

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
November 5, 2014**

A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Christopher Bell, Commissioners Christopher Cheshire, and John L. Gunter, Jr.

(Commissioner Sharon Kelly entered the meeting room as reflected in the minutes of this evening's meeting.)

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Scott Gerken, City Treasurer Tannette Gayle, Police Chief Terry Isaacs, Police Department Lieutenant Beckie Sirolli; Fire Chief Steve Whitikar; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources Administrator Marie Azzolino, Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell recognized Chaplain George A. Mulford's presence and thanked Grace Bible Baptist Church for the donation of the New Kings James Version of the Bible. Chaplain Mulford 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.

(Commissioner Kelly entered the meeting room during the following item.)

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.

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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:

Fruitland Park City Commission Group 1

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

Fruitland Park City Commission Group 4

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. Lewis who was installed as the elected official for City of Fruitland Park Commissioner Group 1, the city commission welcomed him on the commission.

VICE MAYOR

Mayor Bell referred to Section 3.07, Mayor on the commission's requirements electing one of its members as vice mayor after each regular city commission and acknowledged the outstanding performance conducted by former Vice Mayor Goldberg.

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By unanimous consent, the city commission placed the name of Chris Cheshire for Vice Mayor if the City of Fruitland Park. There being no other names placed in nomination, the nominations were declared closed.

On motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and unanimously carried, the city commission approved Commissioner Cheshire as Vice Mayor for the City of Fruitland Park.

The city commission extended congratulations to Vice Mayor Cheshire.

6. RUN-OFF ELECTION RESOLUTION 2014-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION BETWEEN SHARON A. KELLY AND RICK RANIZE TO FILL CITY COMMISSION GROUP 4 SEAT ON THE COMMISSION; SETTING A RUNOFF ELECTION DATE; NAMING THE VACANCY TO BE FILLED; ESTABLISHING A POLL LOCATION; ESTABLISHING ELECTION PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR RUNOFF ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Mr. Gerken read the title of the above-captioned proposed resolution, he explained that the Run-Off election will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Casino and anticipated that the residents will turn out to vote.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the city commission at this time, on motion made, second and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

Signed 

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 

Christopher Bell, Mayor