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Members Present

Christopher J. Bell, Mayor/Commissioner
Albert O. Goldberg
John L. Gunter, Jr.
Sharon A. Kelly
Darrel Martin, Vice Mayor

Staff Present

John Bostic, Director of Public Work
Ralph O. Bowers, City Manager
Scott Gerken, City Attorney
Gail Holston, Permit Technician/ Recording Secretary
Mark Isom, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police
Peggy Sue Newman, CDD/Acting City Clerk
Elizabeth Palmer, Treasurer

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 22, 2008 @ 7:02 P.M.

1. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Christopher Bell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Pastor George Mulford, Grace Bible Baptist Church of Fruitland Park, gave the invocation and Commissioner Albert Goldberg led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Peggy Sue Newman, CDD/Acting City Clerk, called the roll; all Commissioners were present.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:**
 - A. **May 8, 2008 – Local Planning Agency Meeting:**

Motion by John Gunter / **Seconded** by Darrel Martin to approve the May 8, 2008 - Local Planning Agency Meeting Minutes as presented.

Action: Motion Approved Unanimously

- B. **May 8, 2008 – Regular City Commission Meeting:**

Corrections: Page 1, Corrections in the minutes from the April 24, 2008 minutes:
Page 70, ¶13.c) line 1: against 466-A to the PD&E improvements study for Rolling Acres Road;

Motion by Darrel Martin / **Seconded** by Albert Goldberg to approve the May 8, 2008 – Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes with the above stated corrections.

Action: Motion Approved Unanimously

4. **AGENDA UPDATE:** None

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Bell asked for a show of hands from the audience of those attending to speak on the issue of the 'NO PARKING' signs in The Glen. He advised the Commission that the item would be moved to the front of the agenda.

Mayor Bell then addressed the audience to be heard and advised that each person would be allowed approximately three (3) minutes to address their concerns. He asked that each speaker identify themselves and sign in.

-MANUEL ARCE has no problem with the signs; just the number of signs. Feels they are excessive. Would like the signs posted on just one side of the street. Residents need room for guest parking.

-DIANE CERLAN has concern regarding her narrow drive way and needs a place to park to maneuver her multiple cars in and out. Would like the signs posted on only one side of the street.

-GRAIG DECKER would like fewer signs. He is in favor of the signs, just not so many.

-MIKE MASON agrees that there are too many signs. He noted that the subdivision rules state there is no parking in the street. He would like the signs modified to say ""ONE HOUR PARKING"". This would allow for garage sales, etc.

-PAUL CLARK, 804 Daybreak Drive, stated the no parking signs have turned the front of his house into a drag strip. This has created a hazard to his small children. Parking needs to be addressed on one side of the street only. There is one way in and one way out of the development and the signs have caused a negative change to the flow of traffic.

-JEAN SHIRLEY would like to see the signs placed in a better area, not in front of doors. She feels they are bringing down the value of the homes and look tacky. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)

-JORGE FERNANDEZ thanked the City Staff and Commission for being proactive and addressing the problem promptly.

He feels the signs are excessive and trashy and that enforcement instead of signage would better serve the issue. The neighborhood is a nice place to live and the signs make it look trashy because of the excessive amount in such a short space.

-GARY CRIVELLI asked if speed bumps would serve the problem better and if this was the forum to request them.

-MAYOR BELL advised that Chief Isom would respond to his question later in the meeting.

-DAVID GURNEY stated he was perplexed to understand why the Commission approved for the right-of-way to be so narrow in this neighborhood. He would like the signs to be on one side of the street.

-MS. NEWMAN responded that the development was approved in 1999, prior to this Commission's term of office.

-MR. BOWERS asked if placing the signs on one side of the street was going to create a problem with the neighbor in whose right-of-way the sign stood. Would that neighbor feel they had been cheated and the neighbors without the signs had been given an advantage?

-COMMISSIONER KELLY inquired about an active homeowners association (HOA). She was advised that there was a management company located in Orlando, but no HOA.

-BLAIR RUTZ favored parking on one side of the street only, with a time limit on the sign. He advised that the speed limit signs are inconsistent in the OLD vs. NEW phases of the development.

-MARIE TARESKEN, a resident of The Glen on Daybreak Drive, would like to see speed limit signs to slow traffic. She feels there are too many NO PARKING signs and would prefer to see them on only one side of the street.

-SHERRI CLARK asked the reasoning behind placing the NO PARKING signs in their development. She feels they are being discriminated against because they are the only development currently having signs installed.

-CHIEF ISOM stated he would respond later in the meeting.

-DALE RHONE asked that the City please place the signs appropriately to be as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

-LOURDES VALDES feels that the roads are narrow and the signs excessive. She asked if the City could arrange a meeting with Maronda to address the issues they have not honored that were promised regarding the homeowners association.

