

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

MEETING STATISTICS. A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Casino Building 604 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, September 19, 2013 beginning at 7:05 p.m

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chief Terry Isaacs delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bell.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked Acting City Clerk Marie Azzolino to call the roll.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioner Chris Cheshire, Commissioner Albert O. Goldberg, Vice Mayor Sharon Kelly, Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. Interim City Manager (ICM) Rick Conner, Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, City Treasurer (CT) Tannette Gayle, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director, City Attorney (CA) Scott Gerken, and Acting City Clerk (ACC) Marie Azzolino.

01. Mayor Bell thanked the public for showing concern and interest in the “Coming of the Villages.” Approximately 240 residents and non residents attended.

Greg Beliveau from L P G was asked to give a presentation on where we are this point. Greg stated that there is 980 acres of property at Pine Ridge Dairy. Greg also stated that 705 acres will be designated for residential property. He went on to say that the Villages will have their own Police and Fire departments. Major improvements would be made to the water system. Greg stated that Mr. Gary Moyer and Mr. Gary Lester from the Villages was in attendance and would make their presentation.

Mr. Moyer stated that Fruitland Park knows the Villages and both have interacted with each other. With the building of “The Villages of Fruitland Park”, Fruitland Park can pursue some of the dreams the community might have. Mr. Moyer was asked about protection of wildlife. Mr. Moyer stated that with every development they provide for the protection of animals and eagle nests.

Mr. Moyer stated that there would be financial aspects that need to be addressed. If the Villages proceed they would petition the City for the lane use. They would need zoning and development orders from the City which would take approximately 4 to 6 months. After that the plans go to the engineers and the roads, sewer and water lines go in. Finally after all that the builders come in and build exactly like you see the Villages.

Mr. Moyer stated some of the benefits to the City would be an increase in tax for the city, the project would pay for itself, bring in more commercial development, it would be a major economic factor, and among other things developers would come in to build in the city.

The Mayor called for a recess so that the public would be able to visit with the Mayor and Commissioners on a one on one basis. Public was allowed to submit a comment card and also visit with Mr. Moyer and Mr. Lester.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 8:40.

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Rick Conner, Interim City Manager (ICM), stated that the staff at City Hall will get back to the public to answer their questions that were submitted on the comment cards.

02. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS. Mayor Bell again thanked the public for attending.

03. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Marie Azzolino, Acting City Clerk