

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioners Christopher Bell, Ray Lewis, and Rick Ranize.

Also Present: City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver; City Treasurer; Jeannine Racine; Police Chief Michael Fewless, Captain Eric Luce, Police Department; Interim Fire Chief Don Gilpin; Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Yoder, Steven “Steve” R. Odgen, and Pablo Echevarria, Fire Department; Public Works Director Dale Bogle; Interim Community Development Administrative Assistant Tracy Kelley; and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.; Reverend Dr. George Mulford, Grace Bible Baptist Church, gave the invocation, and Captain Luce led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

At Mayor Cheshire’s request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was present.

Mayor Cheshire announced the decorum for this evening’s meeting.

Upon Mayor Cheshire’s suggestion and **by unanimous consent, the city commission took the following item out of order on this evening’s agenda.**

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – INTRODUCTION – SWEARING-IN - POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief Fewless noted the experience of the following law enforcement officers and administered the oath of office:

- Officer Keith Flanary,
- Officer Ortiz-Gonzalez, and
- Officer Derrick Canna

The city commission welcomed and extended congratulations to the officers.

3. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

By unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting at 6:13 p.m. to the Local Planning Agency and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the August 22, 2017 workshop meeting minutes as submitted.

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

(a) **Cales Field Recreation Complex – Park Fence Quotes - FY 2017-18 Approved Budget**

The city commission considered its action to approve three quotes and accept staff's recommendation to furnish and install new black chain link fences at Cales Field Recreation Complex' softball field.

Mr. La Venia referred to the February 22, 2018 email received from Ms. Michelle Yoder, Parks and Recreation Director, regarding the three quotes; namely, Mossy Oak Fence for \$37,230; Mid-Fla Fence & Gate Inc. for \$38,990, and Fence-It for \$44,588.

After discussion, **and on motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the city manager's recommendation to accept Mossy Oak Fence as the low responsible bidder to furnish and install fencing for \$37,230 at Cales Field Recreation Complex.**

(b) **Resolution 2018-003 Relatives and Personal Relationships – Mayor and Commissioners**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2018-003, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A POLICY APPLICABLE TO MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO RELATIVES AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Tabled from the January 25, 2018 regular meeting.)

In response to Mayor Cheshire's inquiry on the two versions of the proposed resolution provided under the following subsection 1.(e), Ms. Geraci-Carver requested the city commission's direction:

In the event an employee's relative, or someone with whom the employee is in a dating relationship or partners or members of the same household is elected to the City Commission, the employee may continue in employment with the City of Fruitland Park.

OR

In the event an employee's relative, or someone with whom the employee is in a dating relationship or partners or members of the same household is elected to the City Commission, the employee's employment with the City of Fruitland Park may be terminated.

Ms. Geraci-Carver relayed the statements by Ms. Dorothy "Dottie" F. Green, Latham, Shuker, Eden & Beaudine, LLP, labor attorney retained by the city, on the city's ability and right to terminate the employee or relative who decided to run for office, wins the office, and serves on the city commission who would be excluded from same to which Mayor Cheshire expressed his preference for the first version.

Following considerable deliberations, Commissioner Bell recalled the consequences of a similar policy implemented by the former city commission and suggested that Mr. La Venia uses his discretion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Gunter and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission postpone indefinitely Resolution 2018-003, as previously cited.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:

Commissioner Bell	Yes
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Commissioner Ranize	No
Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Mayor Cheshire	Yes

The motion was declared carried on a four to one (4-1) vote.

(c) Resolution 2018-010 FY 2017-18 Library Construction Budget Sales Surtax - Budget Amendment BT 2018-07 – FY 2017-18

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2018-010, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER BY \$976,785 TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FROM STORMWATER, PUBLIC SAFETY, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (SALES SURTAX) AND ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY FROM LAKE COUNTY TO THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET; AND

Law Office of Anita Geraci-Carver, P.A.

*1560 Bloxam Avenue
Clermont, Florida 34711
352.243.2801
Facsimile 352.243.2768
anita@agclaw.net*

March 29, 2018

Esther Coulson, City Clerk
City of Fruitland Park
506 W. Berckman Street
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Re: Lake Saunders Groves Land, LLP

TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

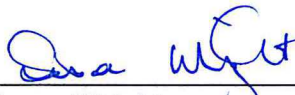
In an effort to avoid additional legal expenses, enclosed please find the following documents without a narrative letter from this office:

- For your information only, do not need to call office.
 For your information only, please call after reviewing.
 For review, sign, and return to this office.

The following documents are enclosed:

1. Original executed Agreement Between the City of Fruitland Park and Lake Saunders Groves Land, LLP.

Law Office of Anita Geraci-Carver, P.A.



Susan Wright
Assistant to Anita Geraci-Carver, Esq.

Enclosure

PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Postponed from February 8, 2018 regular meeting.)

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-010 as previously cited.**

Following further discussion, **Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:**

Commissioner Ranize	No
Commissioner Lewis	Yes
Commissioner Bell	Yes
Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Mayor Cheshire	Yes

The motion was declared carried on a four to one (4-1) vote.

(d) Resolution 2018-011 Budget Shortfall - Budget Amendment BT 2018-09 – FY 2017-18

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2018-011, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURES IN LEGAL AND VILLAGE FIRE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Ms. Racine explained the budgeted amount to be based on Lake County's tax roll calculations on fire assessment and ad valorem on homes in The Villages with certificates of occupancy (COs) on January 1, 2017 and the consequences of not recouping same with the deadline for payment to be due by October 1, Commissioner Ranize noted the difficulty Ms. Racine experienced in obtaining the information from the former community development director.

Commissioner Ranize recommended that the city commission include in its FY 2018-19 proposed budget the approximate 2,054 Villages homes, if there are no COs; referred to Ms. Racine's email dated February 20, 2018 regarding the subject issue, and recognized her method of calculation without receiving the information to which Ms. Racine concurred in the affirmative recognizing the city's shortfall each year. (A copy of the email is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-003 as previously cited.

An amended motion was made by Commissioner Ranize and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission adopt previously cited Resolution 2018-011 and not Resolution 2018-003.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote declared the motion carried unanimously.

(e) Resolution 2018-012 Insurance Claim Proceeds Traffic Signal – Budget Amendment BT 2018-10 – FY 2017-18

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2018-012, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND INSURANCE PROCEEDS TO THE GENERAL FUND ROAD AND STREETS BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-012 as previously cited.**

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

(f) Parking Violation Ordinance Discussion

On motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed the discussion on the city's current laws on parking violations to a future meeting at staff's request.

(g) December 2017 YTD Budget Report

Ms. Racine reviewed the December 2017 year-to-date budget report.

Recognizing the city commission's earlier action under agenda item 6.(d), Resolution 2018-011 Budget Shortfall Budget Amendment for FY 2017-18, Commissioner Lewis questioned the need to pursue a loan/line of credit for the general fund and noted the expenditures made in November 2017 on invoices related to Hurricane Irma to which Ms. Racine responded on the need to utilize the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) money as collateral.

Mr. La Venia referred to staff's meeting with FEMA's representative; reported on the process of closing out the claim, and explained the procedures involved at the state level who has been holding on to said funds, after FEMA already issued payment, and before releasing same to the local governments.

Ms. Racine and Mr. La Venia concurred in the affirmative to Commissioner Lewis' statement on the need to utilize restricted funds and expend same in a negative fund balance. Commissioner Lewis believed that the city should not wait until a later time to obtain get a line of credit.

Commissioner Lewis concurred with Mayor Cheshire's suggestion directing Ms. Racine and Mr. La Venia to communicate with the state representatives requesting the city's money in that regard.

After discussion, and **by unanimous consent, the city commission directed the city treasurer to pursue the line of credit for the general fund.**

On motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the budget report as submitted.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

(h) First Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing – Ordinance 2018-002 – Rezoning and Development Agreement (First Baptist Church of Leesburg Inc.)

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2018-002, the substance of which is as follows, and Mayor Cheshire called for interested parties to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING 14.95 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 52.70 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT (PFD) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 85.44 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 17.00 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (R-3A) TO

MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; REZONING 33.98 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM GREENBELT DISTRICT (GB) TO MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; APPROVING A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Continued from January 25, 2018 regular meeting. (The second reading will be held on March 8, 2018)

Mr. Greg Beliveau, LPG, recommended that testimony and recommendations heard before the LPA earlier this evening be moved to this evening's regular agenda.

No one from the public came before the city commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Lewis that the city commission accept the recommendations from the Local Planning Agency to approve the previously cited Ordinance 2018-002 Rezoning and Development Agreement, as amended, with the condition that it be a 400-foot setback rather than 275 feet for any buildings in excess of three stories.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote and declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. La Venia referred to the previous conference meeting previously held with city staff, himself, Messrs. Ayris and relayed the conversations that exhibit "B" was being removed and to disregard same, to which Mr. Beliveau referred to an email received in that regard.

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

7. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

Gardenia East Subdivision Proposed (Large-Scale) Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and Rezoning – Discussion

Mr. La Venia addressed the Gardenia East Subdivision (14.3 acre-property north of Register Road and east of US Highway 27/441); mentioned the intent to present to the city commission the planning and zoning department's policies and procedures which has already been implemented and reported on the department's efficient operations since. He explained that Mr. Kenneth R. "Ted" Wick, Wicks Engineering Services Inc., is working on the subject issue; addressed the plan to schedule a work session before the proposed homes are considered by the Planning

and Zoning (P&Z) Board, the LPA, and the city commission to which Mr. Beliveau confirmed requires annexation, a comprehensive plan and PUD.

Mr. Beliveau reported that the Mirror Lake PUD amendment will be considered at a future meeting; addressed the plan to hold a meeting on February 23, 2018 to address the amendments, and indicated that he is also recommending bringing same back before the city commission as a workshop for review.

Mayor Cheshire addressed the problem of identifying conceptual plans and the LDRs and pointed out Commissioner Ranize' comments earlier at this evening's LPA meeting on what was being permitted and the elected body being notified.

Mr. Beliveau, in response, recognized the number of issues that were found which staff was unaware that were not addressed and suggested amending the master development plan requirements for PUDs under Chapter 154, Zoning District Regulations at a future workshop.

In response, Mayor Cheshire requested that Mr. Beliveau provide a report on other local governments' requirements.

Ms. Kelley addressed staff's efforts in making the office more transparent.

(b) City Attorney

i. Lawsuits

Ms. Geraci-Carver reported that the Homani and Green cases have been resolved which will be removed from future reports.

ii. Notice of Claims

Ms. Geraci-Carver announced that there are no updates on notices of claims.

iii. City Commission Voting Districts Population Discussion

Later in the meeting, Ms. Geraci-Carver thanked Mr. Beliveau for working on the city commission districts population map.

Mr. Beliveau reviewed the 2016-2020 Voting Districts Map reflecting the current population and illustrating the units divided within the districts; copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Geraci-Carver agreed with the legal requirement, due to the disparity, on the divided percentages for the voting district population and noted the 2020 threshold on redistricting, based on population, outside the U.S. Census data.

Mr. Beliveau referred to the 2018 current and proposed districts attached to the districts population map which are based strictly on numbers where the

lines have not been moved; explained the proposed changes chiefly affecting the current districts one and three which will be in The Villages, and anticipated, at some point, the lines to be adjusted again within 12 years mainly due to the proposed FBC development.

After Ms. Geraci-Carver confirmed, in the affirmative, in response to Commissioner Lewis' remarks on the legal requirement to redistrict, he announced that he will not be seeking reelection.

After discussion, Mr. Beliveau recognized that there are no units in Gardenia and Lake Saunders Groves PUDs which have been grand parented.

Responding to statements by Commissioners Lewis and Ranize, Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that as new developments occur, the city commission would be required to review the redistricting issue in a similar manner.

Subsequent to further discussion and **at the city attorney's request, the city commission, by unanimous consent, agreed for staff to report back with the proposed 2016-2020 Voting Districts Map for city commission consideration.**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS – Lake Saunders Groves Utility Easements

Later in the meeting, Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to email copies disseminated earlier this day regarding the Lake Saunders Groves Land Agreement and Easement which:

- will grant the city two easements for the two wastewater lines in the Town of Lady Lake;
- where the city would provide the owner with sewer impact fee credit based on the fair market value (FMV) of the easement;
- upon execution this day would serve as the date the appraiser would use to make a determination on FMV paid within 90 days and within 30 days of receipt, the city would provide the appraiser with a copy and be informed as to whether it agrees to the amount; otherwise, the city would accept its own appraiser, at its own cost and at FMV, and if not, the two appraisers would select another appraiser to review the two appraisals, determine the amount the owner has (which cannot be less or greater than the appraisals the city receives) resulting in how the wastewater sewer impact fee credits would be received and determined.

After discussion and on motion of **Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the city commission took the following actions:**

- iv. **Lake Saunders Groves Land Agreement**
approved the agreement between the City of Fruitland Park, Florida, a Florida municipal corporation (the "City") and Lake Saunders Groves Land, LLP, a Florida limited liability partnership ("Owner") for water and sewer utility service and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same;
- v. **Lake Saunders Groves Land Permanent Underground Utility Easement Grant – 27,936 sf**
accepted the grant of a permanent underground utility easement by Lake Saunders Groves Land, LLP and the City of Fruitland Park for utility purposes relating to property consisting of 27,936 square feet (0.641 acres) and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same;

and

- vi. **Lake Saunders Groves Land Permanent Underground Utility Easement – Grant 49,047.26 sf**
accepted the grant of a permanent underground utility easement by Lake Saunders Groves Land, LLP and the City of Fruitland Park for utility purposes relating to property consisting of 49,047.26 square feet (1.126 acres) and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute same.

Mr. La Venia expressed his gratitude to Ms. Geraci-Carver for working on the subject issue.

- vii. **Feral Cats**
Earlier in the meeting, Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to the city commission's previous request for information on the feral cats which is incomplete and referred to Mount Dora's animal control officer. She addressed her desire to review additional information on how animal control was handled and that she will report back at the next meeting.
- viii. **CRA**
Earlier in the meeting, Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the need to hold a Community Redevelopment Agency meeting to approve the March 2018 annual report which is due at the end of the month.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public came before the commission at this time.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Ranize

i. Fruitland Park Library Construction Project

Commissioner Ranize requested whether an elevated view picturing the completion of the proposed Fruitland Park Library could be provided, without costing any additional money.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Ranize voiced concerns on expenditures and costs towards the funding of the Fruitland Park Library construction site; addressed his previous attempts in asking the right questions, and stated that he wished, during the FY 2017-18 budget process, that it was made known on the cost for homes for fire rescue services for The Villages. In acknowledging the bid for the library construction site work to be more than what was anticipated, he indicated that he cannot accept the other \$800,000 approximate cost.

ii. Lake Saunders Groves Utility Easements

With respect to the Lake Saunders Groves Utility Easements, Commissioner Ranize expressed pleasure in its completion and resolution and thanked those individuals who were involved.

iii. Poinsettia Avenue, Cutoff Road and Shiloh Street – Roadway Improvements

After Commissioner Ranize anticipated receiving a proposal from Lake County on Cutoff Road, Mr. Bogle described in detail the recent resurfacing work that was conducted; his previous meeting with county representatives regarding Shiloh Street which is structurally in good condition, (with the exception of certain areas on Dixie Avenue to Poinsettia Avenue), and the review and work to be carried out on Cutoff Road which has been placed on the top of the county's priority list.

After discussion and with respect to Commissioner Bell's inquiry on the sidewalks on Cutoff Road, Mr. La Venia addressed his plan to contact the engineers regarding the road resurfacing.

Following concerns expressed by Commissioner Lewis on accepting the roadways in their present conditions and the handling of the trees, Mr. La Venia suggested waiting until the proposal is received from the county before making a decision. He referred to Mr. Bogle's email sent earlier this day to Ms. Lori L. Koontz, Lake County's Public Works Department, Road Operations Division, requesting the county's plans for Cutoff Road and Shiloh Street; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

iv. Sewer and Grease Traps Discharge Regulations

Commissioner Ranize referred to Ordinance 2015-005 Sewer and Grease Traps Regulations and questioned whether anything is being implemented regarding the restaurants.

After Mr. La Venia addressed the plan to work with Ms. Lori Davis, Code Enforcement Officer, in that regard, Commissioner Ranize recommended dealing with the matter before connecting the water wastewater system to the Town of Lady Lake's.

Due to the PUD issue, Mr. La Venia reported that staff is still working on the stormwater runoff from Urick Road to Mirror Lake. He indicated that the attorney has been made aware that the city filed a complaint to the St John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for their existing stormwater basins. Mr. La Venia explained that he intends to call Mr. William "Bill" Curlie, SJRWMD, on February 23, 2018, who plans to send their engineers to the area in question.

v. City Commission Voting Districts Population Discussion

Commissioner Ranize expressed appreciation for the voting districts population information; relayed his conversations with Mr. Beliveau on keeping the city commission informed on pending major projects, and requested the status of the policies and procedures for the planning and zoning department. He addressed the concern on the proposed Westminster Communities project in comparison to others that were previously before the city commission.

(b) Commissioner Lewis

i. Fruitland Park Library Construction Project

In response to Commissioner Ranize' concerns, Commissioner Lewis recognized the possible reallocation of the city's capital and restricted funds to handle the overages of the Fruitland Park Library Site Construction project.

Commissioner Lewis voiced his concerns that the city is not in a position to have reserve funds on the operating or general fund category, to which Commissioner Ranize concurred.

Commissioner Lewis disclosed his explanation over the telephone to Mr. Phil Egner, City of Fruitland Park resident (Brookstone Subdivision), earlier this day, on the city commission's action and financial impacts to the city as a result.

ii. Park Improvements

Commissioner Lewis commended staff from the parks and recreation and public works departments for the recent satisfactory work completed at Veterans Park which has been the topic of discussions in the community.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry on the status of Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field, Mr. La Venia reported on the plan to present fertilizer quotes at the March 8, 2018 regular meeting for consideration. He also explained that staff is obtaining quotes for the swales and driveways; anticipated completion of the soccer field by April 2018, and relayed the county's request for ribbon cutting in the near future.

After discussion, and **on motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission, contingently approved authorizing the city manager to proceed expending up to \$12,500 towards the completion of the Northwest Lake Community, Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field.**

iii. Property Closure

Commissioner Lewis referenced the county's closure of a property on CR 466A; pointed out his discussions with Mr. Bogle recognizing the pre-construction meeting held with the county on March 1, 2018 to begin the next phase, and commended the code enforcement officer and public works department staff for working on the issue of a home that was vacated with a pool which was not maintained that would have posed to be a health and safety hazard.

**(c) Commissioner Bell
Park Improvements**

Commissioner Bell addressed the need to complete the arrangements for Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field ribbon cutting and mentioned his efforts to obtain lighting for the field.

Commissioner Bell recognized the current contract the county has for lighting which expires in June 2018 and suggested that the city piggybacks on same.

(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.

i. Park Improvements,

Vice Mayor Gunter expressed his satisfaction with Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field and the fields at parks and recreation.

Vice Mayor Gunter referred to the Economic Update and Agency for Economic Prosperity Overview power-point presentation by Mr. Robert Chandler, Lake County Economic Development Director, at the February 9, 2018 Lake County League of Cities Inc.'s Board of Directors

Commissioner Lewis agreed with Vice Mayor Gunter's suggestion for Mr. La Venia to contact Mr. Chandler, before he leaves the county's employ and pursue whether the lights for Cales Park Multipurpose Soccer Field could be paid for.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Cheshire announced the following dates to remember:

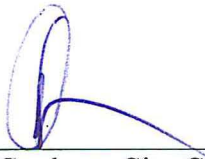
- February 28, 2018, Lake-Sumter MPO Governing Board Meeting, 225 W Guava Street, #217, Lady Lake, Florida 32159 at 2:00 p.m.;
- March 8, 2018, New Fruitland Park Library Ground-Breaking Ceremony at noon;
- March 8, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;
- March 9, 2018 – LCLC Congressman Danial Webster *TBD*, Lake Receptions 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.
- March 9, 2018 – Movie on the Lawn *Wonder* at 7:00 p.m.;
- March 22, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;
- March 8, 2018 *New Fruitland Park Library Ground Breaking Ceremony*, Corner of West Berckman Street and Rose Avenue, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 12:00 p.m.;
- March 10, 2018 – Fruitland Park Beautification Day, Fruitland Park Library 205 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 10:00 a.m.;
- Gardenia Park Ground Breaking Ceremony TBD to which Mayor Cheshire conveyed Ms. Yoder's request for the groundbreaking ribbon-cutting ceremony to take place;
- March 15, 2018, City Commission Workshop at 6:00 p.m.;
- March 22, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;
- April 5, 2018, City Commission Workshop at 6:00 p.m.;
- April 7, 2018, Fruitland Park Day at 10:00 a.m. with the Annual Barbeque Cook-Off at 12:00 p.m.;
- April 10, 2018, Lake Emergency Management Services Inc., Committee Meeting, Lake County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778 at TBD;
- April 12, 2018, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;

- April 13, 2018 – LCLC *TBD*, Lake Receptions 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m., and
- April 13, 2018 – Movie on the Lawn *Jumanji* at 8:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the April 26, 2018 regular meeting.

Signed 

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 

Chris Cheshire, Mayor