

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 6, 2012**

MEETING STATISTICS. A budget session 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 6, 2012 beginning at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Police Chief Terry Isaacs 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. Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, Assistant Police Chief (APC) David Borst, Public Works Director (PWD) John Bostic III, City Treasurer (CT) Jeannine Racine Michaud, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director (RD) Sherry Bechtel, Library Director (LD) JoAnn Glendinning, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

**REVIEW OF BUDGET MESSAGE**

CM Bowers reviewed his budget message. He noted this is a tough year. He is recommending going back to the rolled back rate instead of the proposed and to take money from reserves to make up the difference.

CT Michaud stated 4.6442 is the rolled back rate. Mayor Bell noted the rolled back rate keeps the income the same as last year.

For 4.6442 millage:

Commissioner Kelly	yes
Commissioner Gunter	yes
Commissioner Goldberg	yes
Vice Mayor Richardson	no, keep last year's rate
Mayor Bell	yes

**Review of Revenues**

CM Bowers stated he has proposed the following fee increases:

- Police Fee – increase by \$3.50
- Fire Fee – increase by \$2.00
- Water base rate – increase by \$1.00
- Sewer base rate – increase by \$1.00

After discussion, the Police Fee and the Fire Fee were both increased by only \$1.00. Water base rate and Sewer base rate increases were left as presented.

CT Michaud announced the health insurance increase came in lower than expected, workers compensation and liability insurance also came in lower.

Commissioner Gunter questioned the payment for maintenance on the ROW on US Highway 441/27. During the project, the contractor maintains the property.

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Commissioner Gunter stated reserves should be at the 4 – 6 month level. Our current reserve is around 3 months. In his opinion, there are cities, including some in Lake County, in trouble. Commissioner Gunter stated he feels we need to build our reserves back up.

Mayor Bell state we are here to do the best business for the citizens and we don't want to put the City in any type of peril.

Vice Mayor Richardson questioned the propane tax of 10%. CT Michaud is to check with surrounding cities to see if they charge this tax.

Vice Mayor Richardson questioned the transfer in from the Water department. CM Bowers stated Fruitland Estates, LLC is included. Will not be spent unless the funds are collected.

**Review of Expenditures**

Legislative

Add MPO dinner and WEMG membership and luncheon

Move contingency down to \$60,000

Executive

Move half of the City Manager's life insurance to Utilities

Finance

Vice Mayor Richardson proposed to put the City Treasurer's salary back to \$60,000 – all agreed.

Commissioner Kelly stated this is a good time to perhaps look for a new auditor given the problems we have had in getting information timely.

Commissioner Kelly stated the Lake League of Cities Sponsors night is \$50 for two.

Legal

No change

Other General Government

Commissioner Gunter questioned if we are paying a government rate for electric.

Commissioner Kelly questioned the workers compensation audit. CT Michaud will review.

Painting the exterior of City Hall – will be reviewed later. Decided to remove.

Law Enforcement

No change

Fire Control

No change

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Building and Zoning

TV/monitor – shop around to get the best price for 55”

Electric Utility

No budget

Solid Waste

No change

Stormwater

Mayor Bell questioned if a stormwater plan had been done. PW Director Bostic noted most projects are repairs.

Vice Mayor Richardson noted there are several roads with stormwater issues – Sunset Way, Labord

Roads and Streets

No change

Library

LD Glendinning stated instead of the requested automatic flushers she would like to do a new floor in the Community Room (laminated) - \$2,000

Remove City Hall painting and add in Library painting - \$5,000

Pool

Hats – remove

Parks Maintenance

No change

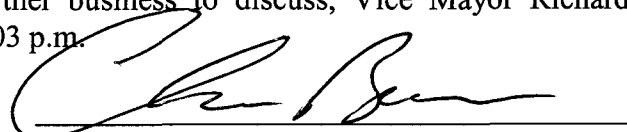
Recreation

Approved giving Debbie Green a \$100 Xmas bonus

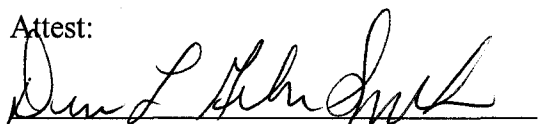
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No change

02. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Richardson moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

  
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Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk