

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 20, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Scott Gerken, City Treasurer Tannette Gayle, Police Chief Terry Isaacs, Police Department Lieutenants Beckie Sirolli and Dennis Cutter Fire Chief Steve Whitaker; Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Director Dale Bogle and Terry Ribble, Public Works, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at p.m.

Chaplain George A. Mulford, Grace Bible Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Police Chief Terry Isaacs 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

There was no public comments at this time.

4. CANVASSING BOARD

a. 2014 General Election Returns

Mayor Bell referred to the November 4, 2014 General Elections and reviewed the unofficial and final results of the elections. He recognized that the results will be available from the Lake County Supervisor of Elections on November 17, 2014 upon conclusion of the Lake County Canvassing Board and indicated that if there are changes, the results would be rectified at that time.

b. Certified Election Unofficial Results

Mayor Bell announced the unofficial and final results of the 2014 General Election (with two out of two precincts counted) from the Lake County Supervisors of Elections as follows:

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Al Goldberg	- 368 votes at 31.08% and
Ray Lewis	- 816 votes at 68.92%.

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Sharon A. Kelly	- 370 votes at 31.52%;
Phillip Dean Pearle	- 357 votes at 30.41%, and
Rick Ranize	- 447 votes at 38.07%

As no-one received fifty-plus one percentage of the votes, Mayor Bell announced that a run-off election will be held between Ms. Kelly and Mr. Ranize and later announced that the Run-Off election will be held on November

Fruitland Park Ballot Question No. 1

Yes	- 877 votes at 72.66% and
No	- 330 votes at 27.34%

Fruitland Park Ballot Question No. 2

Yes	- 867 votes at 71.83% and
No	- 340 votes at 28.17%

At the request of Commissioner Gunter, Mr. La Venia explained the ballot questions.

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the unofficial results of the November 7, 2014 General Election.**

5. SWEARING INTO OFFICE AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL

After Ms. Coulson administered the oath of office to Mr. Ranize who was installed as the elected official for City of Fruitland Park Commissioner Group 4, the city commission welcomed him on the commission.

3. CANVASSING BOARD (city clerk) (revised)

The City of Fruitland Park Canvassing Board's canvassing of the November 18, 2014 run-off election.

a. 2014 Run-Off Election Returns

The City of Fruitland Park Canvassing Board's canvassing of the November 18, 2014 run-off election. Mayor acknowledged the appointment of the Board of Election Poll Workers Canvassing Board who canvassed the run-off election.

b. Certified Run-Off Election Results (revised)

The city commission considered the official and final results of the November 18, 2014 Run-Off Election as follows:

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Sharon A. Kelly - 102 votes at 25.44%;

Rick Ranize - 299 votes at 74.56%

On motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the November 18, 2014 certified Run-Off Elections as previously cited.

c. Report on Certified Election Official and Final Results

The official and final results of the 2014 General Election from the Lake County Supervisors of Elections were made available November 17, 2014 upon the conclusion of the Lake County Canvassing Board. (The city commission approved the unofficial results at the November 5, 2014 special meeting.)

On motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the official and final results of the November 4, 2014 General Election as previously cited.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Special Recognition - Al Goldberg, Former City of Fruitland Park Commissioner (July 19, 2005 to November 4, 2014)

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell highlighted Mr. Al Goldberg's accomplishments and presented him with a plaque in appreciation and recognition of his leadership, years of dedicated service and many contributions prior to becoming an elected official and during 2005-2014.

After the city commission expressed their appreciation and extended well wishes to Mr. Goldberg, he accepted the plaque with gratitude.

By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting at 7:13 pm and reconvened at 7:22 pm.

5. SWEARING INTO OFFICE AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL CITY COMMISSION GROUP FOUR

City clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Rick Ranize as the elected official for the City of Fruitland Park Commission Group Four.

The city commission welcomed Commissioner Ranize to the commission.

6. CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT – BUDGET REPORTING

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to City of Fruitland Park by The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has recognized the city for its comprehensive annual financial

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report (CAFR) with an award “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” -- the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell acknowledged the city’s CAFR award and presented the GFOA’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence to City Treasurer Tannette Gayle.

Ms. Gayle who accepted the certificate with thanks.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

(a) Proclamation - December 13, 2014, “Wreaths Across America” Shiloh Cemetery Event

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell acknowledged for the record “Wreaths Across America” proclamation and recognized and commended the American Legion John Gella Memorial, Auxiliary Unit 219 Inc. for this patriotic tribute to America’s veterans. He acknowledged the presence of Ms. Russo,

Ms. “Pat” Patricia A. Maynard, American Legion John Gella Memorial, Auxiliary Unit 219 Inc. accepted the proclamation with gratitude; announced that the “Wreaths Across America” event will be held at the Shiloh Cemetery and across the United States at noon on December 13, 2014, and gave a historical overview and noted the current events around the country. She explained that there is 98 veterans at Shiloh Cemetery

(b) Proclamation - November 2014 as *NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH*

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell Proclamation declaring the month of November 2014 as *NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH*. He recognized the city’s previous commitment to the Communities for a Lifetime initiative and recognized the Lake County Elder Affairs Council belonging to same.

Ms. Rhonda L. Combs, Better@Home Leesburg, accepted the proclamation with appreciation, explained that Better@Home is an agency that believes in Senior Advocacy, and recognized their staff’s tireless work to enable many seniors in Lake and Sumter county to remain and age in their own homes as long as safely possible. She addressed the plan to present the proclamation to their staff at a future meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jean Delafchell, City of Fruitland Park resident, read into the record her concerns regarding the run-off elections, street lights and sidewalks, recycle bins, tree trimming safety, and the creation of a dog park in the city. (A copy of Ms. Delafchell’s letter is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

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Mr. Gerken referred to the Charter Review Committee's previous review of the run-off elections as established by the date in the charter and recognized that it can be reviewed for amendment.

Mayor Bell explained that the city is currently addressing the recycling containers issue with its hauling contractor, Waste Management Inc.; referred to the city commission's previous consideration on issues relating to street lights and sidewalks, and advised that the city commission will be provided with copies of Ms. Delafchell's concerns which will be reviewed by staff. .

9. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) Committee Appointments/Reappointments

i. Lake Educational Concurrency Review Committee

Appoint a member to serve on the Lake Educational Concurrency Review Committee to fill an existing vacancy replacing Al Goldberg. (The committee meets at least annually with the next meeting scheduled for December 9, 2014.)

On motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission nominated Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr. to serve as the city's representative on the Lake Educational Concurrency Review Committee.

ii. Lake~Sumter MPO CAC

Recommend the appointment or reappointment of a member to serve on the Lake~Sumter MPO Citizens' Advisory Committee to serve a two-year term (commencing January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016). This position is currently held by John Schaller who was reappointed on December 12, 2013.

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the reappointment of Mr. John Schaller to serve on the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee for another two-year term.

Lake~Sumter MPO Governing Board

The city commission appointed Commissioner Chris Cheshire to serve as the member of the MPO Governing Board to fill an existing vacancy replacing Sharon Kelly. (The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014.)

On motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the

appointment of Vice Mayor Cheshire to serve as the member of the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board.

iii. Elder Affairs Coordinating Council

Mayor Bell announced that Lake County is seeking a representative to serve a two-year term ending January 31, 2017 on the Lake County Elder Affairs Coordinating Council. (Six representatives from county commission districts 1, 2, 4 and one-at large member; however, the county commission may appoint someone who does not reside within the district.)

Mayor Bell recognized the city's progress towards the direction of promoting elder affairs and encouraged individuals who have an interest to fill the vacancies on the council, to apply by completing a general application form for a Lake County Advisory Board/Committees on Lake County's website.

(b) Florida Retirement System

i. Membership Resolution 2014-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES AND POLICE OFFICERS OF FRUITLAND PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF REQUIRED FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND SUBMISSION OF SUCH RECORDS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion and **on motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted Resolution 2014-014 as previously cited.**

ii. Agreement – Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement

On motion of Vice Mayor Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission approved an agreement with the Department of Management Services Division of Retirement of the State of Florida and the City of Fruitland Park, Florida to extend to general employees, police officers the benefits of the Florida Retirement System and authorize the chair and clerk to execute same.

(c) Breathing Air Storage System – Channel Innovations Corporation

Motion to recommend the approval of a quote from Channel Innovations Corporation quotation for Model #HC-60-4-WM, 6000 PSI DOT Bottle, 2036 CF Breathing Air Storage System at a cost of \$5,350 for the fire department. (Quote's total cost of \$114,811.25.)

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the quote from Channel Innovations Corporation as previously cited.**

(d) First Reading – Worthless Checks Ordinance 2014-025

Mr. Gerken read into the record the title of proposed Ordinance 2014-025, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 33.03 AND SECTION 50.30(J) OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO WORTHLESS CHECK CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED WORTHLESS CHECK CHARGE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH EXISTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on December 11, 2014.)

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved proposed Ordinance 2014-025 as previously cited.**

(e) RFP Property - Dan Davenport – Contract

Motion to recommend the approval of residential contracts between the City of Fruitland Park and Dan W. Davenport, the seller, to purchase vacant lots located on Lime Street, Fruitland Park for the city's public works facility.

After discussion and on motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the residential contracts as previously cited; authorized staff to proceed with the conduct of a survey on the subject property, and requested that staff report back with the request for proposals on cost and type fencing to be located along the perimeter of the property along Fruitland Park Elementary School.

PUBLIC HEARING

By unanimous consent, Mayor Bell opened the public hearing.

(f) Second Reading and Public Hearing – Ordinance 2014-016 Natural Gas Franchise Agreement

It now being the time duly advertised to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2014-016, Mr. Gerken read into the record the following title, and interested parties were called to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA; SPECIFICALLY PROVIDING FOR THE FURNISHING OF NATURAL GAS ENERGY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK BY THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First reading was held on August 28, 2014.)

Mr. Gerken gave a background of the subject franchise agreement; recognized that the purchase option has been reverted with new services and lines in the city due to The Villages development. He pointed out the 15-year purchase option and indicated that all existing issues have been resolved.

Mr. Jack Rogers, City of Leesburg Gas Department Director, gave an overview of the services provided; outlined the current monthly charges to the City of Fruitland Park residential customers, and reviewed the natural gas line installation projects in the following service areas as shown in the maps; copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting:

- **Exhibit A, 441 Main Relocation** gas meters and drive-by readings conducted by drive-by for \$50,000 totalling \$165,000;
- **Exhibit B, Future Development**, a main extension in Deerwood (Coke Drive and Zephyr Lakes) and the infrastructure of separate lines to Zephyr Lakes at \$30,000;

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- **Exhibit C, 466 A Relocation**, the relocation of a line at approximately \$60,000 (there is no return as to the costs), and
- **Exhibit D, The Villages of Fruitland Park**, three-mile main extension referencing conversations with a representative from The Villages of Fruitland Park club house regarding the possibility of serving billing customers' homes in the area (three to four miles) at about \$185,000 (public service tax and gas franchise fees would benefit the city).

Following extensive discussions and there being no one from the public to appear before the city commission, **Mayor Bell, by unanimous consent, closed the public hearing.**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Gunter that the city commission enact Ordinance 2014-016, as previously cited, to become effective immediately as provided by law.

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

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

(g) Municipal Inspection Services

Motion to recommend the approval of a contract between the City of Fruitland Park, Florida and Alpha International I LLC for municipal inspection services (Jeff Gerling, Principal).

Mr. Rector described the services under the contract which has since been reviewed by Mr. Gerken and indicated that the city's contract with Alpha International is no longer in effect and addressed the need for same due to what would be occurring at The Villages and for negotiations to take place for building services with Sumter County. He acknowledged the presence of Mr. Gerling, the city's building official, at this evening's meeting.

Following much discussion, Commissioner Lewis referred to Section 9, Fees for Services and recommended, after negotiating with the contractor, changing the comprehensive general liability occurrence to \$1,000,000.

After further discussion, Mr. Gerling confirmed in the affirmative that he has no problem with the change.

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the contract as

previously cited amending the comprehensive general liability insurance to not less than \$1,000,000 (one million dollars).

(h) First Reading – Ordinance 2014-024 – Rezoning – North of Urick Street and West of Seminole Boulevard – Petitioner: Fruitland Park LLC

Mr. Gerken read into the record the following title of the subject proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 42.26 ACRES OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF URICK STREET AND WEST OF SEMINOLE BOULEVARD FROM SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY (R-2) TO THE DESIGNATION OF PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; APPROVING A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second public hearing will be held on December 11, 2014.)

Mr. Rector reviewed the subject proposed rezoning of “Mirror Lake Village” (with previous alias’s one of which was recently known as “Fruitland Estates”) and outlined the development of Phase One with 90 lots, 45 of which have since been pre-paid for water and sewer impact fees. He recalled the city commission’s previous approval in 2006 of unattached single family homes, which he stated resembles duplexes, with 40-foot lot lines. Mr. Rector relayed the discontentment of individuals when he served on the Planning and Zoning Board at that time; conveyed the initial intent to develop single family homes, and compared The Villages development with the villas.

Mr. Rector gave an overview of the utilities that were carried out; recognized the lots sizes as the developer required them to be platted, and addressed their current 10-foot setback requirement whereby five-foot setbacks would be needed instead. He relayed the applicant’s desire for single family homes, referred to his discussions with Mr. La Venia on the preference for same, and addressed the developer’s willingness to work with the city.

With respect to Phase Two, he addressed the requirement for a planned unit development (PUD) for a six-foot privacy fence; relayed the developer’s agreement to build fenced-off secured areas for recreational vehicles, boats and so forth, and noted the plan to incorporate same in the subject area’s homeowners’ association rules. He depicted on the map on the other side of the lift station,

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future plans for a gazebo and community park and relayed the planner's intent for trees on Urick Street to remain as a planning buffer or the construction of a six-foot privacy fence on the eastern and western boundary easement.

Mr. Rector identified the location of the infrastructure; referred to his sanction on November 19, 2014 for water and wastewater, confirmed that the lift station and storm drain have since been inspected, and explained that street lights would be activated when construction commences and sidewalks installed as the project progresses.

Mr. Rector recognized the presence of Mr. Jim Bartoe, representing the developer, at this evening's meeting who explained that the city commission has his authorization as required by the land development code.

After much discussion, **a motion was made by Vice Mayor Cheshire and seconded by Commissioner Gunter that the city commission approve proposed Ordinance 2014-0242 as previously cited.**

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

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

11. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

i. Fruitland Park Library Property

Mr. La Venia explained that the property on 207 West Berckman Street has been cleared and addressed staff's intent to proceed with the plan to seek bids to demolish the building.

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission authorized staff to seek bids to demolish the property located at 207 West Berckman Street (for the Fruitland Park Library expansion) and report back with information on the costs to the city commission.**

ii. Proposal for Professional Services – SMW GeoSciences Inc. – 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan

After Mr. La Venia's reference to SMW GeoSciences, Inc.'s (SMW's) proposal for professional services to prepare the city's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan, Mr. Rector reviewed the contract for a fee of \$3,300 (not to exceed \$5,000) and addressed the need for a modification letter to establish the city's position for the increase recognizing The Villages involvement for the comprehensive plan amendment. (A copy of

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the proposal is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

Mr. Rector recognized the water flow usage by The Villages to be significantly lower than the city's; identified the city's permitting groundwater allocation which is expected to increase by the year 2020, and referred to Mr. Gerken's comments on the meetings held with the consultants who are dependent upon historical figures projected by the St. Johns' River Water Management District.

After Mr. Gerken explained SJRWMD's historical water flow projections, Mr. Rector addressed the need to start on the new Consumptive use Permit around the Year 2018.

Following extensive discussions, and **on motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Vice Mayor Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the proposal for professional services as previously cited to prepare the City of Fruitland Park's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and selected option three.**

iii. Day after Christmas

Mr. La Venia referred to the recent city staff meeting and relayed the employees' concurrence on the option to use a personal or vacation time the day after Christmas; thus, the city offices would be closed. He requested the city commission's permission and confirmed that Monday and Tuesday the building will be open.

Mr. La Venia concurred with the city commission's direction to notice the public by announcing the city's closure on the forthcoming water bill, the city's Facebook™ page, the message board at the library and confirmed that contingency plans would be in effect for emergencies.

By unanimous consent, the city commission had no objections to the city manager's request.

iv. Safety Days

Mr. La Venia referred to the annual safety award program addressed at previous city commission meetings and the consideration of no loss time accidents during the year by making it one full day for 75 eligible employees. He concurred with the city commission's request to provide the costs at the December 11, 2014 regular meeting

v. 2015 Leadership Lake County

Mr. La Venia reported on the 2015 Leadership Lake County focusing on "Economic Development Day" where a tour was conducted on a number

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of viable and expanding commercial, industrial, and manufacturing sites and compared same to the Fruitland Park area which is service-oriented.

vii. City Flag

Mr. La Venia featured the new city flag, provided by Mr. Bogle, which will be made available in various sizes at the city and can be purchased by anyone who is interested.

