 3.12(5), OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2016, OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE CITY'S COST OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS THERETO; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE NOTE FROM AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE LEVY BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA OF A ONE CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 212.055(2), FLORIDA STATUTES AND UNTIL EXPENDED PROCEEDS OF THE NOTE PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on January 14, 2016.)

With reference to the inquiries made at January 14, 2016 regular meeting requesting changes to utilize other funds, Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that the city is not pledging to change permitting such use to repay the loan, although it is allowed.

Mr. Michael D. Williams, bond counsel at Akerman LLP, described the proposal from Branch Banking and Trust Company (BBT); outlined the interest rate and repayment terms on the infrastructure sales surtax, and addressed the requirement to enact the proposed ordinance by charter, as previously cited, noting that the loan agreement (to be approved under Regular Agenda Item 5.(i)), was executed by the mayor and city clerk.

After discussion, and by **unanimous consent, the city commission closed the public hearing.**

Following further discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission enact proposed Ordinance 2016-001 as previously cited to be enacted immediately as provided by law.**

Mayor Bell requested that the city clerk call the roll and the vote was declared carried unanimously.

(h) Resolution 2016-001 Sewer System Acquisition and Construction Improvements - Capital Improvement Revenue Note - BBT Proposal

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing, and after Mayor Bell requested that Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title of proposed Resolution 2016-021, the public was called to be heard:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY TO PURCHASE THE CITY'S NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2016, WHICH NOTE IS BEING ISSUED TO FINANCE THE CITY'S COST OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH SAID BANK TO SECURE THE REPAYMENT OF SAID LOAN; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE FROM AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE LEVY BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA OF A ONE CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES SURTAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 212.055(2), FLORIDA STATUTES ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE LOAN AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO DO ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, THE NOTE, AND THE SECURITY

THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SAID LOAN; DESIGNATING THE NOTE AS "BANK QUALIFIED"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, and by **unanimous consent, the city commission closed the public hearing.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Lewis Gunter that the city commission adopt proposed Resolution 2016-001 as previously cited

Mayor Bell requested that the city clerk call the roll and the vote was declared carried unanimously.

- (i) **Loan Agreement – BBT - Capital Improvement Revenue Note, Series 2016**
The city commission considered its action to approve a loan agreement between the City of Fruitland Park and Branch Banking Trust Company to purchase a Capital Improvement Revenue Note, Series 2016 not to exceed \$2,500,000 and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same.

Mayor Bell called for interested parties to be heard.

There being no comments from the public and **after unanimous consent, the city commission closed the public hearing.**

After Mr. Williams described the loan agreement and **on motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the loan agreement as previously cited.**

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) **Waste Management Inc. – Contract Discussion**

Mr. Doug McCoy, Universal Waste Management Inc., expressed his apologies on the method in which the presentation was made at December 10, 2015 regular meeting. He gave a recap of the slide presentation on Waste Management's Renewal Proposal to extend the solid waste collection franchise contract for five years to include the following terms; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting:

- New 35 or 64-gallon cart collection for residents for recycling,
 - Refurbished or new 96-gallon carts for residents for garbage,
 - New compressed natural gas-fueled collection vehicles for recycling services,
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- Service promotional packages for residents;
- Rolling back the rate to \$14.61 per home per month retroactive October 1, 2015 with rate adjustment to be January 2017, and
- “No charge” portable sanitation services and sponsorship of city’s clean-up events.

After much discussion, a motion was made Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission approve Universal Waste Management Inc.’s proposal to renew the solid waste collection franchise contract for five years with the following terms:

- providing new 35 or 64-gallon cart collection for residents for recycling, refurbished or new 96-gallon carts for residents for garbage, and new compressed natural gas-fueled collection vehicles for recycling services;
- supplying service promotional packages for residents;
- rolling back the rate to \$13.61 per home per month retroactive October 1, 2015 at a guaranteed two (2%) increase with no additional adjustments;
- performing “no charge” portable sanitation services and sponsorship of the City of Fruitland Park’s clean-up events, and
- donating \$10,000 towards new equipment for the proposed parks and recreation community center (currently the Fruitland Park Library property).

Contingent upon Waste Management’s confirmation that the rates and terms are acceptable.

Mr. Rick Chancey, Waste Pro, described the services provided for similar local governments and encouraged the city commission to procure the services recognizing that the subject contract will expire in September 2016.

