

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 10, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Christopher Bell, Vice Mayor Albert Goldberg, Commissioners Christopher Cheshire, John L. Gunter, Jr., and Sharon Kelly.

**Also Present:** City Manager Gary La Venia, Assistant City Attorney Katrina Stone, Police Chief Terry Isaacs, Deputy Police Chief David Borst, City Treasurer Tannette Gayle, 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**

Pastor Barry Hayes, Freedom Community Church, gave the invocation.

Chief 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. PROCLAMATION**

***Parks and Recreation Month - July 2014***

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell proclaimed the month of July 2014 as *Parks and Recreation Month* in the City of Fruitland Park and asked the citizens to recognize the benefits that the city's parks and trails and recreational programs offer to enhance the quality of life and contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

After the city commission commended Ms. Michelle Yoder, Parks and Recreation Director, for a job well done, she accepted the proclamation with appreciation.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared before the city commission at this time.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

**On motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the June 12 regular city commission meeting minutes and the June 19, 2014 workshop minutes as submitted.**

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

**(a) City Visionary**

Mr. Greg A. Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., addressed options on the City of Fruitland Park's streetscape program and gave a presentation

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depicting the existing and potential structures, uses, and functions from the City of Fruitland Park Streetscape Maps; copies of which were submitted for the record and filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting as follows:

- **Football and Soccer**

Earlier in the meeting, and after much discussion, Mayor Bell requested that Mr. La Venia report back to the city commission at the next meeting on the costs of relocating the field for recreational programs.

Following further discussion, and **on motion of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Vice Mayor Goldberg and unanimously carried, the city commission authorized staff to proceed with plans to renovate and utilize the existing football and soccer site reflected on the streetscape map allowing for future multi-recreational programs such as soccer, baseball and football.**

- **Casino as Towne Square**

The city commission took no action on the Casino as Town Square shown on the streetscape map.

- **New Community Center on Lake**

Later in the meeting and following considerable discussion, **a motion was made by Vice Mayor Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the city commission approve the City of Fruitland Park's capital improvement plan's wish-list and authorize staff to commence work in the next six months on the proposed plan for the "new community center on the lake" depicted on the streetscape map.**

- **New Community Center with Park**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the city commission approve the City of Fruitland Park's capital improvement plan's wish-list and authorize staff to commence work on the proposed plan for the "new community center with the park" illustrated on the streetscape map.**

The city commission discussed the concept and its commitment on safety improvements and enhancements around the perimeter of South Dixie Avenue and Berckman Street; the priority on the expansion of the police and fire departments addressed in the capital improvement plan, and the projected costs involved and concurred with Mr. La Venia's recognition on the stages of imminent roadway improvements.



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**(b) Property Acquisitions**

**i. 600 Laurel Street Property – Eric A. Hughes, Owner**

The city commission considered its approval of a contract between Eric A. Hughes, property owner, and the City of Fruitland Park, on the purchase of property located on 600 Laurel Street. (Consensus was reached at the June 19, 2014 commission workshop.)

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission authorize the execution of the contract as previously cited.**

**Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.** (From capital improvement program funds.)

**ii. 603 West Fountain Street – Kerrie B. Johnson, Owner**

Consider the approval to purchase property located at 603 West Fountain Street and authorize the execution of a contract between the City of Fruitland Park and Kerrie B. Johnson, Owner.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission authorize the execution of the contract as previously cited.**

**Mayor Bell called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.** (From capital improvement program funds.)

**(c) Soccer Field Relocation**

Earlier in the meeting, the city commission took action on the soccer field relocation under item 6.(a), City Visionary.

**(d) Special Events - City of Fruitland Park**

**- Circus**

Ms. Yoder described the potential entertainment and showcase and hosting events (including partnerships, sponsorships and fundraisers) in the City of Fruitland Park offered by Walker International Events Inc.; referred to the copy of a contract provided to Mr. La Venia, and requested that the city commission authorize her to contact Walker to work on potential dates.

After discussion, the city commission agreed for staff to report back with more information at a future meeting.

- **Soccer Camp**

Ms. Yoder explained that she has been working with Kick it LLC, The Villages Soccer Club and an affiliated soccer league; described its partnership with the City of Leesburg's programs, and addressed a similar program offered to Lady Lakes Soccer Association.

After much discussion and **by unanimous consent the city commission agreed with staff's recommendation to commence with working on a soccer camp in the City of Fruitland Park for August 2014 and provide a contract with Kick it LLC for the city commission's consideration on the next agenda.**

**(e) Year-to-Date Budget Report**

Ms. Gayle submitted the fiscal year 2013/14 year-to-date budget status report for the period ending May 30, 2014 and explained that the June and July 2014 report will be presented before the city commission on the August 2014 agenda. In addressing the city's position that the funds are satisfactory, she gave an overview and outlined plans for the certificate of deposits; identified the balance remaining in the cemetery account, and addressed the plan to spend conservatively to increase the city's reserves.

Later the meeting and in response to Mayor Bell's request, Mr. Le Venia explained that staff will provide more information on the cemetery costs at a future meeting.

**(f) Resolution 2014-003 Calling for a Regular Election**

Ms. Stone read into the record the title of the proposed resolution, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A REGULAR ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE CITY COMMISSION; SETTING AN ELECTION DATE; NAMING THE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED; ESTABLISHING A POLLING LOCATION; ESTABLISHING A QUALIFYING PERIOD; ESTABLISHING ELECTION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Vice Mayor Goldberg and seconded by Commissioner Cheshire that the city commission adopt Resolution 2014-003 as previously cited.**

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



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Mayor Bell announced the qualifying dates to be noon July 14 to noon July 25, 2014.

Upon Commissioner Gunter's request and **by unanimous consent, the city commission reconsidered its action on the adoption of Resolution 2014-003.**

After Commissioner Gunter referred to the qualifying period under Section 5 of the resolution, Vice Mayor Goldberg suggested that the Change Period for Filing Notice Ordinance 2002-011 needs to be corrected.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Goldberg to adopt Resolution 2014-003 to correct the dates to read: "July 14 to July 18, 2014".

In response to Ms. Stone's comments, Vice Mayor Goldberg recalled that the qualifying period dates were not established in Ordinance 2002-011 and indicated that the city commission ought to set up the length of said qualifying period similar to the other municipalities.

Following considerable discussion, **and on motion of Vice Mayor Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission adopted the previously cited Resolution 2014-003 and requested that the city attorney confirm the qualifying dates by electronic mail by July 11, 2014.**

**(g) First Reading – Ordinance 2014-017 Referendum to Amend the Charter**

Ms. Stone read into the record the title of proposed Ordinance 2014-017, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER; AMENDING SECTIONS 3.01 AND 3.02 OF THE CITY CHARTER RELATING TO THE CITY COMMISSION COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS; AMENDING THE CHARTER TO ADD SECTION 3.17 RELATING TO CITY COMMISSION DISTRICTS AND REDISTRICTING; AMENDING SECTION 3.03 RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR; AMENDING SECTION 8.01 RELATING TO CITY ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 9.08 RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR

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AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on July 31, 2014 special meeting.)

After discussion and a motion was made by Commissioner Gunter and seconded by Vice Mayor Goldberg and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2014-017 as previously cited.

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

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**(a) City Manager**

**- Lake-Sumter MPO TDCB Vacancy**

Mr. La Venia requested that the city commission rescind its action on June 12, 2014 appointing Commissioner Chris Cheshire to serve on the Lake County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board as he does not meet the following membership criteria:

- a citizen's advocate who is a user of the system in Lake County,
- A person over 60 representing elderly in Lake County, and
- An experienced representative of the local private-for-profit

After discussion, and on motion of Vice Mayor Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved staff's request and rescinded the appointment as previously cited.

**- Northwest Lake Community Park ILA (city manager)**

Mr. La Venia gave a status report on Lake County Commission's approval and execution at its June 24, 2014 regular meeting of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fruitland Park regarding the Joint Development of the Northwest Lake Community Park.

**- 2014-2015 FLC Legislative Policy Committee**

Mr. La Venia referred to the following 2014-2015 Florida League of Cities' Legislative Policy Committee appointments discussed at the June 12, 2014, regular meeting:

- Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources,
- Finance, Taxation and Personnel,



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- Growth Management and Economic Affairs (City Manager Gary La Venia, non-elected city official),
- Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations (Commissioner Sharon Kelly), and
- Urban Administration

To be held on the dates and locations shown below:

- August 14, 2014, Hollywood (FLC's Annual Conference), Hollywood
- September 12, 2014 – Hyatt Regency Orlando
- October 10, 2014, Hilton, Orlando, and
- November 13, 2014, Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport)

Mr. La Venia suggested anyone interested in serving ought to provide the information to Ms. Coulson.

### - **L&S Lyfestyle**

Mr. La Venia referred to the July 1, 2014 article in L&S Lyfestyle entitled "*First Things First Person of Interest Movers and Shakers*" featuring Jo-Ann Glendinning", City of Fruitland Park Library Director. A copy of the article is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

### - **CR 466A Roadway Construction**

After Mr. La Venia reported that construction on the CR 466A corridor will start on or about July 15, 2014, Mr. Rector described the location and timing of the potential roadway improvements.

### - **ISO**

Mr. La Venia reported on the performance conducted by the city's fire department and recognized its recent top ranking evaluation as the Public Protection Classification Rating 3 received from the Insurance Services Office for providing fire protection services.

Mr. La Venia described the Public protection classification for the department; the ability to provide fire suppression delivery systems in the community, and the impact the ranking will create on insurance grading for the city.

Mr. La Venia and the city commission extended congratulations to the fire department staff involved.

### (b) **City Attorney**

Ms. Stone stated that she has nothing to report.

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**9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

**(a) Vice Mayor Goldberg**

Vice Mayor Goldberg recognized and expressed appreciation to his wife on the celebration of their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 8, 2014.

The city commission extended congratulations to the Goldbergs.

**(b) Commissioner Cheshire**

Commissioner Cheshire stated that he has nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Gunter stated that he has nothing to report.

**(d) Commissioner Kelly**

Commissioner Kelly stated that she has nothing to report.

**10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**- Incident**

Mayor Bell recalled the jet skiing accident almost two weeks ago which involved his son and a relative and voiced his appreciation from well-wishers for their recoveries.

**- Wood Ducks**

Mayor Bell recognized the police department's assistance recently on the escort of 22 wood ducks that came from the tree at the rear of his property and wandered in the neighborhood before reaching safety.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the city commission at this time, on motion made, second and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

The minutes were approved at the July 31, 2014 special city commission meeting.

Signed   
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed   
Christopher Bell, Mayor