After discussion, the city commission thanked Mr. Bogle.

(b) City Attorney

i. Congratulations

Mr. Gerken extended congratulations to the newly appointed elected officials and reminded them of the Government-in-the Sunshine Law. He cautioned the city commission to be mindful of their communications especially outside the public meetings as it relates to social media and encouraged anyone with questions to call his office.

ii. November 4, 2014 General Election - Fruitland Park Charter Amendment

Mr. Gerken referred to the overwhelming approval of the Fruitland Park Charter Amendment Ballot Questions on voting districts at November 4, 2014 general election and believed that the city ought to start utilizing the process of transitioning to districts during early 2015 which will not take place until 2016.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Vice Mayor Cheshire

i. Newly Appointed Officials Welcome

Vice Mayor Cheshire welcomed Commissioners Lewis and Ranize to the city commission.

ii. Gas Leak

Vice Mayor Cheshire gave a reported on the gas leak experienced at his home recently and expressed gratitude to the city's fire department and the City of Leesburg on their efficient response, performance and resolution.

iii. November 18, 2014 Run-Off Election

Vice Mayor Cheshire voiced concerns in the low turn-out of voters at the November 18, 2014 Run-off election.

(b) Commissioner Gunter, Jr.

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

(c) Commissioner Lewis

CR 466A

Commissioner Lewis referred to CR 466A roadway; conveyed the citizens' concerns on the traffic issue, and addressed the need to resolve same. He suggested approaching Lake County on the subject roadway improvement to consider the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of Miller Boulevard and CR 466A and Urick Street and South Dixie Avenue.

(d) Commissioner Ranize

i. Welcome

Commissioner Ranize thanked the city commission for welcoming him.

ii. CR 466A

In concurring with Commissioner Lewis' comments, Commissioner Ranize stated that when the matter is resolved, he questioned whether the trees blocking the vision of drivers in the area on the southwest corner could be removed.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Welcomed Newly Appointed Officials

(a) CR 466A

Mayor Bell referred to Commissioner Ranize's comments on the removal of the trees that are in the right-of-way and suggested that staff review whether they could be trimmed.

Mayor Bell referred to a recent meeting he and Mr. La Venia had with District 33 State Representative H. Marlene O'Toole to support the sewer grants and her top priority with respect to CR 466A. He relayed her acceptance of the invitation to the January 23, 2014 regular city commission meeting and indicated that District 5 Lake County Commissioner Welton Caldwell and Lake County Public Works Director Mr. Jim Stivender who have accepted the offer to attend. Mayor Bell explained that at that time, it would be a good opportunity to ask questions.

Mayor Bell explained that he will be travelling with Mr. La Venia to the 2015 Lake County Legislative Days in Tallahassee on February 17 and 18, 2015; referred to the February 18 and 19, 2014 2014 Lake County Legislative Days whereby the subject of CR 466A was top priority and \$1 million was appropriated towards same.

(c) 2014 Elections

Mayor Bell referred to the November 4, 2014 General Election and November 18, 2014 Run-Off Election and indicated that he would like to review

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the city's charter amendments which had the intent to allow a smooth process. He suggested reexamining the charter for the next election.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' question, Mr. Gerken and Mayor Bell discussed the charter and the election code which can be changed by ordinance and other issues relating to the election process which can be reviewed as soon as possible.

(d) Dates to remember.

Mayor Bell recognized the following dates and welcomed everyone to attend:

- Thursday, December 4, 2014, Artist's Reception to be held at the Fruitland Park City Library at 6:00 p.m. recognizing the pen and ink drawings, paintings and other crafts made on the early history of Fruitland Park which were donated to the library by his father, Virgil Bell.
- December 5, 2014 Staff Christmas Party/Holiday Dinner, New Life Presbyterian Church, 201 La Vista Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 6:00 p.m.
- December 9, 2014 "Hometown Christmas" City Hall Lawn at 6:00 p.m.
- December 11, 2014, Employee Luncheon (volunteers and the city commission) sponsored by Heritage Community Church at 12:00 p.m.;
- December 11, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting;
- December 13, 2014, "Wreaths Across America", Shiloh Cemetery, whereby Mayor Bell will be reading the proclamation, and
- December 25, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting which will be cancelled.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the city commission at this time, on motion made, seconded the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the December 11, 2014 regular meeting.

Signed 
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 
Christopher Bell, Mayor