

FRUITLAND PARK CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2013

MEETING STATISTICS. A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, May 30, 2013 beginning at 6:04 p.m

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Acting City Manager Chief Isaacs delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Kelly.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked Acting City Clerk Marie Azzolino to call the roll.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner Sharon Kelly, Commissioner John Gunter, Commissioner Christopher Cheshire, Commissioner Al Goldberg, Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. Interim City Manager (ICM) Chief Isaacs, Acting City Treasurer (ACT) Susan Parker, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, , and Acting City Clerk (ACC) Marie Azzolino.

Mayor Bell turns meeting over to Attorney Scott Gerken. Mr. Gerken explains there was a Shade meeting last week to discuss a final proposal in the lawsuit of Stein. Mr. Roper is here tonight to explain that proposal ask for approval. The terms of the settlement agreement is that the City and insurance company will pay to Mrs. Stein and her lawyers a total of \$160,000. The City's contribution will be \$15,000. The City's deductable is \$5,000. The additional \$10,000 to be paid by the city. The remainder \$145,000 will be paid by the insurance company. In consideration for this payment Mrs. Stein would voluntarily resign from employment with the City of Fruitland Park and she would agree not to apply for reemployment in the future with the City of Fruitland Park. Her resignation would finalize execution of this agreement. In addition to the voluntary resignation Ms. Stein would execute a general release of any and all complaints against the city, city employees, city officials, agents or anyone associated with the city arising out of her employment here. This is a final settlement and release. Ms. Stein would instruct her lawyers to file a dismissal with prejudice of the civil lawsuit with the District Court in Ocala. Mr. Roper is asking the Commission to vote to approve the settlement of \$160,000 subject to the terms and conditions which I outlined.

Mayor Bell wants to know when her last day will be.

Mr. Roper said her last day would be when the agreement is final.

Mayor Bell asked if there would be any unpaid vacation time.

Mr. Roper said if there is unpaid vacation time she would be entitled to that.

Commissioner Goldberg said do I understand that she would not be seeking future employment compensation with the City.

Mr. Roper said that is correct.

Mayor Bell wanted to know why we weren't aware of the change in deductable.

Mr. Roper did not understand why we weren't notified.

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Mayor felt there were a lot of negatives and felt that this is the right thing to do at this time.

Commissioner Gunter said that the Mayor was not the only one that wanted to see the employee gone it was a unanimous decision.

Vice Mayor Kelly made a motion to accept the settlement agreement which was second by Commissioner Gunter.

Mayor Bell asked to call the roll.

Commissioner Kelly – Yes

Commissioner Gunter – Yes

Commissioner Cheshire – Yes

Commissioner Goldberg – Yes

Mayor Bell – Yes

Scott said the terms will be in the agreement.

Vice Mayor Kelly would like to be notified when the agreement is final.

Commissioner Gunter wanted to know how long this will take.

Mr. Roper said council was out this week but his thought was that it would take about a week.

Commissioner Gunter didn't want news being spread to our employees.

Mayor Bell asked if there was vacation time that she was entitled to. (ACT) Susan Parker said that she believed there was. He felt that it would be better if she took that now.

09. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Marie Azzolino, ACM