

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
June 19, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Scott Gerken, Police Chief Terry Isaacs, Deputy Police Chief David Borst, City Treasurer Tannette Gayle, Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Dennis R. Langford, Senior Pastor, Covenant Life Church of God, gave the invocation.

Chief Issacs led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Upon Mayor Bell's suggestion and **by unanimous consent, Vice Mayor Goldberg's absence was excused at this evening's meeting.**

3. VISIONARY

Mr. Greg A. Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., reviewed the following options of the City of Fruitland Park Streetscape Map, copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting:

- the concept of safety improvements and enhancements around the perimeter of South Dixie Avenue and Berckman Street;
- the redesign and upgrades of the neighborhood addressed under Items 4 and 5 on this evening's agenda, and
- the features and uses and the size, seating capacity and costs involved on the option of building a city community center as the city's downtown core activity center; the facility going into the park, and the casino's possible relocation as a park-like setting to Veterans Memorial Complex.

4. COMMUNITY CENTER DISCUSSION

The community center discussion was addressed under Item 3. above.

5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CITY PROJECTS DISCUSSION

The Capital Improvement Plan Projects discussion outlined below was addressed under Item 3. Above:

- **Casino Property**
The city commission discussed the possible relocation as a park-like setting to Veterans Memorial Complex.
- **Veterans Park – Baseball Field - Site**
The city commission addressed the proposed development in the neighborhood and the potential impacts to the Veterans Park Baseball Field.
- **Tennis Courts – Resurfacing**
The city commission mentioned the resurfacing improvements to the tennis courts at Veterans Park.
- **Shiloh Cemetery**
Later in the meeting, Mr. La Venia referred to the audit on Shiloh Cemetery and recognized the approximate amount of \$134,500 from sales to maintain the site.

The city commission discussed the costs to allocate funds towards same and referenced enacted Cemeteries Ordinance 93-006 providing for the maintenance of the cemetery grounds and the receipt of fees in excess of \$1,000 placed in the fund for future maintenance of cemetery grounds.

The city commission agreed with Mr. La Venia's suggestion to clean off the molding visible on some of the headstones and in response to Chief Isaacs' concerns on the option of providing additional parking outside the perimeter of the cemetery, **the city commission, by unanimous consent, agreed with staff's recommendation to replace the Shiloh Cemetery fence and directed staff to report back with the costs involved.**

Earlier in the meeting and after considerable discussion, **the city commission, by unanimous consent, agreed to proceed on the visionary; directed staff to meet with Mr. Greg A. Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., and requested that they report back to the city commission at its July 10, 2014 regular meeting on identifiable streetscape options with costs involved; comparable community recreational centers, and the concept of the creation and location of a potential center at the city.**

Mayor Bell recognized that the Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board will be holding a future meeting to address the Northwest Lake Community Park Interlocal Agreement between Lake County and the city.

Mr. Rector described the potential acquisition of properties around the area and relayed the city staff's ongoing negotiations in this regard.

Upon the suggestion of the city attorney and **by unanimous consent, the city commission, directed staff to negotiate and execute a contract between the City of Fruitland Park**

and Mr. Eric A. Hughes, property owner, regarding the property purchase located on 600 Laurel Street, City of Fruitland Park, contingent upon the city commission's approval for the future city commission meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Vice Mayor Goldberg

Vice Mayor Goldberg was absent from this evening's meeting.

(b) Commissioner Kelly

Commissioner Kelly stated that she had no comments at this time.

(c) Commissioner Cheshire

Commissioner Cheshire stated that he had no comments at this time.

(d) Commissioner Gunter, Jr.

Commissioner Gunter stated that he had no comments at this time.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bell announced that the June 26, 2014 regular city commission meeting has been cancelled and that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 10, 2014. He extended well wishes for July 4, 2014 Independence Day holiday.

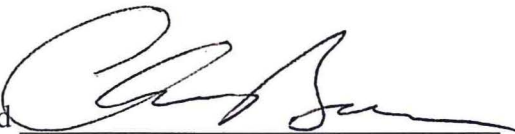
9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the city commission at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the July 10, 2014 regular city commission meeting.



Signed _____
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk



Signed _____
Christopher Bell, Mayor