

**FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2022**

A Community Redevelopment Agency special meeting was held at 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

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

Also present: City Manager Gary La Venia; City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver; City Treasurer Jeannine Racine; Messrs. Michael “Mike” Rankin (Interim Community Development Director) and Ryan Solstice, LPG Urban Regional Planners Inc. (consultant retained by the city); Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Yoder; Deputy Finance Director Gary Bachman; Deputy City Clerk Candice Dennis, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order.

ACTION: 6:11:30 p.m. No action was taken.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Cheshire requested that Ms. Coulson call the roll where a quorum was declared present.

ACTION: 6:11:40 p.m. No action was taken.

**3. AV AUDIO SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY CENTER QUOTES**

The CRA considered staff’s recommendation to select and award a bid on the AV Audio System for the community center to one of the following vendors (postponed from the November 10, 2022 meeting):

- Control Freak \$45,711.82
- Casaplex \$57,142.07

Ms. Yoder described phase I of the AV audio system already budgeted for the community center and recommended awarding the bid to Control Freak.

ACTION: 6:11:55 p.m. After much discussion, **and on motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the CRA approved staff’s recommendation to award the AV Audio System bid to Control Freak as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for \$45,711.82.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments to come before the CRA at this time.

ACTION: 6:49:03 p.m. No action was taken.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - CR 466A ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT - UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PROJECT**

Earlier in the meeting and after Mr. La Venia and Commissioner Gunter outlined the purpose of the CRA, Mr. La Venia recognized the commencement to procure CR 466A roadway improvement project for the first quarter of 2023 and recalled receiving from Booth Ern Straughan & Hiott Inc., nka Halff Associates Inc., (engineering, architecture and related services retained by the city) its previous proposition to perform underground utilities for approximately a mile at an estimated cost of \$170,000.

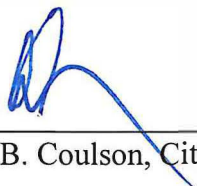
Mr. Duane K. Booth, Halff Associates Inc., described, based on the report he received on December 7, 2022, the 10-month lead time for the underground pipe; the reversal of the more expensive PVC pipeline; the increases in current fuel prices, material supplies, and the state of the present winter climate.

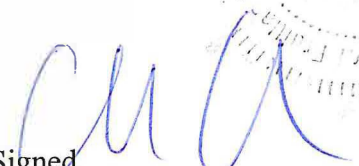
After discussion, Mr. La Venia addressed the option to utilize wastewater impact fees to implement the subject project.

ACTION: 6:16:12 p.m. and 6:23:29 p.m. No action was taken.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.**

  
Signed  
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk, MMC

  
Signed  
Chris Cheshire, Mayor

