

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 10, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer, Jeannine Racine Michaud, Police Chief Michael A. Fewless, Lieutenant Dennis Cutter; Administrative Officer Jennifer Hutchins, Police Department; Fire Chief Captain Michael Laming, Fire Department Lieutenant Don Gilpin, Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Fruitland Park Library Director JoAnne Glendinning, Public Works Director Dale Bogle, Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., Reverend Pastor “Debbie” Deborah L. Allen introducing herself indicating that her husband Daryl and her are the new pastors of Community United Methodist Church. She gave the invocation and the Young Marines led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PROCLAMATIONS

(a) *Constitution Week - September 17 through 23, 2015*

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell read into the record a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23, 2015 as *Constitution Week* and requested that the citizens reaffirm the ideals of the framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to the citizens through the guardian of the people’s liberties and remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

The proclamation was accepted by Ms. Sheri Hudson, Regent, John Bartram Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), who recognized the initiation of the proclamation by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

(b) *Red Ribbon Week - October 23 to 31, 2015*

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell read into the record a proclamation proclaiming the week of October 23 to 31, 2015 as *Red Ribbon Week* in the City of Fruitland Park and urged all citizens to join by getting the anti-drug message out to rid the communities of illicit drug use and those that traffic and profit from them;

to support the Young Marines Program, to continue to provide Drug Abuse Awareness in the community, and to participate by wearing a red ribbon in supporting this special observance.

Ms. L. Austin, on behalf of the Orlando Devil Dog Young Marines, accepted the proclamation with thanks and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City of Fruitland Park thanking them for their time and energy in supporting this effort every year. (A copy of the certificate was filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

(c) **22nd Annual National Public Lands Day**

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell read into the record a proclamation proclaiming September 26, 2015 as *National Public Lands Day* and called upon the people of the City of Fruitland Park to recognize and participate in this special observance.

On behalf of the city commission, Ms. Eileen Tramontana, Trout Lake Nature Center Inc., accepted the proclamation with much appreciation; indicated that they will be with the City of Eustis celebrating the event on Saturday, September 26, 2015 by giving back to the community in holding a cleanup day event.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

In response to several questions posed by Mr. Peter J. Hurtt, City of Fruitland Park resident, Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that the establishment on the placement of the city commission districts will be determined in February 2016, prior to the qualifying period for the 2016 election which was previously addressed by the city commission.

Mayor Bell confirmed that the city commission would be required to reside within the districts; explained that the mayor and two commissioners will be impacted in 2016, and noted that two other commissioners will be affected in 2018. He stated that in order to qualify, the commissioner would need to reside and be elected by the people living in the district.

Mr. Ken Murray, Lake County resident, stated that although he does not know the fire department staff and they do not know him, he is appearing in support on their behalf. He explained that he served 25 years as a volunteer fireman and deputy sheriff and recognized the fire department staff's outstanding performance. In acknowledging the new fire chief, Mr. Murray gave his understanding of the mutual aid agreement and requested that the city work with what it currently has to bring pride back to the fire department and the growing Fruitland Park community.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the March 19, 2015 workshop and the August 27, 2015 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

(a) **Charter Officers' Appointments**

i. **Resolution 2015-008 - City Treasurer Appointment**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2015-008, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK,
APPOINTING A CITY TREASURER, PROVIDING FOR
THE TERM OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Ms. Michaud accepted the appointment, and **on motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2015-008 as previously cited.**

ii. **Resolution 2015-009 - City Attorney Appointment**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2015-009, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK,
APPOINTING A CITY ATTORNEY, PROVIDING FOR
THE TERM OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Ms. Geraci-Carver accepted the appointment, and **on motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2015-009 as previously cited.**

iii. **Resolution 2015-010 City Clerk Appointment**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2015-010, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK,
APPOINTING A CITY CLERK, PROVIDING FOR THE
TERM OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

After Ms. Coulson accepted the appointment, and **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2015-010 as previously cited.**

(b) FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement

The city commission considered the request to approve the traffic signal maintenance and compensation agreement between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Fruitland Park for new traffic signals and additional warning beacons and other devices for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and authorized the mayor and clerk to execute same.

After La Venia described the traffic lights on 441, he anticipated presenting a traffic signal maintenance interlocal agreement with Lake County for school flashers at the next city commission meeting.

Following extensive discussions and **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the agreement as previously cited.**

(c) Fire Department Discussion

After discussion and **by unanimous consent and at the mayor's request, the city commission approved holding a workshop for more information on October 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

Later in the meeting, Chief Laming introduced himself as the newly appointed Fire Department Fire Chief, he thanked the city commission and citizens for their support and the opportunity for him to serve in the position; and gave a background of his education and experience.

