

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia; City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver; City Treasurer Jeannine Racine; Interim Police Chief Erik Luce, Executive Assistant Karen McKillips, Administrative Assistant Jeni Simiken, Sergeants Henry Rains, David Cox, Detective Brian Hilberer, Officers Robert Vachon, Paul Sandbakken, Ezequiel Martinez, Keith Flanary, and Jeremiah Ricketts, Police Department; Deputy Fire Chief Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; 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

ACTION: 6:00:00 PM Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, Interim Police Chief Luce, gave the invocation, and Vice Mayor Gunter led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

ACTION: 6:01:00 PM At Mayor Cheshire's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Special Recognition – Colin Crews Planning and Zoning Board Former Member Absent

ACTION: 6:01:11 PM **By unanimous consent, the city commission agreed with the mayor's suggestion for arrangements to be made for the plaque, recognizing Mr. Colin Crews' service as a former member of the Planning and Zoning Board, to be collected by him.**

b. Special Recognition – Swearing-in Police Officers

Interim Police Chief introduced and administered the oath of office to Police Officers Tim Ross, John Simone and Frank Carroll.

ACTION: 6:01:31 PM No action was necessary.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. October 11, 2018 special meeting minutes

b. November 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes

ACTION: 6:06:54 PM **On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the consent agenda.** Mayor Cheshire introduced the form of the city commission's meeting minutes in-keeping with its parliamentary procedures.

ACTION: 6:07:18 PM **A motion was made by Commissioner DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Mobilian that the city commission accept the content of the minutes to be as a form of action only.**

An amended motion was made by Vice Mayor Gutner and seconded by Commissioner DeGrave that the city commission accept the content of the minutes to be as a form of action only; waive the requirements under Florida Statutes 286.011(1) to retain recordings of official meetings permanently, instead of two anniversary years after adoption of the official minutes, to have a long-term historical value, either at city hall or the historical section at the Fruitland Park Library.

After discussion, Mayor Cheshire called for a vote on the amended motion and declared it carried unanimously.

Mayor Cheshire called for a vote on the motion to accept the content of the minutes to be as a form of action only, as amended, and declared it carried unanimously.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) Resolution 2019-003 – Gardenia Park Phase III Grant Contract - FRDAP Project # A19161

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the record Resolution 2019-003, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING DEP AGREEMENT NO. A19161 BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GARDENIA PARK, PHASE III; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: 6:14:00 PM **After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner DeGrave that the city commission adopt Resolution 2019-003.**

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

(b) Fire Inspector Discussion

Mr. La Venia referred to his memorandum dated January 22, 2019 regarding quotations for additional library furnishings; recommended that the city commission select the lowest vendor quotations as outlined or have the option to determine whether Lake County could implement same cost effectively.

ACTION: 6:16:30 PM. By unanimous consent, the city commission accepted the city manager's request to postpone the fire inspector discussion to the February 14, 2019 regular meeting for more information.

(c) November 2018 Financial Report

Ms. Racine reviewed the November 2018 financial report.

ACTION: 6:17:49 PM. On motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the city commission accepted the November 2018 financial report as submitted.

6. OFFICERS' REPORTS

(a) City Manager

i. Fruitland Park Library Furniture

Mr. La Venia reviewed his memorandum dated January 22, 2019 regarding additional library furnishings.

ACTION: 6:20:00 PM. On motion of Commissioner Mobilian, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the city commission accepted the city manager's recommendation to approve the lowest responsible bidders and quotes totaling \$8,382.91 for the Fruitland Park Library furniture.

ii. Federal Employees

Due to the possible direct impact to city residents who work for the federal government, Mr. La Venia requested that permission be granted, if the partial shutdown continues, to waive utilities interest fees and not interrupt the service until the federal government shutdown resumes.

ACTION: 6:24:39 PM. By unanimous consent, the city commission accepted the city manager's request.

c. City Attorney –

a. Notice of Claim – James Hartson

Ms. Geraci-Carver reported that there were no developments relating to James Hartson's notice of claim.

ACTION: 6:25:19 PM. No action was necessary.

b. Notice of Claim – Michael Fewless

Ms. Geraci-Carver gave a report on the transfer of Michael Fewless' notice of claim to the city's insurance company, Preferred Governmental Claim Services, who retained Mr. Glenn E. Thomas, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. (he initially represented the city on the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and is aware of the subject issue) where he plans to communicate with Mr. Fewless' attorney. She additionally gave a report on the public records request received earlier this day from Mr. Fewless' attorney for documentation that Ms. Coulson is working on to provide copies of same.

ACTION: 6:25:26 PM. No action was necessary. .

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION: 6:26:09 PM. There were no comments from the public.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) **Commissioner Mobilian** No comment.

ACTION: 6:26:25 PM. No action was taken.

(b) **Commissioner DeGrave** No comment.

ACTION 6:26:39 PM. No action was taken.

(c) **Commissioner Bell** No comment.

ACTION: 6:26:42 PM. No action was taken.

(d) **Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.** No comment.

ACTION: 6:26:48 PM. No comment.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Dates to Remember

Mayor Cheshire announced the following dates:

- January 25-27, 2019, Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (Basic), Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 at 8:00 a.m. to be attended by Commissioners DeGrave and Mobilian;
- February 7, 2019, City Commission Workshop to address the Community Redevelopment Agency at 6:00 p.m.;
- February 8, 2019, *Lake County Economic Development Update*, LCLC, Lake Receptions , 4425 N Highway 19-A, Mount Dora, Florida 32757;
- February 8, 2019, Movie on the Lawn *Up* outside city hall at 8:00 p.m.;
- February 9, 2019, *Love Week - 5k Love Run*, outside city hall at 8:00 a.m.;

- February 11, 2019, Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails, Conference Room, 2401 Woodlea Road, Tavares, Florida 32778 at 3:30 p.m.
Later in the meeting, Commissioner Bell announced a pending vacancy in the area of the city and recommended that anyone interested are to apply to serve;
- February 14, 2019, city commission regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.;
- February 19, 2019, city commission workshop at 6:00 p.m.;
- February 20 and 21, 2019 *Lake Legislative Days* Doubletree Hotel, 101 South Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301-7774 at 8:00 a.m.
Mayor Cheshire relayed his previous conversations with State Representative District 33 Brett Hage to advocate the completion of the CR 466A roadway improvement project; referred to proposed House Bill 2067 CR 466A Phase 3, an appropriations project request he is sponsoring and filed for the City of Fruitland Park to receive approximately \$7.85 million and addressed his desire for economic development to proceed. Mayor Cheshire extended his appreciation to Representative Hage on behalf of the city commission and
- February 28, 2019, city commission regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: 6:26:54 PM. For informational purposes.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the city commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the February 14, 2019 regular meeting.

Signed _____

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed _____

Chris Cheshire, Mayor