

**FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2017**

A Community Redevelopment Agency meeting was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, September 14, 2017 as soon as practical at 6:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia, City Treasurer; Jeannine Racine; Captain Eric Luce; Interim Fire Chief Don Gilpin; Deputy Fire Chief, Madison Leary, Fire Department; Community Development Director Charlie Rector; Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Bell, and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the March 23, 2017 meeting minutes as submitted.

4. FY 2017-18 CRA BUDGET

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the FY 2017-18 Community Redevelopment Agency budget as submitted.**

5. Veterans Park Improvements

The CRA reviewed the request to approve the following Veterans Park improvements in FY 2017-18 CRA budget:

- Sports Lighting and Electrical Installation, Himes Electric Company;
- Installation new lighting equipment, Affordable Electric
- Radius baseball – Standard Lighting System, Musco
- Installation of fixtures, Musco
- Baseball lighting contractor cabinet, Musco
- Playground equipment removal and relocation, Playmore Recreational

Mr. La Venia referred to the city commission's actions at its June 22, 2017 regular meeting regarding Veterans Park improvements and the allocation in the FY 2017-018 CRA budget.

Mr. La Venia responded in the affirmative to Commissioner Ranize' request that the respective department head involved in future would be available for questions.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry, Mr. La Venia and Ms. Racine confirmed that the CRA will be considering the expenditure for Veterans Park improvements in the FY 2016-17 CRA budget at this evening's meeting,

Mr. La Venia announced the total amount of \$105, 000 in the FY 2016-17 CRA budget on the approved quotes for the proposed changes on Veterans Park improvements. He pointed out the city commission's actions at its August 10, 2017 regular meeting awarding the proposed project to Musco Lighting as the lowest and most responsive preferred bidder and proceeding in using the original manufacturer to remove the playground equipment from Veterans Park.

After discussion, Mr. La Venia described the improvements and quoted costs by Musco to mount the equipment (poles) for \$32,300; install fixtures to existing poles for \$19,540, and support the control link and contractor cabinet for \$2,800. He addressed the removal of existing playground equipment and rebuilding of same by Playmore for \$4,500 and placing mulch around the subject area as a separate expenditure.

Mr. La Venia reported on future plans, where staff was in the process of obtaining quotes. to resurface and acquire new backboards for the basketball courts and mentioned the intent for the public works department staff to relocate the rocks to Gardenia Park.

On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Ranize and unanimously carried, the CRA authorized the expenditure of \$105,000 in the FY 2016-17 CRA budget earmarked towards Veterans Park improvements.

6. CRA – CS/CS/CS/HB 13 –Update

Ms. Geraci-Carver recognized the number of CRA bills that were proposed -- one of which would require CRAs to be authorized by the state legislature -- other bills that would have phased out the CRAs after 2037. She reported that none of them passed and announced that there is no new legislation relating to CRAs.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

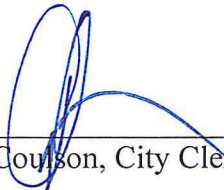
Mayor Cheshire announced that members of the public and employees wishing to address the city commission at this evening's meeting, will be recognized by him to appear at the podium and before making a comment, that they state clearly into the microphone their name and address.

There are were no comments from the public at this time.


8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the CRA at this time, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the CRA adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the March 8, 2018 meeting.

Signed 

Esther B. Coullson, City Clerk

Signed 

Chris Cheshire, Mayor