

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioners Christopher Bell, Patrick A. DeGrave, and John F. Mobilian.

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia; City Treasurer Jeannine Racine; Interim Police Chief Erik Luce, Police Officer Jeremiah Ricketts, Executive Assistant Karen McKillips, Police Department; Interim Fire Chief Donald Gilpin, Lieutenants Madison Leary, and Michael Howard, Fire Department; Fruitland Park Library Director JoAnn Glendinning; Public Works Director Dale Bogle; Human Resources Director Diane Kolcun and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Reverend Mal Patterson, Community United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and Interim Police Chief Erik 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 declared present.

Mayor Cheshire announced the decorum for the conduct of this evening's meeting.

3. ELECTIONS

Canvassing of Returns – November 6, 2018 General Election, Certification Election Unofficial Results - District 2 City Commissioner

Lake County Canvassing Board:

Ms. Coulson acknowledged the unofficial results of the November 6, 2018 General Election for Commissioner Mobilian and reported that the official returns certificate will be available on November 19, anticipated to be approved at the December 13, 2018 regular meeting.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

(a) Swearing in – City Commissioner, District 1

Patrick DeGrave

Ms. Coulson administered the oath of office to Mr. DeGrave and welcomed him as city commissioner.

(b) Swearing-in – City Commissioner, District 2

John Mobilian

Ms. Coulson administered the oath of office to Mr. Mobilian and welcomed him as city commissioner.

5. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance to Robert's Rules of Order (RONR), Mayor Cheshire announced the future decorum for debate as follows before final action is taken on items before the city commission:

- Vice Mayor Gunter,
- Commissioner Bell,
- Commissioner DeGrave,
- Commissioner Mobilian and
- Mayor Cheshire

Later in the meeting, and in response to Commissioner Bell's inquiry, Mayor Cheshire clarified the voting requirements under RONR and the rotation of the members during roll call votes.

(a) Mayor

Mayor Cheshire recognized the annual election of officers to be in order.

Vice Mayor Gunter placed the name of Chris Cheshire as mayor for 2018-19, the nomination was seconded Commissioner DeGrave.

After discussion, **Commissioner Bell placed the name of John L. Gunter Jr. as mayor for 2018-19.**

Following further discussion, Vice Mayor Gunter declined the position of mayor.

There being no further names placed for nomination, by unanimous consent, it was declared closed.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote to nominate Chris Cheshire as mayor for 2018-19 with the city commission members voting as follows:

Commissioner DeGrave	Yes
Commissioner Mobilian	Yes
Commissioner Bell	No
Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Mayor Cheshire	Yes

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

(b) Vice Mayor

At this time and after Mayor Cheshire vacated the chair and passed the gavel, Vice Mayor Gunter assumed the chair.

Mayor Cheshire placed the name of John L. Gunter Jr. as vice mayor for 2018-19. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner DeGrave.

Vice Mayor Gunter accepted the position of vice mayor.

There being no further names placed for nomination, by unanimous consent, it was declared closed.

Vice Mayor Gunter called for a roll call vote to nominate John L. Gunter Jr. as vice mayor for 2018-19 and declared it carried unanimously.

At this time Mayor Cheshire resumed the chair.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(a) Check Presentation – Gardenia Park Renovation - FRDAP Land and Recreation Grants

Mayor Cheshire recognized the State of Florida Recreation Development Assistant Program Land and Recreation Grants check presentation for \$100,000 for Gardenia Park renovation.

Ms. Rachel Nunlist, State of Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP), Lake Griffin Park Manager, recognized the FDEP's support of local parks and recreation division; reported on the total donation of \$7 million totaling 137 different projects throughout the State of Florida and recognized the support for the Gardenia Phase III Renovations for FY 2018-19 with the understanding that more grant funding will be expected at a later date. She addressed the plan to make improvements to Gardenia Skate Park and more administrative duties including obtaining additional grants and expressed appreciation to the patrons who use the park.

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Cheshire thanked Ms. Nunlist for the check.

Mr. La Venia gave an overview of the grant funding received and addressed the intent to apply for pickleball and tennis courts during FY 2018-19.

(b) Veterans Day Proclamation

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Cheshire read into the record a proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2018 as *Veterans Day*.

Noting the absence of Commander Nick Abling, John Gella Memorial Unit (Florida American Legion) Post 219 Inc., the proclamation will be presented at the November 12, 2018 Veterans Day event.

After discussion, Mr. La Venia and Mayor Cheshire extended appreciation to Mses. Coulson and Deputy City Clerk Dana Coleman for their work in promoting

with Post 219 the city's veterans' names to be placed on the plaque to be situated outside city hall and addressed the plan to award the service men and women with certificates of appreciation at the respective event.

(c) Sixth Annual Wreaths Across America Proclamation

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Cheshire read into the record a proclamation declaring Saturday, December 15, 2018 as the Sixth Annual *Wreaths Across America Day*. He encouraged citizens to attend the ceremony and recognized the improvements to Shiloh Cemetery.

Ms. Lucy McCann, John Gella Memorial Unit (Florida American Legion Post Auxiliary) 219 Inc., accepted the proclamation with appreciation and extended an invitation to everyone to attend the December 15, 2018 ceremony at 12:00 p.m. which will take place at the same time all over the United States.

(d) Titan Swim Team Special Presentation

Ms. Jennifer Swing, Messrs. Walter Burial and Travis Edgens, Board of Directors of the Titan Swim Team, gave self introductions.

Ms. Swing thanked the city commission for allowing the swim team to be a part of the community and reported on the team's successes during the past year.

Ms. Gea Frutera, swim team participant and seventh grade middle school student who also belongs with the swim team at The Villages Charter High School, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the city commission for allowing Fruitland Park to be the team's new home and highlighted the accomplishments achieved in a short period.

Mayor Cheshire expressed pleasure in having the swim team participating at Gardenia Park Swimming Pool and noted the advantages for the community.

(e) Fruitland Park Library Presentation

Ms. Glendinning gave a statistical report on the services provided at the Fruitland Park Library during FY 2017-18 and a power-point presentation on the Fruitland Park Library furniture. She noted the correction on slide #11, children's furniture and shelving where five children's upholstered gaming stools at \$593.00 each should reflect \$593.00 total. Ms. Glendinning referred to the email she received earlier this day from Mr. Jeff Hunt, Library Interiors of Florida Inc., requesting a procurement for the items in question and the utilization of the state's contracts.

Mayor Cheshire referred to Regular Agenda Item 5(f), Resolution 2018-071 FY 2018-19 Library Construction Budget Amendment on this evening's agenda and suggested that the library's finances can be addressed at that time.

In answer to Vice Mayor Gunter's inquiry, Ms. Glendinning indicated that the contractor and Library Interiors of Florida could utilize local contractors within the

city to furnish the library. She addressed the possibility of furnishing them with the specifications and concurred in the affirmative to Commissioner Bell's inquiry to review local companies.

Commissioner DeGrave expressed concerns on the furniture prices; questioned whether local cabinet makers (outside the library world) could custom make comparable furnishings and requested that more detailed information be provided on the building of cabinets, justification of their costs and whether they could be cost effective.

After further discussion, Mayor Cheshire relayed his request to submit bids with three different companies (the state or otherwise) for city commission consideration to which Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that the state's contracts are bid competitively which the city, if preferred, could utilize without procurement; otherwise, the bid requirement of over \$35,000 ought to be submitted individually and cannot be piecemealed.

Following some discussion, Ms. Geraci-Carver believed that if it is the city commission's intent to potentially award the subject library furniture to the other companies, she advised that the procurement process be utilized.

Subsequent to further discussions, Mayor Cheshire voiced his concurrence with Commissioner DeGrave's reiterated request for more detail on the subject furniture as the state has already procured same and Commissioner Bell suggested that Mr. Hunt be invited to appear before the city commission to review the selected furniture.

Following further discussion, Mr. La Venia voiced his concurrence with Commissioner DeGrave's previous request. He agreed for Mr. Hunt to appear before the city commission recommending that Mr. Hunt provide furniture samples and pictures or alternatively communicate with Mr. Steve Glasgow, Signature Construction Inc. (contractor retained by the city for the Fruitland Park library construction), to provide the furniture built-ins and costs.

Mayor Cheshire suggested that Ms. Glendinning coordinate with Mr. La Venia and Ms. Coulson for Mr. Hunt to appear before the city commission to explain the reason for the library furniture prices.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the August 30, 2018 regular minutes as submitted.

At Mayor Cheshire's request and by unanimous consent, the city commission recessed its meeting at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) 2019 City Commission Meeting Schedule

The city commission considered its action on the 2019 city commission meeting schedule.

After discussion, Ms. Geraci-Carver recommended that staff will report back to the city commission regarding changes to the proposed first budget public hearing scheduled for September 12, 2019.

Following further discussion and **on motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the 2019 city commission meeting schedule as submitted which will be amended as needed.**

(b) City Boards-Committees

i. Planning and Zoning Board

The city commission recognized that there are no changes to the Planning and Zoning Board at this time.

ii. Lake~Sumter MPO Governing Board

The city commission considered its action to designate representatives to serve on the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (LSMPO) Governing Board.

After Commissioner Mobilian volunteered to serve as the primary at-large voting member, **on motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission appointed Commissioner John Mobilian as the primary at-large voting member to serve on the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (LSMPO) Governing Board.**

Following discussion, Vice Mayor Gunter expressed his willingness to continue to serve as the alternate on the LSMPO Governing Board.

On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission reappointed Vice Mayor John L. Gunter Jr. as alternate to vote and participate in the LSMPO Governing Board meetings.

iii. Board of Trustees Firefighters Pension Trust Fund

After Mayor Cheshire recognized the need for volunteers, at his request, Ms. Coulson gave a report on the Board of Trustees Firefighters Pension Trust Fund appointments.

- iv. **Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board**
Commissioner Bell reported on makeup of the Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board and his service on same for a two-year term ending May 20, 2020.
- v. **Lake County Educational Concurrency Review Committee**
On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission reappointed Vice Mayor John L. Gunter to serve on the Lake County Educational Concurrency Review Committee.
- vi. **Lake County League of Cities**
Mayor Cheshire recalled, at the September 27, 2018 regular meeting, the city commission's appointment of Commissioner Bell as the director and Vice Mayor Gunter as the alternate director to vote at the League of Cities Board of Directors meetings serving for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2019.

Additional Item

- vii. **Lake County Arts and Cultural Alliance**
At Mayor Cheshire's request, Commissioner Bell reported on the membership requirements to serve on the county's arts and cultural alliance and Ms. Coulson recognized the rotating term for the city to begin August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025.
- viii. **Mayor – Boards/Committees**
 - **Lake County Museum Board Advisory Committee**
Mayor Cheshire referred to the October 31, 2018 letter from Lake County District 4 Commissioner Leslie Campione, as liaison to the Lake County Museum Board, where she is seeking assistance with the creation of its advisory committee; a copy of which his filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor Cheshire encouraged anyone interested to serve, to submit their applications which would be forwarded on to the county.
 - **City 100th Centennial Celebration Committee**
Ms. Coulson recognized that the city was incorporated in December 1925 where the city will be approaching its 100th year anniversary; believed it to be prudent to start planning for such events early and helpful to find someone who is passionate about the city's history to work with the whole community on celebrative events. She addressed the need to establish a committee to report to the city commission and anticipate receiving its endorsement to proceed.

After discussion, Mayor Cheshire addressed his concurrence and suggested that Ms. Geraci-Carver research further the city requirements as it relates to the creation of miscellaneous boards.

(c) Resolution 2018-066 NPDES Program Coordination – FY 2018-19 - Agreement and Statement of Work

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-066, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT OF WORK BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK AND MARYANN KRISOVITCH FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM STORMWATER PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In response to questions posed by Vice Mayor Gunter and Commissioner Mobilian, Mr. La Venia addressed his intent to research whether the city would receive credits relating to the Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) recognizing the connection with the Town of Lady Lake's Water and Wastewater Treatment facility; addressed the need to comply with the process as the CUP permit expires in 2020 and noted that work is performed for The Villages where staff is currently working with Ms. Jennifer Bolling, CH2M Hill Companies Inc. (water conservation consultant retained by the city) in that regard.

Mayor Cheshire suggested that Commissioner Mobilian meet with Mr. La Venia who would provide more explanation on the subject issue.

