

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**January 13, 2022**

City Hall Commission Chambers

506 W. Berckman Street

Fruitland Park, Florida 34731

**As Soon as Practical at ~~6:30~~ 6:15 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

- 3. ENGAGEMENT LETTER – MCDIRMIT DAVIS, CPA** (city treasurer)  
Motion to consider the engagement letter from McDirmit Davis, CPA.

- 4. CRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN STATUS UPDATE REPORT** (city manager)  
Discussion on redevelopment plan estimate on architectural, residential, commercial and industrial design standards.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk's Office at City Hall (352) 360-6727 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. (§286.26 F.S.)

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the CRA with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The city does not provide verbatim records. (§286.0105, F.S.)

**PLEASE TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR PLACE IN VIBRATE MODE.**

**CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK  
CRA SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET  
Item Number: 3**

**ITEM TITLE:** Auditor McDirmit Davis Engagement Letter for FY2021

**For the Meeting of:** January 13, 2022

**Submitted by:** City Treasurer

**Date Submitted:** December 13, 2021

**Funds Required:** Yes

**Attachments:** Auditor McDirmit Davis Engagement Letter for FY 2021/22

**Item Description:** The financial audit engagement letter is a new requirement last year. The cost is split between the main audit and the Community Redevelopment Agency audit. The total cost is \$30,000 but is now split \$25,000 for main audit and \$5,000 for the CRA audit. This is budgeted in Finance and Water and Sewer under audit fee 01513-30320: \$15,550 (50%), 40533-30320: \$5125 (\$25%), and 40535-30320: \$5,125(25%) and CRA 20511-30320: \$5,000.

**Action to be Taken:** Approve McDirmit Davis Engagement Letter

**Staff's Recommendation:** Approval

**Additional Comments:** None

**City Manager Review:** Yes

**Mayor Authorization:** Yes



November 11, 2021

City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency  
506 W. Berckman St.  
Fruitland Park, Florida 34731

The following represents our understanding of the services we will provide City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency.

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund, of the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency, as of September 30, 2021, and for the year then ended and the related notes, which collectively comprise the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter. Our audit will be conducted with the objectives of our expressing an opinion on each opinion unit applicable to those basic financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAP,) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that management's discussion and analysis, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis

### **Auditor Responsibilities**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements. If appropriate, our procedures will therefore include tests of documentary evidence that support the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of cash, investments, and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with creditors and financial institutions. As part of our audit process, we will request written representations from your attorneys, and they may bill you for responding. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also request certain written representations from you about the basic financial statements and related matters.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements (whether caused by errors, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws or governmental regulations) may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. GAAS and Government Auditing Standards of the Comptroller General of the United States of America, Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and Florida Statutes 163.387.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the basic financial statements that we have identified during the audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

### **Management Responsibilities**

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and Florida Statutes 163.387;
2. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements; and
3. To provide us with:
  - a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
  - b. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
4. For including the auditor's report in any document containing basic financial statements that indicates that such basic financial statement have been audited by the entity's auditor;
5. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
6. For adjusting the basic financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole; and
7. For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
8. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
9. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials;
10. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided; and
11. For compliance with Florida Statutes 163.371 Reporting Requirements.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon. The supplementary information referred to above will be presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information will be subjected to the auditing procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing

standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our auditor's report will provide an opinion on the supplementary information in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

With respect to any nonattest services we perform, such as calculating depreciation, drafting financial statements and proposing adjusting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by management, we will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency in performing its responsibilities.

City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the engagement are as follows:

- We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards
- This engagement is limited to the services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries.

### **Reporting**

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of the City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of Government Auditing Standards, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations and provisions of grants and contracts, including the result of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no opinion will be expressed. As required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, we will also include our report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance with Florida Statutes Section 218.415, and Florida Statutes Section 163.387 (6) and (7).

### **Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the basic financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Regarding the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your Internet website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

### **Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing and Fees**

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

We expect to begin our audit in November 2021 and to issue our reports no later than March 31, 2022.

Tamara Campbell is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. Her responsibilities include supervising McDimit Davis's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility, plus actual out-of-pocket expenses. Invoices will be rendered every two weeks and are payable upon presentation. We estimate that our fee for the audit will be \$5,000 for the audit. We will notify you immediately for any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use the City's personnel to assist in the preparation of the schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit. Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

Government Auditing Standards require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the basic financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to those charged with governance the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of McDirmit Davis, LLC and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to a federal or state agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities, pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of McDirmit Davis, LLC's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

In accordance with the requirements of Governmental Auditing Standards, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audits of the basic financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,



McDermitt Davis

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of City of Fruitland Park Community Redevelopment Agency by:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



**CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK  
CRA SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET  
Item Number: 4**

**ITEM TITLE:** CRA Redevelopment Plan Status Update Report  
**For the Meeting of:** January 13, 2022  
**Submitted by:** City Manager  
**Date Submitted:** January 6, 2022  
**Funds Required:** No  
**Attachments:** Proposal forthcoming

**Item Description:** CRA Redevelopment Plan Status Update Report - Discussion on architectural, residential, commercial and industrial design standards. (Addressed at the December 9, 2021 CRA meeting.)

**Action to be Taken:**

**Staff's Recommendation:** N/A

**Additional Comments:** None

**City Manager Review:** Yes

**Mayor Authorization:** Yes

CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK  
CRA SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Item Number: 5

<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	<b>Public Comments</b>
<b>For the Meeting of:</b>	January 13, 2022
<b>Submitted by:</b>	City Clerk
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	January 4, 2022
<b>Funds Required:</b>	None
<b>Account Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Amount Required:</b>	N/A
<b>Balance Remaining:</b>	N/A
<b>Attachments:</b>	Yes, Resolution 2013-023, Public Participation Policy and Chapter 286 Florida Statutes

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**Action to be Taken:** None

**Staff's Recommendation:** N/A

**Additional Comments:** N/A

**City Manager Review:** Yes

**Mayor Authorization:** Yes

**RESOLUTION 2013 -023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to adopt a public participation policy for meetings of the City's boards and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission accordingly desires to pass this Resolution 2013-023 to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The following Public Participation Policy shall apply to meetings of City boards or commissions as provided herein.

Sec. 1.        Citizen's Rights

(a)        Definition.        For the purposes of this section, "board or commission" means a board or commission of the City of Fruitland Park.

(b)        Right to be Heard: Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a City board or commission except as provided for below. Public input shall be limited to three (3) minutes. This right does not apply to:

1.        An official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the board or commission to act;
2.        An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
3.        A meeting that is exempt from §286.011; or
4.        A meeting during which the Commission is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. This paragraph does not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 2.        Suspension and Amendment of these Rules

(a)        Suspension of these Rules: Any provision of these rules not governed by the City Charter or City Code may be temporarily suspended by a vote of a majority of the Commission.

(b)        Amendment of these Rules: These rules may be amended or new rules adopted by resolution.

- (c) Effect of Variance from Rules: The failure to follow this Public Participation Policy shall not be grounds for invalidating any otherwise lawful act of the City's boards or commissions.

**Section 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**RESOLVED** this 26 day of September, 2013, by the City Commission of the City of Fruitland Park, Florida.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

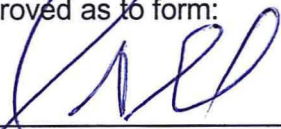
ATTEST:

  
MARIE AZZOLINO, Acting City Clerk

Passed First Reading 9/26/2013

Passed Second Reading N/A

Approved as to form:

  
SCOTT A. GERKEN, City Attorney

Select Year:  

## The 2020 Florida Statutes

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[Title XIX](#)[Chapter 286](#)[View Entire Chapter](#)

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

## PUBLIC BUSINESS: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**286.0114 Public meetings; reasonable opportunity to be heard; attorney fees.—**

(1) For purposes of this section, “board or commission” means a board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of a county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision.

(2) Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission. The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the same meeting at which the board or commission takes official action on the proposition if the opportunity occurs at a meeting that is during the decisionmaking process and is within reasonable proximity in time before the meeting at which the board or commission takes the official action. This section does not prohibit a board or commission from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting. The opportunity to be heard is subject to rules or policies adopted by the board or commission, as provided in subsection (4).

(3) The requirements in subsection (2) do not apply to:

(a) An official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the board or commission to act;

(b) An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;

(c) A meeting that is exempt from s. [286.011](#); or

(d) A meeting during which the board or commission is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. This paragraph does not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.

(4) Rules or policies of a board or commission which govern the opportunity to be heard are limited to those that:

(a) Provide guidelines regarding the amount of time an individual has to address the board or commission;

(b) Prescribe procedures for allowing representatives of groups or factions on a proposition to address the board or commission, rather than all members of such groups or factions, at meetings in which a large number of individuals wish to be heard;

(c) Prescribe procedures or forms for an individual to use in order to inform the board or commission of a desire to be heard; to indicate his or her support, opposition, or neutrality on a proposition; and to indicate his or her designation of a representative to speak for him or her or his or her group on a proposition if he or she so chooses; or

(d) Designate a specified period of time for public comment.

(5) If a board or commission adopts rules or policies in compliance with this section and follows such rules or policies when providing an opportunity for members of the public to be heard, the board or commission is deemed to be acting in compliance with this section.

(6) A circuit court has jurisdiction to issue an injunction for the purpose of enforcing this section upon the filing of an application for such injunction by a citizen of this state.

(7)(a) Whenever an action is filed against a board or commission to enforce this section, the court shall assess reasonable attorney fees against such board or commission if the court determines that the defendant to such action acted in violation of this section. The court may assess reasonable attorney fees against the individual filing such an

action if the court finds that the action was filed in bad faith or was frivolous. This paragraph does not apply to a state attorney or his or her duly authorized assistants or an officer charged with enforcing this section.

(b) Whenever a board or commission appeals a court order that has found the board or commission to have violated this section, and such order is affirmed, the court shall assess reasonable attorney fees for the appeal against such board or commission.

(8) An action taken by a board or commission which is found to be in violation of this section is not void as a result of that violation.

**History.**—s. 1, ch. 2013-227.

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