

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 12, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Christopher Bell, Vice Mayor Albert Goldberg, Commissioners Christopher Cheshire, John L. Gunter, Jr., and Sharon Kelly.

**Also Present:** City Manager Gary La Venia, City Attorney Scott Gerken, Police Chief Terry Isaacs, Deputy Police Chief David Borst, City Treasurer Tannette Gayle, Community Development Director Charlie Rector, Public Works Director Dale Bogle, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

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

Pastor Barry Hayes, Freedom Community Church, gave the invocation.

Lieutenant Donald Gilpin, Fire Department, led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bell requested that Ms. Coulson call the roll and a quorum was declared present.

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Charter Review Committee**

On behalf of the city commission, Mayor Bell presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Charter Review Committee members in recognition of their outstanding service.

The committee members accepted the certificates with much appreciation.

After discussion, **and on motion of Commissioner Gunter, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and unanimously carried, the city commission approved sunsetting the Charter Review Committee.** (The city commission determined that the committee will be called upon if needed in the future.)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comments to address at this time.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On motion of Vice Mayor Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the May 22, 2014 regular city commission meeting minutes as submitted.**

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

**(a) VCCDD ILA**

The city commission considered its action to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Fruitland Park and Village Center Community Development District for fire services for The Villages of Fruitland Park.

At Mayor Bell's request, Mr. Rector briefly explained the subject item.

Mr. Gerken referred to the letter dated June 11, 2014 from Ms. Anita Geraci-Carver, attorney retained by the city, and acknowledged her presence as well as that of Ms. Valerie Fuchs, representing the two districts.

Following extensive discussions and **on motion of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the interlocal agreement as previously cited.**

**(b) NSCUDD ILA**

After discussion and **on motion of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Cheshire and unanimously carried, the city commission approved an interlocal agreement between the City of Fruitland Park and North Sumter County Utility Dependent District for utility services for The Villages of Fruitland Park.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the city commission at this time.

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**(a) City Manager**

**- Community Services Director**

Mr. La Venia welcomed Mr. Rector back from his absence away from the office.

**- Police Vehicles**

Mr. La Venia conveyed the request from the police department to approve the sale of two white Chevrolet Impalas (VIN numbers: 2G1WS55R479201062 and 2G1WS55R079211670) for the approximate amount of \$3,000 to \$3,500 each as the vehicles have been dead-lined from use due to costly ongoing maintenance issues.

**On motion of Commissioner Cheshire, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved the sale of two police vehicles as previously cited.**

- **Visioning Session**

Mr. La Venia announced that a special meeting to include the visioning session will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the city commission chambers.

- **Lake County Board of County Commissioners June 10, 2014 Meeting**

Mr. La Venia reported on his attendance at the June 10, 2014 Lake County Board of County Commissioners meeting and conveyed their actions shown as follows:

- approved the request to acknowledge receipt of the Villages of Fruitland Park Development of Regional Impact ;
- awarded library impact fees for seven projects and executed ILAs with various municipalities including the City of Fruitland Park, and,
- approved the request to approve a Transportation Impact Fee agreement with the Villages of Lake-Sumter Inc., to construct a segment of CR 466A to a four-lane divided roadway.

- **Lake-Sumter MPO TDCB Vacancy**

Mr. La Venia announced that the Lake County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (MPO-TDCB) is currently seeking Lake County residents to serve to identify local transportation needs and noted that quarterly meetings are held on Monday afternoons.

**On motion of Vice Mayor Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Gunter and unanimously carried, the city commission approved recommending Commissioner Chris Cheshire to be appointed to serve on the above-captioned board.**

- **Library**

Mr. La Venia gave statistical reports of patrons' activities at the Fruitland Park Library whereby there were 950 visitors since June 8, 2014 with 22 individuals who signed up and 83 children registered for the summer reading program.

- **Recreation**

Mr. La Venia referred to staff's ongoing discussions with Lowes Home Improvement representatives regarding the intent to utilize grant funds to improve Gardenia Park's playground equipment by making them accessible in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- **FLC Legislative Policy Committee**

Mr. La Venia requested permission to serve on the 2014-2015 Florida League of Cities' Legislative Policy Committee. It was recognized that meetings will be held in Orlando on September 12, October 10, and November 13, 2014 and one at the league's annual conference in Hollywood on August 14, 2014. Mr. La Venia explained that one elected and non-elected city official per municipality can be represented on each of the five League Policy Committees.

Having voiced no objections to the request, Mayor Bell suggested that the city commissioners rank and convey their interests to serve on one of the five committees to Mr. La Venia during the week of June 16, 2014.

- **FCCMA**

Mr. La Venia thanked the commission for allowing him to attend the recent Florida City County Managers Association annual conference in Orlando and mentioned the *Transforming Vision into Action* presentation made by Commander Kirk Lippold (former commanding officer when the USS Cole was attacked).

(b) **City Attorney**

Mr. Gerken advised that he has nothing to report at this time.

9. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

(a) **Vice Mayor Goldberg**

Vice Mayor Goldberg stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

(b) **Commissioner Cheshire**

Commissioner Cheshire relayed his satisfaction with the ongoing activities at Camp Geneva in Fruitland Park and expressed his hope that the program continues in 2015.

(c) **Commissioner Gunter, Jr.**

Commissioner Gunter stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

(d) **Commissioner Kelly**

Commissioner Kelly stated that she has nothing to report at this time.

10. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- **Governor Rick Scott's Visit**

Mayor Bell relayed his recent conversations with Senator Alan Hays (R-Umatilla) expressing appreciation for placing the city's request to fund \$1 million towards the purchase of the remaining Right-of-Way CR 466A Roadway project as the last budget item; reported on Florida Governor Rick Scott's reflection of his conversation with him last year, and pointed out his previous discussions on funds

to complete the purchase of the remaining ROW construction with Lake County Public Works Department Director Jim Stivender, Jr. Mayor Bell expressed appreciation on the letters dated May 14, 2014 from Mr. La Venia to Governor Scott and Senator Hays in this regard; copies of which are filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.

- **Dates to Remember**

Mayor Bell reminded the city commission of the following dates:

- o June 19, 2014 Commission Workshop;
- o June 26, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting;
- o July 4, 2014 Independence Day, city offices closed, and
- o June 27, 2014 Lake County League of Cities Luncheon Meeting

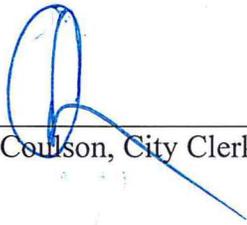
**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the city commission at this time, on motion, made and seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.**

The minutes were approved at the July 10, 2014 regular city commission meeting.

Signed

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Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk



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Christopher Bell, Mayor