Ms. Geraci-Carver, in answer to Commissioner Mobilian's inquiry, confirmed that she will provide him with a copy of the CUP.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-066.**

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

(d) Resolution 2018-067 Fire Assessment Program Annual Maintenance – FY 2019-20 – GSG Proposal

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-067, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA ACCEPTING THE FIRE

GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP INC.'S FIRE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES SCOPE OF SERVICES FROM GSG, INC., FOR FY 2019-20; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission postponed its action to adopt Resolution 2018-067 as previously cited to a future meeting for more information.**

(e) Resolution 2018-068 – Lawn and Landscaping Services TruGreen Contract Agreement

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-068, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL FOR FERTILIZING, WEED CONTROL AND TURF DAMAGING INSECT CONTROL SERVICES AT CITY HALL, FRUITLAND PARK LIBRARY, CALES RECREATION PARK AND SOCCER FIELD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-068 as previously cited.**

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

(f) Resolution 2018-071 FY 2018-19 Library Construction Budget Amendment

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-071, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PURSUANT TO SEC. 6.07 OF THE CITY CHARTER BY \$30,000 TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FROM CIP TO THE GENERAL FUND; TO INCREASE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY \$30,000 AND INCREASE THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET BY \$55,000 PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After Mr. La Venia gave a background on the subject proposed resolution, at Mayor Cheshire's request, he addressed the need to include gutters on the library building for approximately \$5,000 and recalled the city commission's adoption of Resolution 2018-063 for Fruitland Park Library Gutters at its October 11, 2018 regular meeting utilizing stormwater funds.

Following further discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-071 as previously cited.**

Subsequent discussions ensued and **Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion with the city commission members voting as follows:**

Commissioner Mobilian	No
Commissioner Bell	Yes
Commissioner DeGrave	Yes
Vice Mayor Gunter	Yes
Mayor Cheshire	Yes

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

(g) Resolution 2018-070 - Payment Processing Services – Government Merchant Agreement - Forte Payment Systems Inc.

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Resolution 2018-070, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE PAYMENT PROCESSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORTE PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission adopt Resolution 2018-070 as previously cited.**

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

PUBLIC HEARING

By unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire opened the public hearings at this evening's meeting.

- (h) **First Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance 2018-023 – Line of Credit - USB**
Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2018-023, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LINE OF CREDIT FROM UNITED SOUTHERN BANK AS OUTLINED IN A COMMITMENT LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2018; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE LINE OF CREDIT; PLEDGING OUTSTANDING FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on December 13, 2018)

Mr. La Venia gave a report on the approximate amount of \$127,000 received on November 7, 2018 from the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Category A, Hurricane Irma cleanup reimbursement; anticipated the next reimbursement and payments to be received in the very near future and noted the line of credit cost with United Southern Bank (USB) to be nil to which Ms. Racine confirmed is not needed.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Bell that the city commission withdraw the application for a line of credit.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously. (Said application was stipulated in United Southern Bank's Commitment Letter dated September 6, 2018; therefore, aforementioned Ordinance 2018-023 was not approved.)

- (i) **First Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance 2018-022 – Electric Franchise Agreement - Extension**
Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record proposed Ordinance 2018-022, the substance of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO FRUITLAND PARK'S ELECTRIC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT FIVE YEARS WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 2023; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The second reading will be held on December 13, 2018)

After discussion, Mayor Cheshire questioned the City of Leesburg's electric franchise rates in comparison with other local providers and whether there would be a difference within the five years, to which Ms. Geraci-Carver agreed with Commissioner Bell's reference on the need to purchase same at that time but consider another extension.

Vice Mayor Gunter recalled the city commission's previous position in opting out of the purchase of the electric system from the City of Leesburg and pointed out its review in 2007 of utility vendors' presentations and the study conducted (by WHH Enterprises) on the electric municipalization evaluation outlining the costs and services, if the City of Fruitland Park acquires same.

Following much discussion, Commissioner Bell suggested that the city commission conduct an audit as it relates to the electric franchise agreement and the transfer of funds for infrastructure improvements.

Mr. La Venia, in response, voiced his concurrence and recommended the need to conduct the audit immediately to reduce the rates and provide the underground infrastructure currently in the City of Leesburg, that is not implemented for the City of Fruitland Park within said time period.

After further discussion and after Ms. Geraci-Carver described the second amendment, Mr. La Venia addressed the plan to include same.

A motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Mobilian that the city commission approve Ordinance 2018-022 as previously cited.

Mayor Cheshire called for the public to be heard.

Mr. Carl Yauk, The Villages of Fruitland Park (VOFP) resident, referred to the provisions within the enacted 1983 electric franchise agreement reflecting a franchise fee of 8%, the City of Fruitland Park's provision of an additional tax and another fee charged for processing payments. He recommended that the city commission commit, within a period of time, with reviewing and proceeding with other companies and exploring potential costs and not extend the agreement to an additional five years. Mr. Yauk reported on his review of other utility providers' franchise fees and his discussions with state agencies and public service

commission representatives. He recognized that the franchise fee is not a fixed number which could potentially change.

