

**FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 24, 2016**

A meeting of the Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Christopher Bell, Commissioners Chris Cheshire, Ray Lewis, and Rick Ranize.

Member Absent: Vice Mayor John L. Gunter Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer Jeannine Racine Michaud, Police Chief Mike Fewless, Deputy Chief Dennis Cutter, Police Department; Assistant Fire Chief Don Gilpin, Deputy Chief Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Parks, Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

At Mayor Bell's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

**By unanimous consent the Community Redevelopment Agency excused Vice Mayor John L. Gunter Jr.'s absence from this evening's meeting.**

**3. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**(a) Chair**

**(b) Vice Chair**

After Mayor Bell recognized the annual election of CRA officers, Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to the requirements under of the Florida State Statutes for the CRA to elect its chair and vice chair annually which does not automatically default to the mayor and vice mayor.

At Mayor Bell's request, **Commissioner Cheshire placed the name of Mayor Chris Bell to be nominated as Chair and Vice Mayor John L. Gunter Jr., as Vice Chair of the Community Redevelopment Agency for 2016. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lewis.**

There being no further names placed in nomination and **by unanimous consent, the nominations were declared closed which resulted in the unanimous selection designating Mayor Chris Bell as chair of the Community Redevelopment Agency for 2016.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The CRA considered its action to approve the February 10, 2005 and May 8, 2014 minutes.

After Mayor Bell and Vice Mayor Gunter were identified as the only members that served on the old CRA during 2005, **by unanimous consent, the CRA accepted the city attorney's recommendation to leave the February 10, 2005 CRA minutes unapproved.**

**On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the May 8, 2014 minutes as submitted.**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared before the CRA at this time.

5. **FY 2015-16 CRA Activity Report**

**The CRA considered its approval of filing with the City of Fruitland Park Commission a report of its activities for FY 2015-16** (complete financial statement setting forth its assets, liabilities, income and operating expenses as of the end of the fiscal year).

After much discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Commissioner Lewis and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the filing of the report as previously cited.**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Following extensive Mr. La Venia explained that the final version of the updated Community Redevelopment Plan will be provided to the CRA prior to the workshop.

Based on the reallocation of CRA funds and the authority given of up to \$4,000 for expenditures, Ms. Geraci-Carver addressed the requirement for a CRA budget workshop and the approval of its budget prior to the city commission approving the citywide budget.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the CRA at this time, on motion made, second and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the April 14, 2016 regular meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Bell, Mayor