

FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
August 19, 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 Wednesday, August 19, 2009 beginning at 6:00 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, Public Safety Director (PSD) J. M. Isom, Sr., Public Works Director (PWD) John Bostic, City Treasurer (CT) Elizabeth Palmer, and City Clerk (CC) Diane Gibson Smith.

CT Palmer provided a summary of changes and a listing of the proposed millages for Lake County cities. So far, the General Fund has been reduced by \$53,330, Utility Fund decreased by \$11,775, and Recreation was increased by \$2750.

Law Enforcement

CM Bowers stated he would like Chief Isom to look into getting judges to accept remote testimony – Chief Isom stated he is already looking into this. The response so far is that this will not occur this year.

Cut internet to \$40 each for a total of \$9,000; Sprint MiFi has a monthly charge of \$39.99/month – a total of \$4320.

Mayor Bell questioned the lease payments. Chief Isom stated he is returning two older cars once he gets the grants for a potential savings of \$8,296 from infrastructure. The amount will be prorated when confirmation of the Byrnes grants is received.

Mayor Bell questioned the request for ten AR 15's. Chief Isom stated each unit must have an AR 15 as they stay in the unit. The cost is \$795 each and will come from forfeiture money.

Add \$1,500 to the Automation Fund for a laptop for the Recreation Department.

Received the following: Byrnes Grant #1 – 2 Chevy patrol units - \$57, 793
Byrnes Grant #2– equipment for units – \$17, 250

Fire Department

Chief Isom stated there is a 1941 Brush Truck which will require too much money to restore. Chief suggested letting Chief Gamble purchase it. Mayor Bell suggested doing a recognition ceremony for Chief Gamble's 40 plus years of service and give him the truck. All commissioners were in agreement.

Other General Government

The following changes were made: Remove \$300 for base radio, remove \$100 for the backpack program, remove employee recognition, and increase plaques and flowers to \$500.

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CM Bowers noted a proposal to move the Employee Christmas party to Venetian Gardens in Leesburg due to space was made. The Commission agreed.

Legal Counsel

CT Palmer stated \$20,000 needs to be added to the legal fees. CM Bowers noted this should be billed to customers and be reimbursed.

Finance

The following changes were made: remove UNIX support for \$3061, remove HP server support for \$674, remove HP server backup tapes for \$315, and remove Sam's Club membership.

Executive

Add Region III conference in January for the City Clerk. Mayor Bell stated the per diem funds should be returned to the budget for the Recreation Department and the Library Department.

Remove the word FCCMA and leave as conferences for the City Manager.

Legislature

CM Bowers stated he would like to make health and dental insurance available to the Commission. After much discussion, the decision was made to not add this to this year's budget and re-evaluate the idea next year.

CT Palmer noted she eliminated \$18,296.34 from the Contingency fund.

Revenues

Mayor Bell stated he would like to move the ad valorem taxes back to \$4.36 mils.

CT Palmer noted the half cent sales tax estimate was reduced by \$2681 and municipal/state revenue sharing was down \$1500. She provided an interactive worksheet to work on various scenarios of fees and ad valorem taxes.

By consensus, the ad valorem taxes will be moved back to \$4.36 mils and the service fees for Police and Fire will be set at \$2.00 each per month.

Redevelopment Fund Revenues

No change

Redevelopment Fund Expenditures

The Commission requested PWD Bostic check into the cost of engineering for resurfacing Berckman Street. PWD Bostic will look into this.

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Capital Budget

Revenue

CT Palmer stated a change needs to be made to Account 31260 as the state reduced the estimate down by \$4518. This was changed to \$277,880.00.

Expenditure

PWD Bostic stated he went by a previous recommendation for the proposed sidewalks. The Commission approved the sidewalk budget, but recommended splitting this into several projects and not doing all the sidewalks at one time.

Other Discussion

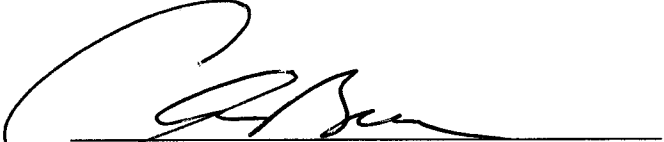
PWD Bostic requested to re-evaluate the valve exerciser. He noted there are 400 fire hydrants and a total of about 4,000 valves to be tested. After further discussion, the Commission approved putting this into the budget for \$5700.

CM Bowers stated he needs a decision on the proposed non-renewable floating personal day for employees next year. The Commission approved the non-renewable floating personal day for next fiscal year.


Mayor Bell stated all the decisions made were unanimous decisions.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Goldberg moved to adjourn. The workshop adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:


Diane L. Gibson Smith, CMC, City Clerk