

## FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 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, January 24, 2013 beginning at 7:15 p.m. Delayed due to a special dinner for the Police and Fire Department.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Commissioner Gunter delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Goldberg.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked City Clerk Diane Gibson Smith 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. Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, City Treasurer (CT) Jeannine Racine Michaud, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director (RD) Michelle Yoder, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

### 01. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- a) Rita Ranize, a concerned citizen, stated she was upset with the actions of CDD Rector at the last meeting. She praised Vice Mayor Kelly for speaking up.

### 02. HEARD CITY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2012.

CT Michaud stated all funds are under budget at this time. Revenues exceed expenses.

ACM Gibson Smith stated we met our Workers Compensation Carrier and our experience rating is now nearing 1 as compared to 1.75 5 years ago. This is a positive rating.

### 03. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a) Sunshine Law presentation will be held at the next Commission meeting.
- b) For the record, the City Manager did resign unconditionally after the last meeting with only the allowed payout for vacation time.
- c) There will be a closed meeting after this meeting regarding the Wicks Lawsuit. CA Gerken noted he and ACM Gibson Smith attended a mediation in Orlando. Results of that meeting will be discussed in the closed meeting. Public will not be allowed at that meeting.
- d) CA Gerken stated he and Chief Isaacs will be meeting with Lake County regarding animal control within the City. Clarification of the Interlocal Agreement is the expected outcome.

### 04. ACTING CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on the demolition of the houses on Fountain Street. ACM Gibson Smith noted the cost of the asbestos removal on the Fountain Street houses was much

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higher than anticipated - \$6,060. The options are to approve the additional funds for the low bidder and continue or to go back out to bid. A budget amendment and re-approval from the CRA will be necessary.

Commissioner Goldberg moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to move forward with Cross Environmental. The motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye.

- b) ACM Gibson Smith introduced new Recreation Director Michelle Yoder who began on 1/21/13. She has already made good progress in obtaining sponsors and vendors for Fruitland Park Days.

05. PUBLIC HEARINGS - none

06. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approved request for closing of streets by Community United Methodist Church for their annual Winterfest on 2/2/13. Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Goldberg seconded to allow the closing of the streets. The motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye.
- b) Approved agreement with LPGURP for updating the CRA plan. Greg Beliveau stated he will be requesting to extend the dates for the CRA as well as expanding the plan down CR466a.

Mayor Bell questioned if the cost would come out of the CRA Funds.

Vice Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Goldberg seconded to approve the agreement with LPGURP for updating the CRA plan. The motion carried with all the Commissioners voting aye.

- c) Adopted Resolution 2013-002 amending the budget for the computers purchase for the Police Department. CA Gerken read Resolution 2013-002, by title only, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET BY \$4,380 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE DELL COMPUTERS FROM THE POLICE AUTOMATION FUNDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2012-2013 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Cheshire moved and Commissioner Goldberg moved to adopt Resolution 2013-002. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

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07. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- a) Commissioner Gunter – ask about Hwy 441 and whether we can get irrigation in the center medians. Dale Bogle stated no, this was not allowed but he can check again. Stated he attended the MPO function last evening and spoke to several County Commissioners regarding the Library and funding.
- b) Vice Mayor Kelly – none
- c) Commissioner Goldberg – none
- d) Commissioner Cheshire – had a question regarding the MPO and FDOT expansion of Rolling Acres Road project. Vice Mayor Kelly stated this will eventually affect Fruitland Park. There is a meeting on 1/30 at 5:30 at FDOT regarding this.

Commissioner Gunter spoke about the Transportation projects being planned for the next 5 years.

Mayor Bell noted it appears there is money to spend on projects. This is encouraging.

07. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS. Mayor Bell stated he attended a Recreation and Parks meeting at the County and was happy to hear the new liaison County Commissioner Sean Parks was in favor of continuing with the community park planned for Fruitland Park. Talks will begin in mid-February. Several park conceptual drawings have been put together. Mayor Bell shared one version.

Mayor Bell announced the Commission would recess and go into closed session. The meeting should last approximately 20 minutes. The following members are allowed: Vice Mayor Kelly, Commissioner Gunter, Acting City Manager Gibson Smith, Mayor Bell, Commissioner Cheshire, Commissioner Goldberg, City Attorney Gerken, and the court reporter. All others were asked to leave.

The closed session began at 8:10 p.m.

The regular meeting reopened at 8:35 p.m.

CA Scott Gerken announced the mediated settlement agreement is being brought forward for approval.

Commissioner Goldberg moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to approve the mediated settlement agreement. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay by Vice Mayor Kelly.

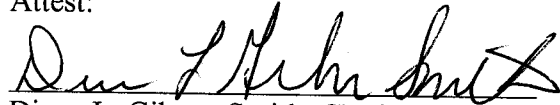
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09. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk