

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2026**

A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor Patrick DeGrave, Commissioner Albert Goldberg, Commissioner Martina Williams, and Commissioner Michael Raysin

Also Present: City Manager Karen Manila, Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, Finance Director Kim Gehrke; Police Chief Henry Rains; Public Works Director Robb Dicus; Community Services Director Barbara Fields, Administrative Supervisor Sharon Williams, Permit Technician Kelli Fielder, Community Development Department; and City Clerk Gwen Johns.

Attendance: 20

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, and Police Chief Rains led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Cheshire requested that Ms. Johns call the roll and a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) Resolution 2026-039, Readoption of Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Ms. Geraci-Carver read the Resolution by title.

RESOLUTION 2026-039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A NOT TO EXCEED MILLAGE RATE OF 3.9134 LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Geraci-Carver stated the fiscal year 2026-2027 operating proposed millage rate of 3.9134 mills is a 0.84% increase over the current year rolled back rate of 3.8808 mills.

Ms. Geraci-Carver noted there was a discrepancy in the calculations input to the Department of Revenue form. The millage rate is not changing, however the percentage of increase and the rolled back rate changed slightly, which requires readoption of the resolution and repeal of the prior resolution approved.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor DeGrave and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution 2026-039, as presented. Mayor Cheshire called for a vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously, 5-0.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Gwen Johns, City Clerk

Chris Cheshire, Mayor