

FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 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, June 20, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m

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

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked Acting City Treasurer Susan Parker 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 Rick Conner, Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, (ACT) Susan Parker, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director and (RD) Michelle Yoder.

Mayor Bell welcomed our new Interim City Manager Rick Conner. Looking forward to working with Mr. Conner.

01. DISCUSS CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER'S POSITIONS. Diane Wright and Fredrick Coutlier came in for an interview. Mr. Coutlier has withdrawn his application for City Treasurer. Mrs. Wright gave us references which was checked by Marie Azzolino.

Commissioner Gunter stated when asked Diane what she does, on every question she said that another department does that so I don't understand what she actually does. Asked her co-worker how she worked and he said you have to give her instructions and didn't think she would be a leader.

Commissioner Cheshire stated he also felt she kept saying that another department does that job and she never did a budget before.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated she has done payroll.

Mayor Bell stated Bill Finnely says she did grants but my concern is that the Treasurer's position can look ahead and take initiatives. If we get the right City Manager that knows those initiatives it might work but then the responsibilities lie on the City Manager.

Commissioner Cheshire stated the candidates that are good we just can't pay them.

Mayor Bell stated do we put more money into the City Manager and City Treasurer's position.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated that we don't pay them enough. We need to have someone that knows what they are doing. I don't think Mrs. Wright is the right candidate.

Commissioner Goldberg stated this is not a time to have someone come in and struggle. When they have to do that it puts stress on the rest of the staff. A grant writer is what she is good at. She doesn't have the correct skills.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated she is a full charge bookkeeper, payroll, bank recs.

Mayor Bell stated my problem is the leadership. Do we want to proceed with Mrs. Wright or go out and advertise.

Commissioner Gunter stated he wants to go out and re-advertise.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated we should get our accountant in here to help out.

Rick Conner stated we should give credit to Sue for doing a great job.

The Commission agreed.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated we need to know how much we are paying and we need a better ad that describes the position better.

Susan Parker stated \$55,000- \$60,000

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Vice Mayor Kelly stated we need to increase the amount.
Commissioner Cheshire read the ad we now have on the website.
Rick Conner stated any person looking at the position will probably look at the budget to see what we are paying.
Mayor Bell asked Rick to do a survey.
Vice Mayor Kelly wants all candidates to put salary history on their resume.
Commissioner Cheshire stated as long as Mr. Conner and Sue are moving along on the budget there is no rush.
Vice Mayor Kelly stated to get Jeanine to come in and give us some help.
Mayor Bell stated to work on a new ad, the survey and let's put it on the agenda for next week. Chet did offer to come in and help. We are going to discuss the City Clerk's position also.
Vice Mayor Kelly stated that one candidate only wants a part time job.
Commissioner Goldberg stated Cindi Lou Corim lives near Wellington.
Mayor Bell stated to set aside Cindi Lou Corim and Konkell, and Parker, not Ms. Frank. How about Riviera from Georgia?
Vice Mayor Kelly stated she's never been a City Clerk but she is the executive assistant to the Mayor and Commission.
Mayor Bell stated she has taken a government law clerk's course in 2008.
Commissioner Goldberg stated she has Munis experience.
Mayor Bell stated how about Riviera?
Vice Mayor Kelly stated she didn't see the ad on our website.
Commissioner Goldberg stated that it is there.
Mayor Bell stated how about Ruth?
Vice Mayor Kelly stated she's the teacher?
Commissioner Cheshire stated no, she is a township clerk.
Mayor Bell stated to set Ruth aside. We still have Cindi Lou Corim, Deputy Town Clerk.
Commissioner Goldberg stated she is near Wellington. Palm Beach County...Population 411- 64 acres. Briney Breezes. There budget was \$601,000.
Vice Mayor Kelly stated how big is our city?
Charlie stated it is 21 square miles.
Commissioner Gunter stated years ago our water bill was \$3.75 every other month, that's before we had Munis!!
Mayor Bell stated if we are interested in Ms. Corim. We can invite her to come up here. She has good references. I'd like Marie to contact her references and Our City Manager too. See if she is still interested.
Commissioner Cheshire stated she has a lot of experiences, no family to hold her back, willing to move.
Mayor Bell suggested she could come the first meeting in July on the 11th, and put her on the agenda. Anything about Ruth?
Vice Mayor Kelly stated that she is so far away. What about Rosemary? Shall we bring her in too?
Mayor Bell stated she's from Georgia about 7 hours away. Why don't we focus on Cindi Lou right now.
Commissioner Gunter stated Jennifer Fortin is she the one we interviewed already.
Commissioner Goldberg: Did she tell us how much she made.
Commissioner Cheshire: She made \$31,000.
Mayor Bell: I would just like to have Cindi Lou.
Commissioner Gunter stated Jennifer seemed like she just didn't have enough experience.

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Mayor Bell stated Marie is probably getting tired and wants to get back to her regular position.

Susan Parker (ACT) stated that Marie did say she liked what she was doing and maybe would consider staying on.

Commissioner Goldberg stated Marie did mention she might be interested.

Chief Isaacs stated she does have a good background in business.

Susan Parker stated if you hire someone new, Marie would be the one to train her anyway.

Commissioner Gunter stated if you told us earlier we would have saved an hour. LOL – I didn't know she was interested.

Chief Isaacs stated she is concerned about not having a Clerk's Degree.

Commissioner Goldberg stated she did mention that she was interested but did not have the certification. But life experience does count for something. She did not have time to generate her resume before she left this evening.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated we would have to send her for her certification.

Charlie Rector stated you could and have done worse!

Commissioner Gunter stated let her work for a couple of weeks and see how she likes it.

Mayor Bell stated to hold off on calling anyone in for the City Clerk's position.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated she'll need to know about getting rid of records, keeping records.

Mayor Bell asked if this was this a spur of a moment thing?

Commissioner Goldberg stated she seemed pretty sincere.

Chief Isaacs stated Marie was very interested. She does have a good background.

02. MICHELLE YODER- RECREATION DIRECTOR – SPECIAL PROJECTS

Michelle Yoder(RD): I have a few ideas on making some money for our Recreation Department. First movie in the park. Price Family Entertainment would be the one to set up the screen, sound stage, etc. The cost would be \$250.00 for about 200 people. We would have to purchase an individual license, ranging from \$200-\$350 every time we show a movie depending on the newness of the movie. Madagascar III and Lurox with a \$300 license fee, plus \$21.00 shipping and handling. We are looking at \$600.00 sponsor fee, for each one, which would include enough money to give out popcorn. I would like to do this at the soccer field, which is fenced in, or at City Hall, where Charlie said he could put up a removable fence.

Mayor Bell stated City Hall is a lot more visible to the public but what about the restrooms. Where is Price Family Entertainment and do they do this for other municipalities.

Michelle state yes.

Commissioner Gunter asked why it can't go through the Library.

Michelle stated it would have to be for the Library only not Recreation.

Vice Mayor Kelly asked how much are you charging.

Michelle stated she is not charging the public. She is asking for sponsors.

Vice Mayor Kelly stated one of the churches used to do a drive in movie at WalMart.

Michelle stated we can call the county to spray that day for bugs.

Michelle stated she would also like to do Friday Night Pool Parties. Checked with Health Department and Building Department and they don't see a problem with that. Also have contacted a DJ and got prices for pizza.

Commissioner Cheshire asked who would be coming to this.

Michelle stated there would be different parties, like family night, and do this until the pool closes. A lot of people are interested in this. I think this would be a fun night. I would need two lifeguards to start and if things picked up maybe three.

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Mayor Bell stated as long as we can at least break even this would be great for the kids, and if we made money that would be a plus. How often were you thinking about movie night?

Michelle stated once a month.

Commissioner Gunter wanted to know if we are giving swimming lessons this year.

Michelle stated yes we have about 20 now, the next session not too many.

Michelle stated that Mt. Dora does a trash to Treasure yard sale at \$15.00 a table. We can charge \$10.00 and all the money that we get in would go to a scholarship for children that cannot afford to do things like the swim team.

Michelle stated the last thing was "Boyz n Toyz". Men from the Villages come here with their electric boats every 1st and 3rd Saturday and have tournaments. They are Village residents and like our lake and they will teach residents and they can join their club. They pay \$40.00 every day they rent.

Chief Isaac said they might also be interested in renting one of our fields to rent out for flying their model planes.

Michelle stated that they will eventually have someone there to teach kids how to work their boats. Michelle also wants to have a concession stand. Maybe the explorers can make some money with their food truck.

Mayor Bell stated that if they have tournaments and a lot of people come we should have a concession stand. It's in the evening?

Michelle said it is in the morning from 9 to 11. The explorers can use their truck. Can we advertise on the water bill.

Mayor Bell stated to place it on the website for now.

Chief Isaacs state that these men also do cruise in at the villages and would we be willing to do something like that. Chief Isaacs stated that he thought it would be a good idea to have the old cars come down on the night we have pool parties.

Mayor Bell stated that the Casino area would be a perfect spot to do something like that. Mayor Bell stated that Michelle did a good job and we should go ahead with these ideas.

Michelle stated that the kids love the swim team and wanted to do another one but the teacher is unavailable. The summer camp is from 9-3pm and a lot of kids aren't signing up because of the time. Can we increase the hours from maybe 8-5, but would need an aide to help out. There is only myself and Debbie Green

Vice Mayor Kelly stated we should get volunteers to help out.

Commissioner Cheshire stated we really don't have a good camp for children here. Most parents need to drop of the kids early because they work.

Rick Conner(ICM) stated that with volunteers you do have a liability.

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Michelle stated that the volunteers I have now are teenage kids and can't trust them to be left alone with the kids. I wouldn't take more than 20.

Mayor Bell stated Michelle should make up a program for next year and get it ready for the new budget.

Commissioner Gunter moved and Vice Mayor Kelley seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Michelle stated that there is about \$36,000 in our budget for lights but would like to use it to buy a lighted motion sign to be placed by the existing concrete on Berckman. The Library can also use it for their programs.

Mayor Bell stated that they have discussed having a sign like this already, but would like to see this in front of City Hall. Can we get a price on this sign and then bring it forward.

03. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Vice Mayor Kelly stated that with all the people who are filling in right now we have only spent \$16,103.

Commissioner Goldberg – Happy with the Recruiting firm because of the person they have selected as Interim for us. Happy that Rick is here.

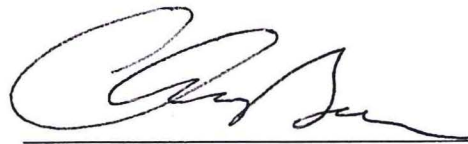
Commissioner Cheshire – stated he also agrees with Commissioner Goldberg and happy we are doing this to make a positive change in the City and help the community.

Commissioner Gunter – stated he is happy with Rick.


04. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Bell – stated he agrees with the Commission and there was a time passed when we discussed plans for the City so it is nice to get back there.

05. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:


Marie Azzolino, Acting City Clerk