On behalf of the city commission, Commissioner Lewis apologized for the oversight and welcomed him.

By unanimous consent, Mayor Bell opened the public hearings at this evening's meeting.

FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

(d) Resolution 2015-006 – Tentative Millage Rate- FY 2015-16

After Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2015-006, the substance of which is as follows, Mayor Bell called for interested parties to be heard:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 4.7371 FOR THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA FOR AD

VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; ANNOUNCING THAT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE IS A 2.57% INCREASE TO THE "ROLLED BACK" RATE OF 4.6129; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lake County has been certified by the Lake County Property Appraiser to the City of Fruitland Park as \$172,017,272.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2016 operating tentative millage rate of 4.7371 is a 2.57% increase to the current year rolled-back rate of 4.6185.

In reiterating the whereas clauses as previously cited and in response to Mr. Hurtt's inquiry, Mayor Bell indicated that the millage rate of 4.7371 mills is the same rate as the last two years in the city and that the ad valorem increase is due to a three percent increase in operational costs.

After discussion and **by unanimous consent, Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission adopt Resolution 2015-006 as previously cited.

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

(e) Resolution 2015-007 – Adopting Tentative Budget – FY 2015-2016

After Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2015-007, the substance of which is as follows, Mayor Bell called for interested parties to be heard:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fruitland Park of Lake County, Florida set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$10,122,045.

In response to Mr. Hurtt's question, Ms. Michaud identified the total budget figure with the \$798,566 portion to be in revenues.

Following further discussion and **by unanimous consent, Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Gunter that the city commission adopt Resolution 2015-007 as previously cited, Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

- (f) **Second Reading – Ordinance 2015-013 Boundary Amendment - 4.5 Acres – North of Miller Street – AG to C-2 - Petitioners: Dennis and Martha Bradford, Owners**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-013 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record, Mayor Bell 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 4.5 ± ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MILLER STREET (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 SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector gave a brief background of the proposed boundaries and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Gunter that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-013 to become effective immediately as provided by law.

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

(g) **Second Reading – Ordinance 2015-011- Rezoning – 4.5 Acres – North of Miller Street – AG to C-2 - Petitioners: Dennis and Martha Bradford, Owners**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-011 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record, Mayor Bell called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 4.5 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MILLER STREET (CR 466-A) AND WEST OF TIMBERTOP LANE FROM COUNTY AGRICULTURE (AG) TO THE DESIGNATION OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector gave a brief background on the proposed rezoning and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Gunter and seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-011 to become effective immediately as provided by law.

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

(g) **Second Reading – Ordinance 2015-016 – Boundary Amendment – 1.9 ± Acres – North of Miller Street and West of Micro Racetrack Road – Petitioner: Willie M. Pace, Owner**

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-016 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record, Mayor Bell 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 1.9± ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF

MILLER STREET (CR 466-A) AND WEST OF MICRO RACETRACK ROAD; 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 SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector gave a brief background on the proposed boundaries and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-016 to become effective immediately as provided by law.

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

(h) Second Reading - Ordinance 2015-018 – Rezoning - North of Miller Street (CR 466-A) and West of Micro Racetrack Road – 1.9 ± Acres – AG to C-2 - Petitioner: Willie M. Pace, Owner

It now being the time advertised to hold a public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-018 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record, Mayor Bell called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 1.9 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MILLER STREET (CR 466-A) AND WEST OF MICRO RACETRACK ROAD FROM COUNTY AGRICULTURE (AG) TO THE DESIGNATION OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector gave a brief background on the proposed rezoning and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Gunter and seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-018 to become effective immediately as provided by law.

Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

- (i) **Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing – Ordinance 2015-012 – Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Transmittal - 4.5± Acres – North of Miller Street (CR 466-A) and West of Timbertop Lane – County Rural to City Commercial - Petitioner: Dennis Bradford and Evelyn Bradford, Owners**

It now being the time advertised to hold a quasi-judicial public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-012 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record and swore in interested participants who intended to testify, Mayor Bell 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 RURAL TO CITY COMMERCIAL ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 4.5 ± ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MILLER STREET (CR 466-A) AND WEST OF TIMBERTOP LANE.; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector, who was previously sworn, gave a brief background on the proposed comprehensive plan amendment and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-012 to become effective thirty-one (31) days after its adoption by the city commission. If this ordinance is challenged within thirty (30) days after its adoption, it may not become effective until the state land planning agency or the administrative commission, respectively, issues a final order determining that this ordinance is in compliance.

Whereupon Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

- (j) Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2015-017 – Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Transmittal - 1.9± Acres – North of Miller Street (CR 466-A) and West of Micro Racetrack Road – Petitioner: Willie M. Pace, Owner**

It now being the time advertised to hold a quasi-judicial public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-017 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record and swore in interested participants who intended to testify, Mayor Bell 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 RURAL TO CITY COMMERCIAL ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.9 ± ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MILLER STREET (CR 466-A) AND WEST OF MICRO RACETRACK ROAD; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector, who was previously sworn, gave a brief background on the proposed comprehensive plan amendment and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-017

to become effective thirty-one (31) days after its adoption by the city commission. If this ordinance is challenged within thirty (30) days after its adoption, it may not become effective until the state land planning agency or the administrative commission, respectively, issues a final order determining that this ordinance is in compliance.

Whereupon, Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

- (k) Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2015-014 – Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Transmittal - .50± Acres – West of Rose Avenue and South of CR 466-A - Mixed Use Community - Petitioner: City of Fruitland Park**

It now being the time advertised to hold a quasi-judicial public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2015-014 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read the following title into the record and swore in interested participants who intended to testify, Mayor Bell 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 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY TO MIXED COMMUNITY ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY .50± ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF ROSE AVENUE AND SOUTH OF CR 466-A; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on August 27, 2015.)

Mr. Rector, who was previously sworn, gave a brief background on the proposed comprehensive plan amendment, described the small-scale approval process, and relayed staff's recommendations of approval.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Gunter that the city commission enact aforementioned Ordinance 2015-014 to become effective thirty-one (31) days after its adoption by the city commission.

If this ordinance is challenged within thirty (30) days after its adoption, it may not become effective until the state land planning agency or the administrative commission, respectively, issues a final order determining that this ordinance is in compliance.

After discussion, **Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.**

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

By unanimous consent, Mayor Bell took the following supplemental agenda item out of order on this evening's agenda.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

- (1) **Resolution 2015-011 – Fruitland Park Library Construction Grant**
Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the title of proposed Resolution 2015-011, the substance of which is as follows:

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

Mr. La Venia referred to the grant funding of \$500.00 received from the State of Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services, the subject of which was previously addressed by the city commission. He relayed Ms. Glendinning's comments that the city is currently eligible to apply by submitting the grant application for an additional \$500,000 for the Fruitland Park library construction, a 50/50 match in-kind which will include land, stormwater and more.

On motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2015-011 as previously cited. (Reason for supplemental agenda: to meet the deadline to submit grant before September 5, 2015.)

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

7. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- (a) **City Manager - Casino**

Mr. La Venia referred to a letter dated September 8, 2015 from Mr. Jordan Bjorn, Bjorn Inspections LLC, requesting access to the Casino Community

Center building before demolition begins to salvage and preserve some of its architectural features. (A copy of the letter is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After discussion, Vice Mayor Cheshire relayed the request from former Fruitland Police Department Lieutenant Beckie Sirolli for the same reason.

After Commissioner Ranize recommended, in response, that interested participants demonstrate that they are licensed and insured, Ms. Geraci-Carver concurred with the suggestion to draft a hold harmless agreement to reduce liability to the city.

Ms. Wanda Keegan, Lake County resident, expressed concerns that there is no longer a downtown area in the city and concurred with the repurposing and reusing the casino's artifacts.

After discussion, Mr. Steve Fussell, Fruitland Park Café business owner, conveyed the desire to purchase and use part of the casino's materials for the café and voiced concerns with the donation of them at no cost with the possibility of marketing same.

After discussion, recognizing the timing and the imminent demolition of a property adjacent to the casino, Ms. Geraci-Carver agreed to review with Mr. La Venia the issue of removing a portion of the wood and other harmful items.

Following considerable discussion, Mr. Rector recalled the city commission's actions at its August 27, 2015 regular meeting in awarding the contract to Logan Sitework Contractors Inc. for work demolition of certain properties with the exception of the casino and noted the time involved. He questioned the individuals' rights and believes it to be unfair and uncompetitive to obtain artifacts as well as the cost, and suggested that the city commission reaffirm its authorization to proceed with the demolition of the other buildings and consider the casino building at a later date.

With respect to the competitive bid and in response to Mr. Rector's inquiry on Logan Sitework Contractors' access or ownership to remove the material from the subject building, Ms. Geraci-Carver believed that part of the scope of work would allow them to do what they want with the materials, provided they are in agreement.

Mr. Rector suggested that Mr. La Venia and Ms. Geraci-Carver work with him on the plan and reaffirm the remaining buildings. Mr. Rector addressed the possibility of procuring services for salvage work for a certain amount and build a rendering of a casino, provided the company is licensed, insured,

and meet the necessary requirements specified, and give a period of time whereby work cannot proceed until approval is received from Ms. Geraci-Carver.

After further discussions, Mr. Rector suggested that if Mr. Bjorn wants to salvage the materials, he can deal with Logan Sitework Contractors; however, it would be at the city commission's discretion; thus, there is time to advertise in this regard.

Subsequent to considerable discussion and upon Mayor Bell's suggestion, **the city commission, by unanimous consent requested that Mr. Jordan Bjorn, Bjorn Inspections LLC, contact Logan Sitework Contractors Inc., the successful bidder, as the city proceeds with the demolition of the Casino Community Center.**

(b) **City Attorney**

(i) **Casino Community Center**

In response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry, Ms. Geraci-Carver gave a report on the contacts to and progress made with the heirs of the Casino Community Center property and anticipate, by the end of the week that she will have a status of filing a lawsuit.

(ii) **Fire Fee**

Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to the affidavit that needs to be executed; a report required by court order on how much money remains, and the motion to close the common fund account which has been dispersed and is required which she prepared for review by Ms. Amanda Perez, Executive Assistant. Upon submitting the affidavit and report to the clerk, Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed her intent to file a motion to close the account.

8. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

(a) **Commissioner Ranize**

Commissioner Ranize thanked the city commission for approving his excused absence.

Citywide Improvements

After discussion and in following up complaints recently received by Commissioner Ranize, Mr. Bogle confirmed that the water leak issue on Josephine Avenue and Pine Ridge Dairy Road is anticipated to be complete within two weeks and Messrs. La Venia, Rector and Bogle confirmed, in the affirmative, that they will review the completion of additional paving work required on Berkman Street.

Commissioner Ranize requested that the city commission consider, for the next meeting, encouraging other governmental entities to support the re-writing of the right-of-way landscape maintenance contract with the State of Florida Department of Transportation and USA Services.

Commissioner Ranize gave reasons why there is a need for a future plan to improve stormwater.

Commissioner Ranize addressed the need to relocate the public works department building to the sewer treatment plant property and suggested a central location to construct the new police and fire departments.

Commissioner Ranize referred to several emails recently received regarding the casino; copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

With respect to saving the casino, Commissioner Ranize suggested placing the construction of the new library on the property whereby the casino although placed on the national register, could be eligible for grant funding that could help with refurbishing the building, and indicated that the city could save it by conducting fundraising with supporting churches that initially started at the casino.

Commissioner Ranize believes that the issue with the fire department could be resolved and that the city commission could discuss ideas at a future workshop.

(b) Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

(c) Vice Mayor Cheshire

Vice Mayor Cheshire thanked the city commission for excusing his absence while he attended a seminar on leadership in the State of California and expressed gratitude in the city paying for the 2016 Leadership Lake Program.

With reference to Commissioner Ranize' comments, Vice Mayor Cheshire voiced reasons to not build the police and fire departments on Lime Street.

In regards to saving the casino, Vice Mayor Cheshire indicated that no one has appeared before the city commission, recognized that the emails received were not from city residents, and noted the public's interest to save the casino but there has no willingness to pay for it. He gave reasons why he believes the casino is not aesthetically pleasing, questioned its intended use and suggested that the city commission adhere to its plan.

(d) **Commissioner Gunter, Jr.**

Commissioner Gunter recalled his previous recommendation for the public works department to be relocated to the sewer treatment plant property to which he is still in agreement.

With respect to the emails received regarding the casino, Commissioner Gunter indicated that no one has approached him and relayed the individuals' comments, when they were informed of the maintenance costs, to destroy the building.

Commissioner Gunter referred to the August 13-15, 2015 Florida League of Cities (FLC) 89th Annual Conference and the class he attended "*Let's Talk Trash: How to Maximize your Solid Waste Agreements*". He referred to a document from Waste Assessment Group LLC and quizzed the city commission on "What Can I Recycle?" (A copy of the document is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

9. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

(a) **FLC Annual Conference**

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Bell acknowledged the opportunity to meet with the elected officials at the FLC's Annual Conference.

(b) **Dates to Remember**

Mayor Bell noted the following dates:

- September 11, 2015, Lake County League of Cities with a presentation from Congressman Daniel Webster;
- September 22, 2015 Final Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and the cancellation of the September 24, 2015 regular city commission meeting;
- September 30, 2015 Sponsor's night;
- October 8, 2015 regular city commission meeting, and
- October 15, 2015 city commission workshop.

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 8:31 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the December 10, 2015 regular meeting.

Signed 
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 
Christopher Bell, Mayor