

FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2013

MEETING STATISTICS. A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, September 12, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chief Isaacs delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cheshire.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked Acting City Clerk 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, Acting City Treasurer (ACT) Susan Parker, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – There were none

Mayor stated he would like to make a change in the agenda and move up the life saving awards.

David Borst presented awards to two police officers , Officer Prater and Officer Wilson and six fire fighters, Tim Yoder, Michael Howard, George Fernandez, Thomas Gamble, Taylor Luttfing and Josh Ranize for their efforts on a vehicle crash that saved a man's life.

Chief Isaacs stated that the son came in and was very emotional that these Officers and Fire fighters had saved his father's life.

01.PUBLIC HEARINGS –

(a)Adoption of Resolution 2013-019 tentative millage rate for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year. Mayor asked is now was the time for making a change. Scott Gerken (CA) stated that yes, it would be. Scott mentioned that the current rate is much lower than the proposed. Mr. Conner (ICM) stated that the proposed 4.8172millage rate can then go to the roll back rate of 4.7371. Mr. Conner stated that would be a \$12,015.24 drop with no increase.

Vice Mayor Kelly asked that with this millage rate will the budget be covered. Mr. Conner stated that yes, it will.

Motion made by Commission Cheshire seconded by Commissioner Goldberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution (revised)2013-019- was read by Scott Gerken (CA).

Motion to adopt made by Vice Mayor Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Gunter.

Vice Mayor Kelly	aye
Commissioner Goldberg	aye
Commissioner Cheshire	aye
Commissioner Gunter	aye
Mayor Bell	aye

Motion was passed unanimously

(b)Resolution 2013-020 adopting the tentative budget for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Bell thanked Mr. Conner for his hard work and for the hard work of the staff.

Motion made by Commissioner Gunter to adopt budget seconded by Vice Mayor Kelly.

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Vice Mayor Kelly aye
Commissioner Cheshire aye
Commissioner Gunter aye
Commissioner Goldberg aye
Mayor Bell aye

Motion was passed unanimously.

02. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Conner stated he had nothing and would like to pass on to the City Attorney.

03. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Scott Gerken stated that we have receive a settlement offer in the Richardson Federal Harassment case against the City. The settlement is for the City to pay Mr. Richardson \$ 232,000. Scott stated that this will go to the Insurance company, so nothing would have to be done at this point. The offer is open till September 20th.

The second issue is the ongoing lawsuit on the Police and Fire fees. The judge's order approved certification to move ahead as a class. There will be notices that will be sent to every citizen that has paid fees letting them know there is a class act. The second part of the order rejected Mr. Richardson as a proposed class representative and was not suitable to represent the class pending his lawsuit with the City. Mr. and Mrs. Howard will represent the City.

Mayor Bell asked what would happen if the Howard's removed themselves from representing the lawsuit.

Scott Gerken stated that if that happened someone would have to step in to represent the class suit. You must have a class representative.

03. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of minutes from July 11, 2013, July 18, 2013, August 5, 2013, August 6, 2013 and August 7, 2013. Budget Amendment – Emergency Repair of Fire Apparatus and Budget Amendment for Library Books.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

03. OLD BUSINES:

(a)- Purchase of Three Police Vehicles. Rick Conner (ICM) stated that every year you should put in the budget to purchase a vehicle and not purchase all your vehicles in one year.

Vice Mayor Kelly asked how long these vehicles will last.

Chief Isaacs stated that minimum would be five to seven years.

Commissioner Gunter asked if the cars come complete with required equipment except the radios.

Chief Isaacs stated that they do.

Motion made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelly.

Vice Mayor Kelly aye
Commissioner Goldberg aye
Commissioner Gunter aye
Commissioner Cheshire aye
Mayor Bell aye

Motion was carried unanimously.

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O4. NEW BUSINES:

(a) Amendment for a Swim Lane Holder for Recreation Department. Rick Conner stated that Michelle could not be here but would love to approve this.
Motion made by Commissioner Gunter Seconded by Commissioner Cheshire.
Motion was carried unanimously.

(b) Authorization of City Holidays. Rick Conner stated that the City of Fruitland Park is behind on holidays. Most of the Cities grant 11 holidays a year and some grant 10 holidays while Fruitland Park grants only 8. Mr. Conner has asked the Council for three holidays: Veterans Day, Martin Luther King, and Presidents Day.

Mayor Bell stated he would like to give the employees Veterans Day and Martin Luther King but not sure about President's Day.

Commissioner Gunter stated it took him over 30 years to get two days off, but knowing we are the only City with 8 holidays he would agree to Veterans Day and Martin Luther King. A lot of companies go with a PTO program which is personal days off instead of holidays.

Motion made by Commissioner Gunter seconded by Commissioner Goldberg.
Motion was passed unanimously.

(c) First reading of Ordinance 2013-003 – Revising the City's water Rates. Scott stated that several years ago you suggested we review the rates annually, this is what this Ordinance will do, like a cost of living increase. The water rates will go from \$15.81 to \$16.11 that is a \$.30 increase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gunter seconded by Commissioner Goldberg.

Vice Mayor Kelly	aye
Commissioner Cheshire	aye
Commissioner Goldberg	aye
Commissioner Gunter	aye
Mayor Bell	aye

Motion was carried unanimously

(d) First reading of Ordinance 2013-004 – Revising Fire Inspection Fees. Scott stated that this increases your fire and inspection fees from \$30.00 to \$35.00.

Charlie stated that the re-inspection fees are \$15.00, same as other cities.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelly seconded by Commissioner Cheshire.

Mayor Bell	aye
Commissioner Cheshire	aye
Commissioner Goldberg	aye
Commissioner Gunter	aye
Vice Mayor Kelly	aye

Motion was carried unanimously.

(e) First reading of Ordinance 2013-005 – Prohibited Residences for Sexual Offenders.

Scott stated that we have to do this again because in 2005 you banned sexual offenders from certain resides but since then there have been certain provisions to ban certain clusters and certain safety zones where they cannot be. It does include most of the city.

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Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelly seconded by Commissioner Goldberg.

Mayor Bell	aye
Commissioner Goldberg	aye
Commissioner Cheshire	aye
Vice Mayor Kelly	aye
Commissioner Gunter	aye

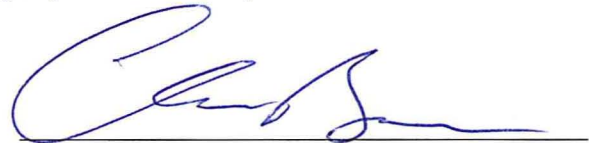
Motion was carried unanimously.

05. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- (a) Vice Mayor Kelly stated that the houses that are in foreclosure are looking really bad. Rick Conner (ICM) stated that he has been looking into this problem. Vice Mayor Kelly would like to know if we can get MPO to get some sort of crossing for safe kids crossing. Rick Conner stated that the cost for either an overhead walkway or tunnel would run around a million dollars. Vice Mayor Kelly stated that something has to be done to get these kids across the highway.
- (b) Commissioner Goldberg – Nothing
- (c) Commissioner Cheshire –Nothing
- (d) Commissioner Gunter –Will not be able to attend the League of Cities Luncheon tomorrow September 13th.


06. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS. Mayor Bell stated that we will have a public workshop in the Casino building on September 19th to bring the public up on the coming of the Villages. October 10th we will have a reception, after the regular meeting, for our candidates for City Manager. October 11th we will hold interviews with these candidates and on October 17th we will hold a special meeting to select a City Manager.

07. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Marie Azzolino, Acting City Clerk