Mr. Skip McCall, WCA of Florida LLC, requested that the city consider soliciting a proposal for the subject services; referred to his letter dated January 4, 2016 regarding the Solid Waste Contract guaranteeing savings to tax payers, and requested that the contract not be renewed. (A copy of the letter is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After Mr. Peter J. Hurtt, City of Fruitland Park resident, expressed his satisfaction with Waste Management employees and the services provided, Mr. McCoy in response to his request, described how refuse is disposed and addressed his plan to share Mr. Hurtt’s compliments to the crew.

Mr. James Ward, Lake County resident, expressed satisfaction with Waste Management’s performance and questioned the separate collection of tires, to which Mr. McCoy addressed the intent to include recycling of same in the contract.

After further discussion, **Mayor Bell requested that the city clerk call the roll on the motion on the floor and it was declared unanimously carried.**

(b) Resolution 2016-003 Police Donations Fund

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2016-003, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMMITTED FUND FOR POLICE DONATIONS, CREATING POLICE DONATION REVENUE AND POLICE DONATION EXPENSE, THE BALANCE OF WHICH WILL CARRY OVER TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After further discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission adopt Resolution 2016-003 as previously cited.**

Mayor Bell requested that the city clerk call the roll and the motion was declared unanimously carried.

(c) Resolution 2016-002 - Fruitland Park Library Construction Grant – Revising Resolution 2015-011

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2016-002, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-011 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TOWARDS THE FRUITLAND PARK LIBRARY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission adopt Resolution 2016-002 as previously cited.**

Mayor Bell requested that the city clerk call the roll and the motion was declared unanimously carried.

(d) Resolution 2016-004 – Library Construction Budget Amendment BT 16-06

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2016-004, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET TO TRANSFER THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (SALES SURTAX) TO THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

At Ms. Geraci-Carver's request, Mayor Bell called for the public to be heard.

There being no one from the public and **by unanimous consent, Mayor Bell closed the public comments.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission adopt Resolution 2016-004 as previously cited.

Mayor Bell requested that the city clerk call the roll and the motion was declared unanimously carried.

(e) Resolution 2016-005 – Security Cameras and Recording System Budget Amendment BT16-07

After Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2016-005, the substance of which is as follows, Mayor Bell called for the public to be heard:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET TO PURCHASE SECURITY CAMERAS AND RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN HALL FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) CONTINGENCY TO CIP EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In response to inquiries from Mr. Hurtt and Ms. Rita Ranize, City of Fruitland Park residents, Ms. Michaud-Racine identified the costs of \$3,000 for the security cameras and recording system where a portion is coming from the infrastructure sales tax.

By unanimous consent, Mayor Bell closed the public comments.

After extensive discussion, Commissioner Ranize explained that after speaking with Ms. Racine-Michaud earlier this day and previously with Mr. La Venia and following Deputy Chief Cutter's response to his question, he gave reasons why he

believes the installation of the type of security cameras will not adequately meet the city's goals.

Following Mr. Bogle's explanation on his selection of the subject system and the company that was previously used for the Fruitland Park Library and the public works department, Commissioner Ranize recognized and questioned the reason for not utilizing two local businesses that the city currently contracts with.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission postpone the adoption of proposed Resolution 2016-005, as previously cited, for the public works director to provide more information.

Commissioner Cheshire concurred with Mayor Bell's earlier suggestion for staff to meet with the police department.

After discussion, **the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis.**

Mayor Bell restated the motion **that the city commission postpone the adoption of proposed Resolution 2016-005, as previously cited, for the public works director to meet with the police chief and the city manager and provide more information.**

Following further discussion, **Mayor Bell called the motion on the floor.**

Mayor Bell called for a vote on the motion declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bell suggested that staff report back on the issue at a future meeting.

(f) Online Utility Payment System – Tyler Technologies

The city commission considered its action to approve the purchase of a Citizen Self-Service system at a total cost of \$5,125, with an annual recurring hosting fee of \$1,925, from Tyler Technologies and allowing for the implementation of Munis® Citizen Self Service module. (A software and online payment system to allow customers to view and make utility payments and business licenses online by credit card or a bank account.)

Ms. Michaud-Racine referred to the email she sent earlier this day regarding Tyler Technologies' "MUNIS solutions provided for *Citizen Self Service* an online solutions showing local governments' responses to citizens demanding greater access to business and services anytime and anywhere" and addressed the ability for the system to perform various city-related services generated in the Munis system; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

After Mayor Bell questioned the capability to assist the parks and recreation department with individual programs, Ms. Yoder mentioned her previous discussion with Mr. La Venia on RecPro™ – a recreation software program utilized by local governments around the country -- which allows registration, scheduling, social media sharing, payment processing and more. She agreed to meet with Ms. Michaud in this regard.

After Vice Mayor Gunter voiced its agreement with staff's proposal; Mayor Bell requested more information, and Commissioner Ranize suggested identifying the allocation of funds if it is already in the operating budget; otherwise, he requested that the item be postponed to the 2016 budget workshop.

Ms. Geraci-Carver concurred with Commissioner Cheshire's request to review whether funding could be utilized from water impact fees which would resolve the problems faced by the public works department to which Ms. Michaud-Racine indicated would result in cost savings and staff productivity.

On motion Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter of the city commission postponed its action to approve the purchase of a Citizen Self-Service system as previously cited for more information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

7. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

(i) Uniform Collection Agreement – Fire Services – Lake County Tax Collector (Withdrawn from Consent Agenda 4.(b))

The city commission considered its action to approve a uniform collection agreement between the City of Fruitland Park and the Office of the Lake County Tax Collector for the provision of fire services (to determine, impose and levy the collection of certain non-ad-valorem special assessment) to become effective for the 2016 tax notice and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same.

Mr. La Venia recalled the city commission's action adopting Resolution 2015-014 at its November 12, 2015 regular meeting to conduct the fire assessment study with the consideration of imposing non-ad valorem special assessments for the provision of fire services through the tax collectors office and described the purpose of the subject agreement.

Mr. La Venia pointed out the January 26, 2016 Fire Services Assessment Program Development Data Request Letter from Government Services Group Inc. (GSG) outlining the listed items to develop the special assessment program together with the proposal for \$12,500; recalled the presentation that was made before the city commission at its

March 14, 2015 regular meeting , and described the phases reflecting the tasks involved and the necessary steps to proceed. (Copies of the respective documents are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

Mr. La Venia addressed the plan for GSC to review, formulate and determine the percentage of fire related and emergency medical services provided by the city's volunteer fire department; referred to the agreement the city has with The Villages Community Development District, and conveyed the conversations he had with GSC on its review to create a divided study on a two-tiered structure for both entities in question.

If implemented, Ms. Geraci-Carver described the automatic rollover of the fire assessment collection study process, unless the city submits notification to discontinue; believed the fire department's basic life support a can be considered, and anticipated receiving a similar uniform collection agreement (as previously stipulated by Mr. La Venia) from the Lake County Property Appraiser's Office.

Following extensive discussions regarding the fire department's status, Commissioner Ranize referred to a recent call received from a City of Fruitland Park resident to Lake County Fire Rescue regarding an incident on South Road to North Road (County Road 468 South) and applauded the city's fire department -- who although was close to the area and was not called to respond to same -- for appearing on the scene. In acknowledging that the city does not have an agreement or is equipped with an automatic vehicle locator (AVL) which he previously addressed with Mr. La Venia, he conveyed his recent concerns with Police Chief Michael A. Fewless in this regard.

In order for the study to be accurately conducted, Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the importance in providing GSC guidance on the city's fire department plans.

Subsequent to further discussion, Commissioner Ranize proffered making a motion for the city commission to table the issue and address same at a future workshop.

After extensive discussions, a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission approve a uniform collection agreement between the City of Fruitland Park and the Office of the Lake County Tax Collector for the provision of fire services (to determine, impose and levy the collection of certain non-ad valorem special assessment) to become effective for the 2016 tax notice and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same.

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:

Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Commissioner Cheshire	Yes
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Commissioner Ranize	Yes
Mayor Bell	No

Mayor Bell declared the motion carried on four-to-one (4-1) vote.

Extensive deliberations continued and a motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the city commission approve the city manager's recommendation to accept Government Services Group Inc.'s Fire Services Assessment Program Development Proposal for \$12,500 and authorize execution of same. (The funds for the study was identified at the August 3, 2015 budget workshop meeting.)

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:

Commissioner Ranize	Yes
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Commissioner Cheshire	Yes
Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Mayor Bell	No

Mayor Bell declared the motion carried on four-to-one (4-1) vote.

ii. Shiloh Cemetery Dedication

Mr. La Venia requested the city commission's consideration for a the Shiloh Cemetery Dedication to take place on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., the same day as Fruitland Park Day. He conveyed recent conversations with 10th District Congressman Daniel "Dan" Webster that the donated flag, which would have been flown over The U.S. Capitol building and subsequently flown at the cemetery for dedication, would be taken down and placed as an authentic display with the inscription commemorating the occasion.

After discussion, the city commission agreed with Mr. La Venia's suggestion that a suitable date and time would be arranged to accommodate Congressman's Webster's schedule. Mr. La Venia addressed his intent to invite the City of Fruitland Park religious leaders including Reverend Dr. George A. Mulford, Grace Bible Baptist Church,

and The American Legion John Gella Memorial Post 219, and inform the city commission of the outcome.

iii. Public Works Department Status Update

Later in the meeting, Mr. Bogle reviewed his January 28, 2016 memorandum regarding the Public Works Department's monthly report for January 2016; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Bogle identified ongoing problems with the city's blue Ford Taurus vehicle and suggested the need to replace same for business use by city employees utilizing funds from the public works department's capital budget to which Mr. La Venia recommended addressing same at the March 29, 2016, workshop.

iv. Parks and Recreation

- Veterans Park

Ms. Yoder described Operation Bless Fruitland Park teams' plans, addressed at its meeting earlier this day, to provide assistance -- in addition to city staff's work -- with maintenance improvements at Cales Memorial Park, and identified the areas at Veterans Park that are in need of repairs. She indicated that the TBall program is scheduled to commence in March 2016 and gave a status update on the current condition of the facility.

Ms. Yoder reviewed the proposal for repairs at Veterans Park from Ro-Mac Lumber and Supply Inc. for \$3,500 and Pope's Precision Projects for \$1,000 respectively and indicated that funds are available in the budget to implement same. (Copies of the respective documents are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After further discussion and on **motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the parks and recreation director's recommendations on the proposals from Ro-Mac Lumber and Supply Inc. and Pope's Precision Projects as previously cited.**

- Annual Instructor Contract – Soccer

Ms. Yoder referred to the annual Instructor Contract with The Villages Soccer Club Inc. that is due for renewal; addressed willingness to work with them again, and indicated that the program is scheduled to commence in March 2016.

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the agreement, as previously cited, subject to the city attorney's review and approval, and authorized execution of same.**

- **Fruitland Park Events**

Ms. Yoder recommended having a beer garden for the city's festivals and events the Fruitland Park Day to be situated separate from the event without the city's involvement and managed the American Legion John Gella Memorial Post 219.

After much discussion and **a motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission approve not entering into any agreement with any individual or organization to serve alcohol at city-related events.**

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:

Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Commissioner Cheshire	No
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Commissioner Ranize	Yes
Mayor Bell	No

Mayor Bell declared the motion carried on three to two (3-2) vote.

After Commissioner Cheshire concurred with Commissioner Ranize' comments that he does not object to selling alcohol during the annual Hometown Christmas event and suggested that other events such as Blues Barbecue and Beer may be appropriate, Ms. Yoder addressed her intent to visit same at a future workshop.

Ms. Yoder outlined the following forthcoming events:

- * February 13, 2016 5k Love Run;
 - * TBall Registrations
 - * Fruitland Park Day, and
 - * Fruitland Park Cleanup Day
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- **Parks and Recreation Department Assistant**
Ms. Yoder indicated that she is currently conducting interviews for an assistant at the parks and recreation department and anticipate selecting an individual in one week.

(b) **City Attorney**

i. **Public Comments**

Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to Public Participation Policy Resolution 2013-023 and requested direction -- with the exception of approval of minutes as a ministerial item and public hearing action items -- on whether a change is required to permit individuals desiring to speak to submit speakers' forms prior to the city commission decision-making or actions.

After lengthy discussions, the city commission took no action.

ii. **Municode - Legal Review**

Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to an email received this day from Ms. Julie Lovelace, Municode, regarding its completion of the legal review of the city's code of ordinances and the plan to meet during the month of February 2016 on same. (A copy of the email is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

8. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

(a) **Commissioner Ranize**

i. **Pathogen Policy**

Commissioner Ranize relayed his request to Mr. La Venia for staff to review the city's blood-borne pathogen policy. He pointed out the notification to former Fire Chief George Fernandez regarding an individual was stuck with a dirty needle and relayed the lapse in time before Lieutenant Donald Gilpin was informed who sought immediate medical attention.

After Commissioner Ranize addressed the need to review the policy in order for employees to be informed, Chief Laming stated that he will look into the issue.

ii. **Employee Safety Awards**

Commissioner Ranize conveyed concerns that the fire department is not involved with or being recognized for Employee Safety Awards to which Mr. La Venia agreed to look into the matter.

iii. **ISBA**

Commissioner Ranize indicated that he is not in support of the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement and voiced concerns, since speaking with staff, on issues with the city's firefighters. He predicted the consequences

that may lead to serious medical issues or mortality if the city does not meet with the Lake County Commission or the manager in this regard.

Commissioner Ranize gave a report on one of the several incidences that previously occurred when the fire department was not being dispatched to attend an emergency; indicated that Mr. La Venia previously communicated with the fire chief about the matter, and suggested that the city purchase the AVLs for the vehicles.

(b) Commissioner Lewis

i. Lake~Sumter MPO Membership

Commissioner Lewis referred to the request at the December 10, 2015 regular meeting for him to find out from the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) more information on the city's population growth and the opportunity for its representation, as a voting member, to be on a consistent basis as opposed to a rotating basis.

Commissioner Lewis relayed the comments from Mr. T. J. Fish, MPO Executive Director, on the possibility to revisit under the ILA for the creation of the LSMPO, the membership composition provision recognizing that growth is occurring in all areas. He stated that he believed it would be unlikely that the city would be a full time voting member.

ii. Tree Trimming

Commissioner Lewis recognized the improvements made around the parks in the city.

(c) Commissioner Cheshire

Commissioner Cheshire stated that he believed the current city commission is setting the groundwork to do the right thing for prosperity and health for future commissions to follow and that travelling down that path (as with the previous city commissions) that his goal is that everything possible ought to be implemented.

(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.

i. CR 468 - Speed Limit Reduction

Discussion was held on the Lake County Commission's recent approval in reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on the portion of CR 468.

ii. Lake~Sumter MPO Ninth Annual Horizon Awards

Commissioner Gunter referred to the power-presentation by Ms. Laura Kelley, Central Florida Expressway Authority, at the January 27, 2016 Lake~Sumter MPO Ninth Annual Horizon Awards dinner regarding the work program on the pace in which traffic would move from The Villages to the SR 429 Western Beltway and recollected a similar concept when he

served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee years previously on the four-lane highway improvements north of Lake Griffin to the Town of Lady Lake to the subject beltway.

Commissioner Gunter stated that he met with four Lake County Commissioners and Lake County Public Works Director Mr. Jim Stivender Jr. regarding the CR 466 Corridor project.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

(a) Coffee with the Mayor

Mayor Bell thanked the city commission for allowing him to host the January 23, 2016 Coffee "with the Mayor" event; described the number of individuals in attendance, and gave a summary of issues of concern; a copy is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

(b) Roadway Improvements

Mayor Bell referred to a letter dated January 22, 2016 from Ms. Eileen M. Lustgarten, city resident, suggesting improvements for the Berckman Street and Dixie Avenue area; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor Bell relayed his response to Ms. Lustgarten that future commission workshops has been planned in that regard.

(c) Dates to Remember

Mayor Bell noted the following future events:

- January 29, 2016, The Villages Recreation Center Ribbon-Cutting Grand Opening Ceremony at 4019 Deskin Lane, The Villages, Florida 32163 at 10:00 a.m.
 - February 11, 2016, Special City Commission Meeting (Qualified Architects Interviews Presentation) at 6:00 p.m.,
 - February 13, 2016 Love Week and 5k Love Run at 6:00 a.m.;
 - February 18, 2016, Parks and Recreation and Cemetery Workshop at 6:30 p.m.;
 - February 25, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.;
 - April 2, 2015 Fruitland Park Cleanup Day at 10:00 a.m., and
 - April 16, 2016, Fruitland Park Day
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10. 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 9:50 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the February 25, 2016 regular meeting.

Signed 

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 

Christopher Bell, Mayor