After discussion, Mr. Vance Jochim, City of Tavares resident, recalled the City of Leesburg's public hearing process (2013) on staff's recommendation to purchase smart-grid electrical meters for all residential properties which failed and believed, as an experienced auditor, that the city may be bearing the cost for such a decision whereby an audit could have been conducted years ago.

In response to several questions posed by Mr. Don Brozick, VOFP resident, Ms. Geraci-Carver outlined the subject agreement's five-year deadline provision for the City of Fruitland Park, who is committed to use the City of Leesburg, to purchase its electric system; the extension of same to the year 2043 where the city would need to accomplish the purchase by December 2019 and the advantage of utilizing the option.

Following extensive discussions and **by unanimous consent, Mayor Cheshire closed the public hearing.**

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

(j) Second Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-019 Definitions and Interpretations – Commercial Parking

It now being the time advertised to hold public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-019 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title, Mayor Cheshire called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION SECTION OF CHAPTER 151; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (The first reading was held on October 11, 2018.)

After discussion and **on motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission continued its actions on proposed Ordinance 2018-019 as previously cited to the December 13, 2018 regular meeting at staff's request.**

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

(k) **Second Reading and Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-021 – Rezoning Petitioner: Larry Smith Trustee**

It now being the time advertised to hold public hearing to consider the enactment of proposed Ordinance 2018-021 and after Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record the following title, Mayor Cheshire called for the public to be heard:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REZONING 0.75 ± ACRES OF THE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL (RP) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-1) WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FRUITLAND PARK; 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. (The first reading was held on October 11, 2018.)

On motion of Commissioner DeGrave, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission continued its actions on proposed Ordinance 2018-021, as previously cited, to the December 13, 2018 regular meeting at staff's request.

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

i. Stop Sign – Olive and Mirror Lake Drive

Due to previous complaints received from residents, Mr. La Venia gave a report on the recent repaving of Mirror Lake Drive and the plan to restripe same. He relayed the suggestion to institute a stop sign on Mirror Lake Drive where he described the location in question; addressed the need to conduct a traffic study which is being implemented by Interim Police Chief Luce and recommended the city commission's consideration of the results once they are received.

Mr. La Venia mentioned other intersections within the city which needs to be considered for a three-way stop sign and suggested that Interim Police Chief. Luce review same and provide his recommendations.

ii. Annual Governmental Days

Mr. La Venia commended Mayor Cheshire, Mses. Coleman, Kolcun, Mr. Bogle, and the police department staff who were involved with the 23rd

Annual Government Day event that was held on November 3, 2018 at The Villages Community Development District, Dwight D. Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center.

iv. Police Department Vehicle Purchase

After Mr. La Venia noted the plan to purchase a detective vehicle using impact fees, Interim Police Chief Luce addressed the need for the police department's investigator to utilize a road patrol vehicle (2019 Ford Fusion) for under \$21,000.

After discussion, Ms. Racine responded, in the affirmative to Commissioner DeGrave's question, that the amount in question is included in the FY 2018-19 budget.

Following further discussion and upon Commissioner DeGrave's suggestion, **the city commission, by unanimous consent, directed staff to provide more information with three prices on the police vehicles for consideration on the December 13, 2018 regular agenda.**

After discussion, **the city commission, by unanimous consent, agreed (with the city manager's concurrence) to allow Commissioner DeGrave to call and meet with Interim Police Chief Erik Luce in order for him to be better acquainted with the police department.**

v. Vacation

Later in the meeting, Mr. La Venia announced that he will be away on vacation on November 26 to December 5, 2018.

(b) City Attorney

Ms. Geraci-Carver announced that she has no developments with the following notices of claim.

(i) Notice of Claim – James Hartson

(ii) Notice of Claim – Larry Odum

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public at this time.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Mobilian – 2018 Newly Elected Officials

Commissioner Mobilian expressed his gratitude to Ms. Coulson for guiding him through the election process. He explained that he is excited to be part of the city commission; extended congratulations to Commissioner DeGrave on his election and indicated that he hoped that he does not disappoint anyone in his district.

(b) Commissioner DeGrave – 2018 Newly Elected Officials

In sharing the same sentiments, Commissioner DeGrave explained that he is excited to be serving on the city commission where he is looking forward to the next four years; thanked those who had been involved and expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Mobilian and Ms. Coulson.

