

FRUITLAND PARK SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 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 Wednesday, November 7, 2012 beginning at 7:29 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. CM Bowers delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Kelly.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioner Sharon Kelly, Commissioner Albert O. Goldberg, Vice Mayor Jim Richardson, Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. City Manager (CM) Ralph Bowers, Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, City Treasurer (CT) Jeannine Racine Michaud, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

01. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS Mayor Bell presented the results of the election by reading the votes by candidate and by position.

Commissioner Goldberg moved and Vice Mayor Richardson seconded to certify the results of the election. The motion carried with all Commissioners voting aye.

02. ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2012-048 SETTING THE RUNOFF ELECTION DATE AND PROCEDURES. CA Gerken read Resolution 2012-048, by title only, as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION BETWEEN JIM RICHARDSON AND CHRISTOPHER L. CHESHIRE TO FILL A SEAT ON THE COMMISSION; SETTING A RUNOFF ELECTION DATE; NAMING THE VACANCY TO BE FILLED; ESTABLISHING A POLL LOCATION; ESTABLISHING ELECTION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR RUNOFF ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Richardson questioned who would be running the election. After discussion, the decision was to continue with the election being done in house by the Clerk's office.

Vice Mayor Richardson moved and Commissioner Goldberg seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-048. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

03. Commissioner Kelly suggested to elect a vice mayor every two years instead of each year. After discussion, the decision was made to discuss this at the next regular meeting.

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04. SWEARING IN OF MAYOR CHRIS BELL AND COMMISSIONER JOHN L. GUNTER JR. City Clerk Gibson Smith read the oath of office swearing in Mayor Chris Bell and Commissioner John L. Gunter.

05. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - none

Josh Blake of Representative Marlene O'Toole's office was present in the audience.

06. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

a) Vice Mayor Richardson – congratulated Mayor Bell and Commissioner Gunter for their re-election.

b) Commissioner Goldberg – he never lost faith in either one. He stated he hopes future elections are not as hostile.

c) Commissioner Kelly – citizens have shown they approve of the job being done. Keep up the good work. Congratulations.

d) Commissioner Gunter – appreciates the ones who voted for and against him. He will continue to represent all the citizens of Fruitland Park. He noted someone once told him the easy part is being elected, sitting up and making decisions each week and month is the hard part.

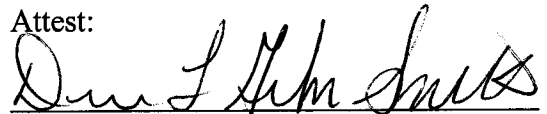
09. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS. Mayor Bell thanked his family – especially his wife, for support and help in his re-election. For the most part, the citizens are friendly and happy. Will be president of the League of Cities which will give him prospective of how the other cities are doing. Believes Fruitland Park's future is very bright. Will see some growth in the next years. Thank you and God Bless.

10. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Richardson moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk