

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia; City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer Jeannine Racine; Lieutenant Timothy “Tim” Ross, Police Department, Community Development Director Dwyane Williams; Public Works Director Robb Dicus; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; Administrative Assistant Candice Dennis; Lake County Firefighter/Paramedic Lieutenant Chris Albert; Lake County Firefighter Jade Lindlau, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, Pastor Greg Brown, Leesburg Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation and Lieutenant Ross led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ACTION: 6:00:42 p.m. No action was taken.

2. ROLL CALL

After Mayor Cheshire requested that Ms. Coulson call the roll, where a quorum was declared present, he recognized Supplemental Agenda Item 5.(c), - Gazebo Quote to be considered before 5.(a) and approve staff’s request to postpone same as a change to this evening’s agenda:

ACTION: 6:01:45 p.m. **By unanimous consent, the city commission accepted the aforementioned change to this evening’s agenda.**

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - 5K LOVE RUN PROFIT DONATION

Ms. Yoder gave a power-point presentation on BlueLight Health partnership efforts, a non-profit-organization to benefit the city’s youth at Fruitland Park Elementary School and recognized the organization’s involvement with the February 15, 2022 5k Love Run. (A copy of the presentation is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

ACTION 6:02:17 p.m. After further discussions, the city commission **by unanimous consent agreed to be initially directly involved in establishing guidelines for and setting a criterion on the involved organizations’ roles before determining the initial selection for a donation and to earmark funds raised to be within the Fruitland Park community.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes - February 24, 2022 regular meeting

(b) Resolution 2022-014 - City Logo Adoption

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A NEW LOGO OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK; RATIFYING USE OF PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED LOGO; CONTINUING DESIGNATION OF FRUITLAND PARK AS THE FRIENDLY CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION 6:15:17 p.m. On motion of Commissioner Bell seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the consent agenda as previously cited.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

(a) Gazebo/Installation Quote – Community Center

The city commission considered its action to approve the gazebo installation quote from JMB Global for \$12,895.

ACTION 6:15:32 p.m. After discussion, and on motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner DeGrave and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the city manager's request to postpone the gazebo installation as previously cited and the gazebo quote from Fifthroom.com for \$33,918 (under Supplemental Agenda Item 5.(c)) to a future meeting for more information.

(b) ITB 2021-04 Urick Street Force Main Extension Discussion

Discussion on Invitation to Bid 2021-04 Urick Street Force Main Extension. (Postponed from the February 10 and 24, 2022 meetings.)

ACTION 6:16:23 p.m. Following further discussion, and on motion of Vice Mayor Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the request of the city manager and the city attorney to postpone Invitation to Bid 2021-04 to the March 24 ,2022 regular meeting for more information. (The city manager will provide for the next meeting, a map depicting the location of connection lines.)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

(c) Gazebo Quote – Community Center

Motion to consider the gazebo quote from Fifthroom.com for \$33,918.

ACTION 6:15:32 p.m. and 6:21:13 p.m. On motion of Commissioner Mobilian, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the city

commission approved staff's request to postpone the gazebo quote as previously cited to a future meeting.

6. (a) City Manager

i. Economic Development Status Update

Mr. La Venia did not give a status update on economic development at this time.

ACTION : 6:21:34 p.m. No action was taken.

ii. Public Works and Public Safety Complex Status Update Report

After Mr. La Venia relayed his review of the design plans for the proposed public safety complex to be situated on two lots and Ms. Geraci-Carver recommended utilizing the process for same to be considered as a (private-owner) unified lot, he agreed for the egress to be on Fountain Street and ingress to be on Berkman Street with the street number assigned to the proposed building to be between 506 and 604 West Berckman Street.

After much discussion, Mr. Dicus addressed the possibility of using staff's resources (particularly if there are any associated costs) to demolish, remove and/or relocate structures at the existing public works site and agreed that same ought to be part of the public works building design plan.

ACTION : 6:21:34 p.m. No action was taken.

iii. Community Cleanup Event

The city commission discussed reinstating the annual cleanup event in the city.

After much discussion and at Mayor Cheshire's request, Mr. La Venia recalled the August 26, 2021 Community Redevelopment Agency's position to not establish a historical district as required by the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources Small Matching Grant but to pursue funding and seek a company to help restore approximately 24 historical (concrete) street sign pillar markers for the FY 2022-23 budget.

ACTION: 6:27:06 p.m. Following further discussion and **by unanimous consent, the city commission agreed for the parks and recreation director to plan, promote and incorporate the cleanup event (including painting fire hydrants and adopt-a-street program) into the annual *Love Week* community activities planned for 2023.**

iv. Codification - Municode Status Update Report

At Mr. La Venia's request, Ms. Coulson addressed her memorandum dated March 10, 2022 giving a report on the status of Municode's codification to

which Ms. Geraci-Carver responded that she will be communicating with her to make a comparison on same. (A copy of the March 10, 2022 memorandum is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

ACTION 6:39:03 p.m. No action was taken.

v. **Shiloh Cemetery – Columbarium**

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. La Venia addressed the plan to fund the installation of up lighting for trees and additional parking at Shiloh Cemetery and addressed staff's intent to obtain a new columbarium due to the decrease in niches.

ACTION: 6:36:38 p.m. No action was taken.

vi. **Weather Radar Station – Climavision**

Mr. La Venia referred to the January 13 Weather Radar Station presentation that was given at the regular meeting by Ms. Tara Goode, Climavision, and pointed out her March 8, 2022 email to Mr. Williams on same; a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. La Venia gave reasons why he is not recommending the radar station in the city with an annual fee of \$2,400 together with a generator and cabinet for the water tower site which the city cannot make available.

ACTION 6:42:09 p.m. After discussion and **by unanimous consent, the city commission directed the city manager to communicate with Climavision declining their proposal for a partnership to install compact radars on the city's water tower.**

vii. **Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Study**

After Mr. La Venia addressed the January 27, 2022 presentation that was given at the city commission's regular meeting by Mr. Bryan Mantz, GovRates Inc., on the water and wastewater impact fee study, Mayor Cheshire recalled the city commission's action to proceed with same.

ACTION 6:44:02 p.m. **By unanimous consent, the city commission agreed for a draft ordinance on the water and wastewater impact fee to be considered at the April 2022 regular meeting.**

viii. **Workshops**

Mr. La Venia addressed the need to schedule for future meetings, the CRA Redevelopment Plan and the Charter Review Commission Workshop.

Mr. La Venia explained that staff is currently working with Ms. Maryann Krisovitch, Florida Lake Management Society (consultant retained by the

city), on the proposed water conservation ordinance; reported that the city's consumptive use permit (CUP) renewal application was approved by the St. John's River Water Management District's Governing Board at its March 8, 2022 meeting, and indicated that he will find out more information on the capacity of new dwelling units under the existing CUP. (A copy of the SJRWMD's Permit 2482-7 is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

ACTION 6:44:55 p.m. After extensive deliberations, and by **unanimous consent, the city commission agreed to invite LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., to appear before the city commission to outline the audience before conducting a CRA Redevelopment Plan Workshop. Additionally, the city commission agreed for Mses. Mari Rains and Marilyn Crotty, the Florida Institute of Government at the University of Central Florida, to reappear at a future city commission meeting to provide a directive and a workplan on the city's charter (in conjunction with the city commission's availability) during its regularly scheduled meetings.**

(b) City Attorney

i. City of Fruitland Park v. State of Florida Department of Management Services

With respect to the State of Florida Department of Management Services, Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to Ms. Racine's recent provision of Mr. Michael Fewless' Florida Retirement Systems' wages to the state and Mr. Glenn E. Thomas, Lewis Longman Walker PA., a copy of which is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

ACTION: 6:51:00 p.m. No action was taken.

ii. Michael and Laurie Fewless v. City of Fruitland Park

Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the Michael and Laurie Fewless case where the circuit court has assigned a new judge and that the trial is yet to be established.

ACTION: 7:51:20 p.m. No action was taken.

iii. Norman C. Cummins v. Stephen P. Angelillo and City of Fruitland Park, Lake County Case No. 2020-CA-1026

With regards to the Norman C. Cummins v. Stephen P. Angelillo and City of Fruitland Park, Lake County case, Ms. Geraci-Carver explained that she heard the proceedings whereby the presiding judge granted the foreclosure and indicated that she is waiting for the court to enter the order for the sale date on the property which has been established.

ACTION: 6:51:32 p.m. No action taken.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the city commission at this time.

ACTION: 6:51:55 p.m. and 7:42:15 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ACTION: 6:51:57 p.m. No action was taken.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Mobilian

i. CR 466A Roadway improvements

Commissioner Mobilian anticipated that for the April 27, 2022, Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board Meeting, he will be gathering specifics as to the commencement of the CR 466 A roadway improvements.

ii. Kauska Way (VOFP)

In response to Commissioner Mobilian's inquiry on the worsening conditions of Kauska Way (The Villages of Fruitland Park - Pine Hills), Mr. La Venia referred to the February 28, 2022 email from Mr. Kenneth "Kenny" Blocker, The Villages District Community Development Districts Manager, who explained that the problem will be resolved by The Villages. (A copy of the email is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

ACTION: 6:52:13 p.m. No action was taken.

(b) Commissioner DeGrave

Commissioner DeGrave stated he had nothing to report at this time.

ACTION: 6:53:307 p.m. No action was taken.

(c) Commissioner Bell – Computers

Commissioner Bell commended staff for a job well done on the installation of the computers on the dais.

ACTION: 6:53:35 p.m. No action was taken.

(d) Vice Mayor Gunter, Jr.

Vice Mayor Gunter stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

ACTION: 6:54:06 p.m. No action was taken.

10. MAYOR’S COMMENTS - Dates To Remember

- March 10, 2022, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;
- March 11, 2022, Lake County League of Cities (LCLC) *St John’s River Water Management District* Update, Mount Dora Golf Course, 1100 South Highland Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.;
- March 24, 2022, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;
- March 25, 2022 Movie on the Lawn *Pan*, 205 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 6:00 p.m.;
- March 26, 2022, *Fruitland Park Day* at 10:00 a.m.;


- April 8, 2022, LCLC *Legislative* Update, Mount Dora Golf Course, 1100 South Highland Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757 at 12:00 p.m.;
- April 8, 2022 Movie on the Lawn *TBD*, 205 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 6:00 p.m.;
- April 14, 2022, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;
- April 15, 2022, Comedy Night 205 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 8:00 p.m.;
- April 22, 2022, Daddy Daughter Dance, 205 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 at 6:00 p.m.;
- April 27, 2022, LS~MPO Governing Board Meeting, 1300 Citizens Boulevard, Suite 175, Leesburg, Florida 34748 at 2:00 p.m.;
- April 28, 2022, City Commission Regular at 6:00 p.m.;

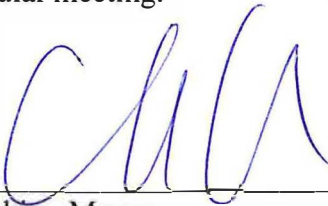
ACTION: 6:54:09 p.m. No action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the March 24, 2022, regular meeting.


 Signed _____
 Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk, MMC


 Signed _____
 Chris Cheshire, Mayor

