

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
September 18, 2014**

A workshop meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order, requested that Ms. Coulson call the roll and declared a quorum present.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Bell outlined the purpose of this evening's workshop; addressed the involvement of Lake County, The Villages, and the initiation by the city on the following projects presented by Mr. Greg Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc.

(a) CR 466A – Commercial Construction Plan - City of Fruitland Park's Architectural and Design Standards

Mr. Beliveau recalled the city commission's previous workshop sessions with the community during the pre-recession era; noted the recommendation made as a result, and presented design drawings based on same where no further movements by the city commission occurred since that time. (Copies of the documents were submitted for the record and filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting.)

After much discussion and later in the meeting, Mayor Bell addressed the design features from the county, The Villages and the city; Mr. Beliveau suggested making minor changes to the roadway and Mr. Rector addressed the forthcoming completion on phase 1 on the CR 441 right-of-way acquisition or eminent domain anticipated at the end of 2014 beginning of 2015.

Following further discussion, it was recognized that the Lake County Metropolitan Planning Organization is anticipating safe grants funding as it relates to crosswalks for schools.

(b) City of Fruitland Park Streetscape Program – Berckman Street Pavers – Photographs and Plans

The city commission discussed the consideration of the streetscape program which includes landscaping when the Berckman Street roadway improvements

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are being carried out and acknowledged the historical overview of the previous minor enhancements geared towards the city commission's original vision.

(i) Lighting Location and Cost Estimates

The city commission discussed the criteria, location and maintenance of street lights by the county and The Villages and the standards of off-premise signs.

(ii) Pavers and Crosswalks

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Beliveau outlined the roadway improvements and landscape design process; identified the locations and options available, and the funding involved before the proper installation of the asphalt for The Villages project.

Subsequent to much discussion, Mr. Richard "Rick" Ranize, City of Fruitland Park resident, questioned the placement of curbs when making stormwater improvements and suggested expending funds by initially resolving the drainage and water runoff problems.

After discussion and in response, Mayor Bell recognized the city's future long term plan, the current opportunity available to work on the roadway and priority issues in phases when it is being repaired; thus, review the existing drainage problems.

Following much discussion and after Mr. Rector described the roadway improvements and the costs to be borne by The Villages development, he explained that he will research the concerns voiced by Ms. Rita Ranize, City of Fruitland Park resident, on the lighting problems that she stated exist within the city.

After extensive discussion, the city commission recognized the need to not take any action on the subject project; deal with the drainage problems and reexamine the project before a decision is made to proceed.

Mr. Rector responded to Commissioner Kelly's question that staff would ask The Villages representatives about the curbing issue.

Mayor Bell recognized the existing stormwater funds available which could be utilized starting at Berckman Street and suggested that the city commission review the process at a future date.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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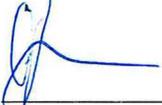
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4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the city commission at this time, on motion made, second and unanimously carried, the workshop concluded at 9:17 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the regular October 23, 2014 regular meeting.

Signed 

Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed 

Christopher Bell, Mayor