

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2013**

MEETING STATISTICS. A Budget Workshop meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Monday August 5, 2013 beginning at 6:05 p.m

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

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, Acting City Treasurer (ACT) Susan Parker, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director Michele Yoder and Acting City Clerk (ACC) Marie Azzolino.

1. Review of Departmental budgets.

Due to severe storm the first part of the workshop was lost due to power outage but resumed at 8:15pm!

Mayor Bell stated stipend for planning and zoning no changes.

Travel cut to \$5000 from \$6000.

Rick Conner stated that he cut all departments so he felt only fair to cut the Commission also.

Purchases..... This is for iPads, to replace the old laptops. The old laptops will be sent to another department to be used.

Executive.....Salary for City Manager \$110,000 not \$115,000. The City Clerk position is at \$55,000 to cap at \$60,000. The City Manager can choose a car allowance or opt to use the city vehicle. Additional Life insurance for City Manager let's take off \$400.00.

Commissioner Goldberg wanted to know if we have chosen health insurance for the employees yet. He has heard there are significant increases.

Rick Conner stated we will be meeting with Tera Townsend from Lassiter Ware on August 19th to discuss new options for the employees.

Commissioner Cheshire stated that if you don't want coverage you don't have to take it. If you offer a plan that you pay them for not taking coverage that means more money in the budget.

Executive.....\$1,000 in there for an iPad for City Manager and City Clerk.

Finance Department.....Salary for City Treasurer bothers Commissioner Goldberg, but Vice Mayor Kelly stated if we would have given Jeanine more money she would still be here.

Legal Fees.....Scott stated that the next year will be worse. The class action suit will end soon. \$75,000 will not cover your legal fees next year. Scott suggested at least \$120,000, \$10,000 a month.

Mayor Bell stated to increase it to \$100,000.

Other General Government (Custodian).....Wages for Custodian, cut budget.

Redevelopment.....Rick Conner stated that the Trim determines that figure. This is based on the roll back rate.

Mayor Bell asked if the Commission wants to proceed tonight or should we wait to get some answers tomorrow.

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Commissioner Goldberg said not knowing what's in the pot then we have to look closer at what we have to do.

Mayor Bell suggested we adjourn and come back tomorrow.

09. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Marie Azzolino, Acting City Clerk