

**FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2024**

A meeting of the Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Vice Mayor Patrick DeGrave and Commissioner John Mobilian.

**Also Present:** City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver; City Treasurer Gary Bachmann; Police Chief Erik Luce; Public Works Director Robb Dicus; Human Resources Director John Klein; Deputy Finance Director Dennis Bowers; Michael “Mike” Rankin, Interim Community Development Director, LPG Urban & Regional Planners Inc. (consultant retained by the city); Permit and Zoning Technician Kelli Fielder, Community Development Department; Lieutenant Jason Liska and Firefighter Codey Carpenser, Lake County Fire Rescue, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order.

ACTION: 6:14:15 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: 6:14:18 p.m. Upon Mayor Cheshire’s suggestion, and by **unanimous consent, the city commission excused the absences of Vice Mayor Patrick DeGrave and Commissioner John Mobilian from this this evening’s meeting.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The CRA considered its action to approve the December 14, 2023 minutes.

ACTION: 6:19:56 p.m. **On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the December 14, 2023 minutes as submitted.**

**4. FY 2022-23 CRA ANNUAL REPORT**

The CRA considered its action on the FY 2022-23 CRA Annual Report.

After Mr. Bachmann reviewed the subject report reflecting a fund balance of \$1,654.352 for FY 2022-23, Mr. La Venia outlined how the funds, upon commencement of the CR 466A Phase 3B project improvements, would be reduced precipitously. He relayed recent conversations held with Lake County staff that the county would be not procuring

the subject project until federal funds are received as the county would need to revert implementing the planned development and engineering study conducted on said corridor 20 years ago, locate, contact and pay the property owners, who they purchased the homes from, for the right-of-way; the county's current process in locating the property owners which will not take place for eight months, and the county's procurement procedure for the underground or infrastructure on the project in question is planned for 2025.

Following further discussion and in response to Mayor Cheshire's inquiry, Mr. La Venia indicated that he would find out more information from Half Associates Inc. (engineering, architectural related services retained by the city) to determine whether the city ought to proceed with the infrastructure, as a cost-effective measure, without procuring same.

**ACTION: 6:14:40 p.m. On motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Bell and unanimously carried, the CRA accepted the FY 2022-23 CRA Annual Report as submitted,**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESSES**

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

**ACTION: 6:21:29 p.m. No action was taken.**


**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

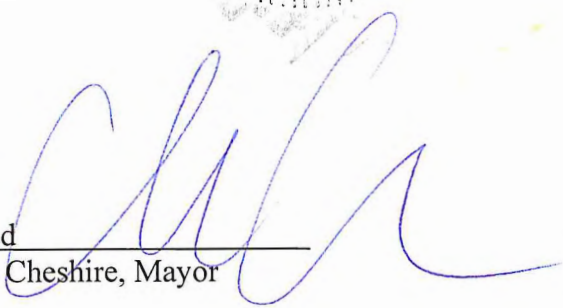
There were no public comments at this time.

**ACTION: 6:21:32 p.m. No action was taken.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Signed   
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk, MMC

Signed   
Chris Cheshire, Mayor