-MAYOR BELL agreed to have Staff meet with the residents and offered the Casino as a meeting place.

There being no further audience to speak, Mayor Bell asked Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Mark Isom to address the cause of the 'no parking' issue.

-CHIEF MARK ISOM reported the City had an emergency medical treatment (EMT) call in the above neighborhood and had no access due to vehicles parked in the roadway. They had to walk to the call scene.

Chief Isom advised that the number of signs, the distance between the signs, the verbiage and height of the signs are all according to State Statute. State Statute also prohibits parking on the sidewalk. Speed bumps are also illegal. He advised he can remove the signs if the residents can help police the neighborhood. Chief Isom stated that currently our fire truck could not get through if the old standard of non-compliance regarding parking in the street continues. The Chief requested that the homeowners call their own meeting to assure that the neighbors 'police' the area. Discussion ensued.

-MAYOR BELL recommended the following actions: 1) Post the parking rule signs; 2) Pull the 'NO PARKING' signs;

3) Arrange a meeting with the residents of The Glen to discuss parking issues and how they will be enforced;

4) Chief Isom was requested to contact the principals of Maronda Homes and ask that they attend the meeting.

BREAK at 7:50 p.m.

RECONVENE at 8:00 p.m.

6. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- A. Completed a draft of the Lift Station Easement;
- B. Addition to next agenda – Legislative Update

7. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Report on Five Year Schedule of Capital Improvement Projects for 2008-2013; with a recommendation for adoption.

Motion by Darrel Martin / Seconded by Albert Goldberg to adopt the Five Year Schedule of Capital Improvement Projects for 2008-2013.

Action: Motion Approved unanimously

- B. Mid-Year Budget Review:

Deferral on the budget review to the next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting on June 12, 2008.

- C. Change Order & Final Payment for ECO-2000 and Final Payment for Goslee Contracting, LLC:

Motion by Darrel Martin / Seconded by John Gunter to approve the change order & final payment for Eco-2000 in the amount of \$18,850.00; and final payment for Goslee Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$14,904.69.

Action: Motion Approved unanimously

- D. Update on 466A waterlines.

Mr. Bowers reviewed the following memos:

- May 20, 2008 – Re: 466A/Impact Fees/General Philosophy
- May 13, 2008 – Re: Savannah Oaks (Office Park @ Micro-Racetrack Road)
- May 21, 2008 – Re: Water Alliance Meeting of May 14, 2008
- May 21, 2008 – Western Expansion of Water System (Micro Racetrack Road)

A brief discussion ensued on water tower maintenance and wind loads, followed by a discussion on water shortage. Public Works Director John Bostic was requested to a water reading either quarterly or monthly for the next year. Discussion ensued on the possible purchase of a share in a desalinization plant.

Mr. Bowers advised that the Water Alliance will not meet in June. They will be meeting in July. He would like a representative from Lake County to be present. City Attorney Scott Gerken spoke to the purpose of the Water Alliance.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

9. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None

10. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

COMMISSIONER MARTIN: None

COMMISSIONER KELLY: None

ALBERT GOLDBERG: None

11. **MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS:** None

In reviewing the upcoming meetings, traditionally the second meeting in July and the first meeting in August have been cancelled due to the Special Millage meeting and the Budget Workshops. Mayor Bell entertained motions from the Commission.

Motion by Darrel Martin / Seconded by John Gunter to cancel the July 24, 2008 – Regular City Commission Meeting.

Action: Motion Approved unanimously

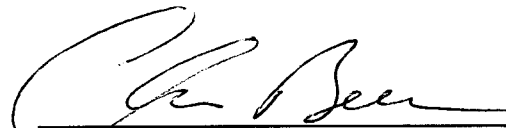
Motion by Darrel Martin / Seconded by John Gunter to cancel the August 14, 2008 – Regular City Commission Meeting

Action: Motion Approved unanimously

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.	Thursday	Regular City Commission Meeting
June 26, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.	Thursday	Regular City Commission Meeting
July 10, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.	Thursday	Regular City Commission Meeting
July 24, 2008 - CANCELLED	Thursday	Regular City Commission Meeting
July 31, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m.	Thursday	Special City Commission Meeting to set the proposed Millage Rate for 2008-09
August 14, 2008 - CANCELLED	Thursday	Regular City Commission Meeting
August 14-15-16, 2008 in Tampa	Thurs/Fri/Sat	League of Cities – Tampa, FL
August 18-19-20, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.	Mon/Tues/Wed	Budget Workshops, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

ADJOURNMENT: 8:57 p.m.



CHRISTOPHER J. BELL
Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:



LINDA S. RODRICK, CMC, CITY CLERK