

FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

August 18, 2009

MEETING STATISTICS. A budget workshop of the Fruitland Park City Commission was reconvened in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 beginning at 6:05 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner Albert O. Goldberg, Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioner Darrel E. Martin, Vice Mayor Sharon Kelly, Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. City Manager (CM) Ralph O. Bowers, City Treasurer (CT) Elizabeth Palmer, Public Safety Director (PSD) J. M. Isom, Sr., Public Works Director (PWD) John Bostic, III, Recreation Director (RD) Sherry Bechtel, Community Development Director (CDD) Peggy Sue Newman, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

Mayor Bell noted a response from CA Gerken was received regarding the request from Arnco. Mayor Bell stated the forms will not be signed on advice of CA Gerken.

Recreation (continued)

RD Bechtel distributed revised fees and a breakdown of the expenditures.

RD Bechtel distributed the 2009 pool operating expenses. CM Bowers stated the difference this year is the personal services. He stated he expects a \$35,000 - \$37,000 loss for the year instead of nearly \$60,000.

Mayor Bell suggested passing the budget with the instruction to look for someone to lease and review the hours of the pool. There is more urgency to do this review this year. RD Bechtel noted she did cut personal services and extended the hours in an effort to make up the difference.

CM Bowers noted inquiries have been made to see if someone would want to run the pool, but no one was willing to run it. There is no silver bullet. The pool is not a money making proposition

Vice Mayor Kelly suggested putting a referendum on the ballot to see if the residents want to continue to pay one half mil to continue to run the pool.

Mayor Bell stated a workshop on the swimming pool will be held before the next season.

Recreation Capital Projects

CT Palmer stated the projects listed will only be done if FRDAP grants are received. They will not be done if the grants are not received.

CM Bowers reminded everyone that engineering for the projects does cost money.

Building and Zoning

Planning fees – CM Bowers stated he expects something from LPG regarding the planning fees for the next year. The planning fees were lowered to \$45,000.

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Engineering fees – CM Bowers stated proper reviews are now being done by a licensed engineer. Duane Booth is a good engineer.

CM Bowers noted a possible solution for water customers north of town. He stated another city put a high pressure pump under the water tower.

Mayor Bell noted there are two conferences and he suggests removing one. The Community Developers Association conference was removed.

Public Works

Solid Waste – no changes

Storm water – PWD Bostic stated Mirror Lake will require work to catch the run off in a basin instead of allowing it to enter the lake.

CT Palmer noted the revenues are restricted to storm water projects.

Roads and Streets – CM Bowers stated most of the personnel have been moved into Utility Funds.

Mayor Bell questioned the MPO transportation concurrency management fee. CM Bowers stated this is Fruitland Park's portion for them maintaining the database for everyone. The decision was made to remove this amount.

Mayor Bell questioned the difference in electric after taking down Leesburg's streetlights and putting in our own lights. CT Palmer stated she has not seen a difference yet, but rates did just increase.

PWD Bostic will check on the miscellaneous repairs expense.

Parks Maintenance – no changes

Commissioner Goldberg noted a new Kubota is in the capital budget. CM Bowers noted this is a zero turn mower. PWD Bostic noted this is a diesel mower to replace a very old model. This will be paid with infrastructure funds.

Utility Fund Expenditures

Commissioner Gunter questioned the CUP. CM Bowers stated we are no closer to obtaining the CUP after paying \$27,000 to WRA and they now want another \$20,000. CM Bowers noted he would rather budget enough to put a new person on this to get it completed. CM Bowers stated he will bring this to the next meeting. This line item was increased to \$25,000.

CT Palmer reported on Munis ASP and gave a review of self hosting versus ASP. CT Palmer provided a listing showing the costs over the next five years of self hosting versus ASP. The decision was made to move forward with the ASP. The additional amount needed will be added to the budget. Half of this cost will be put into the Electric Utility when this is set up.

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CT Palmer reported on a contract proposal with Southwest Direct for the printing and mailing of full size bills. A contract is forthcoming.

PWD Bostic stated \$5700 is needed to add lightning protection to all the well houses. The decision was made to add \$2,500 for lightning protection for 2 well houses.

CM Bowers questioned if Public Works would retire another full size vehicle if they are given another RTV. PWD Bostic noted a flatbed truck was removed from service. The Commission requested PWD Bostic remove another truck beside the flatbed already removed.

Commissioner Goldberg questioned the electric valve exerciser. PWD Bostic stated we are required to open every valve and this will save on manpower needed to open the valves. The decision was made to remove the electric valve exerciser.

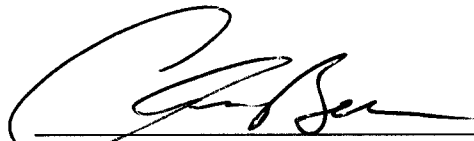
Remove the Logan water line \$25,000. The decision was made to pay this to Logan this year.

Sewer Utility

CT Palmer noted this has an operating deficit of about \$78,000.

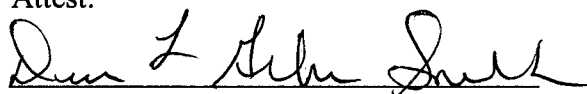
Vice Mayor Kelly questioned getting everyone on the system who were supposed to be on. CM Bowers stated he is trying to get people on who are willing to put in their own lift stations, pay impact fees, and still pay a bill. No one will be asked to connect if there is no capacity left.

Commissioner Goldberg moved to recess the budget workshop until 6:00 p.m Wednesday. The workshop recessed at 8:35 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk