

FRUITLAND PARK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2012

MEETING STATISTICS. A special 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, November 26, 2012 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ACM/City Clerk Gibson Smith delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Goldberg.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked ACM/City Clerk Diane Gibson Smith to call the roll.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr., Vice Mayor Sharon Kelly, Commissioner Albert O. Goldberg, Commissioner Jim Richardson, 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) Sherry Bechtel, and Acting City Manager (ACM)/City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

01. CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor Bell read the election results as follows:

Total Votes Cast: 557

Christopher Cheshire	366 (65.71%)
Jim Richardson	191 (34.29%)

Commissioner Goldberg moved and Commissioner Gunter seconded to certify the election results. The motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye.

02. CHRISTOPHER CHESHIRE SWORN IN AS CITY COMMISSIONER

ACM/CC Gibson Smith swore in Christopher Cheshire as City Commissioner.

03. PROCLAIMED DECEMBER 3 – 8, 2012 AS FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK. Mayor Bell stated we were contacted by Eagle Scout candidate John Markham that his Eagle Scout project was to educate the public about emergency preparedness. Mayor Bell declared December 3 – 8, 2012 as Family Emergency Preparedness Week in support of the project.

04. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- a) Toby Soileau congratulated Commissioner Cheshire and spoke on how nice it was that the pledge of allegiance and an invocation begin the meetings.
- b) Jim Richardson, citizen, stated his concern is that CM Bowers will be brought back. He stated the terms for the resignation appear to be a payout. He further stated he had heard a commissioner had been contacted by the victim's family and told about what was happening. Mr. Richardson reiterated that his family is afraid of the Fruitland Park Police Chief.

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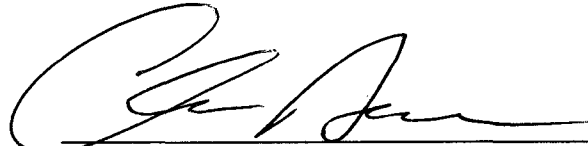
- c) A citizen stated our Police Chief is a great chief and we are proud that we have one that will stand up for what is right.
- d) Myra Martin stated there has been enough bickering. She noted her husband had sat in the Commission seat now held by Mr. Cheshire. She told Mr. Cheshire she thought he would fill that seat well.

05. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- a) Commissioner Cheshire - thanked the residents for giving him this honor. He is honest and has integrity and will be constructive not obstructive/destructive. He thanked God, his wife Meredith, his son Colin, his daughter Maeve, campaign advisor Cathy, and many friends. He stated he is always available through email and his cell phone.
- b) Commissioner Goldberg- welcomed Commissioner Cheshire. Stated he looks forward to doing good things as a group. He would love to see us get back to the business of the City. Hopes things will calm down in the public.
- c) Commissioner Gunter - congratulated Commissioner Cheshire. There are a few City projects we need to get back on - CR466A, etc. Let's move ahead.
- d) Vice Mayor Kelly - welcomed Commissioner Cheshire aboard.

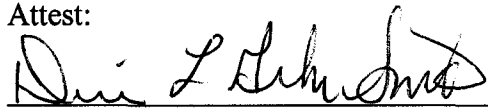
06. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS. Mayor Bell welcomed Commissioner Cheshire to the Board. Has served with him on the County Recreation Board which Mr. Cheshire had to resign from when elected to the Commissioner. Looking forward to getting back to business.

07. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the special meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk