

**FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2017**

A Community Redevelopment Agency meeting was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Ray Lewis

**Also Present:** City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer; Jeannine Racine-Michaud; Police Chief Michael Fewless; Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Fruitland Park Library Director JoAnn Glendinning, Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. and noted Commissioner Lewis' excused absence from this evening's meeting.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Later in the meeting and at the request of Mr. Peter Hurtt, City of Fruitland Park resident, Mayor Cheshire addressed the definition of the CRA and Mr. La Venia noted its purpose.

Mr. Hurtt mentioned his granddaughter's performance at The Villages Charter Schools and her long term participation at the Fruitland Park Library. He thanked Ms. Glendinning and staff for their hard work as a result.

**4. APPROVAL MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Ranize, seconded by Vice Mayor Gunter and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the September 22, 2016 meeting minutes as submitted.**

**5. ROADS AND STREETS**

The CRA considered its action to approve the roads and streets contract award.

Mr. Bogle referred to discussions at the March 9, 2017 regular city commission meeting;

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Ranize that the Community Redevelopment Agency approve the selection of Paquette Company as the low bidder to perform paving work on certain city streets.**

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

**6. CS/HB 13 – CRA, TERMINATION**

Ms. Geraci-Carver referred to her March 13, 2017 email regarding House Bill 13 and SB Senate Bill 1770 which provides for the phase-out existing CRAs by the year 2037 or earlier; noted the advantages of CRAs as it relates to the improvement of downtown areas, and indicated, in response to an inquiry posed by Commissioner Bell, that she will address the arguments on the bill's introduction and give a report at the next meeting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the CRA at this time.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.**

The minutes were approved at the September 14, 2017 meeting.

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Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

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Chris Cheshire, Mayor