(c) Commissioner Bell – 2018 Newly Elected Officials

Commissioner Bell welcomed the newly appointed commissioners.

(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.

(i) 2018 Newly Elected Officials

Vice Mayor Gunter extended congratulations to the new elected officials recognizing that they are representing the entire city and anticipated that they will perform well in their duties.

(ii) FEMA

Vice Mayor Gunter expressed his satisfaction with FEMA's quick release of the Hurricane Irma cleanup reimbursement and after he acknowledged the representative who acted on its behalf, Ms. Racine recognized the efficient process.

(iii) FBC Groundbreaking

Later in the meeting, Vice Mayor Gunter gave a report on the groundbreaking event that was held on November 7, 2018 at the First Baptist Church Village Park (FBC) and relayed FBC Mr. Art Aryis' appreciation to the city for moving the project forward.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

(a) 2018 Newly Elected Officials

Mayor Cheshire extended congratulations to the newly appointed elected officials.

(b) Boards/Committees/Workshops

(i) LDRs

After Mayor Cheshire addressed the need to conduct a workshop to review the land development regulations (LDRs), Mr. La Venia relayed the willingness of Mr. Greg Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners (land use planners retained by the city), to conduct more than one workshop.

(ii) EDC

In response to Mayor Cheshire's reference regarding economic development, Mr. La Venia referred to proposals previously received from various companies and addressed the plan to hold discussions in the near future with the respective consultants.

Mayor Cheshire relayed his viewing of realtor.com which featured "Florida Castle Creates a 'Frenzy' and Lands on Top of Most Popular Homes" where

the property in Fruitland Park was trending in first place and was the most watched house nationally in the entire country; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor Cheshire suggested establishing an Economic Development Council or Board with citizens and existing city businesses, who possess the knowledge and desire, to serve on same, provide input and assist the city with the process.

(iii) Fire Department

Mayor Cheshire stressed the need to hold a meeting or discussion regarding the future of the fire department; recalled the city commission's previous discussions on whether it would be feasible and recognized the department's capability of submitting reasons why it is economically feasible.

(c) Dates to Remember

Mayor Cheshire announced the following dates:

- November 9, 2018, Movie on the Lawn *Jurassic World*, City Hall (front lawn) at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Cheshire relayed the report from Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder that the October 12, 2018 Movie on the Lawn had 291 people in attendance.
- Although city hall will be closed on November 12, 2018 for Veterans Day, Mayor Cheshire recognized that the Veterans' Day Ceremony to be observed on November 11, 2018 will be held at 11:00 a.m. outside city hall.
- November 16, 2018, LCLC *Election of Officers*, Lake Receptions 4425 North Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Cheshire recognized that Commissioner Bell has served as president of the LCLC for 2018.
- November 19, 2018, Lake County Arts and Cultural Alliance, Mount Dora Center for the Arts, 138 East 5 Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 3:00 p.m.
- November 22, 2018, city commission regular meeting – cancelled.
- November 22, 2018 – Thanksgiving Day - city hall closed.
- November 23, 2018 – Day After Thanksgiving – city hall closed
- November 30, 2018 *Holiday Party* – Community United Methodist Church, 309 College Avenue, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 7:00 p.m.

- December 5, 2018 LS-MPO Governing Board Meeting, 225 West Guava Street, Lady Lake, Florida 32159 at 2:00 p.m. to be attended by Commissioner Mobilian.
- December 7, 2018, Hometown Christmas at 5:30 p.m.
- December 13, 2018, Lake County School Board Annual School Concurrency Meeting, Lake County District Office Board Room, 201 West Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 10:00 a.m. to be attended by Vice Mayor Gunter.

Later in the meeting, Vice Mayor Gunter relayed the message received on November 7, 2018, from Heritage Community Church regarding its invitation to the city to attend the December 13, 2018 Christmas Luncheon which they are currently working on, Mayor Cheshire responded that Ms. Coulson would disseminate the information.

- December 13, 2018, city commission regular meeting.
- December 14, 2018, LCLC *Year-End Wrap-up*, Lake Receptions 4425 North Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.
- December 15, 2018, Sixth Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Shiloh Cemetery, Fruitland Park at 12:00 p.m.
- December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve - city hall closed.
- December 25, 2018, Christmas Day - city hall closed.
- December 27, 2018, city commission regular meeting – cancelled.
- January 1, 2019, New Year's Day – city hall closed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the January 24, 2019 regular meeting.

Signed _____

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed _____

Chris Cheshire, Mayor