

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was held at 506 W. Beckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor Patrick DeGrave, Commissioner Joseph “Joey” Cosenza, and Commissioner John Mobilian

Members Absent: Commissioner Chris Bell

Also Present: City Manager Karen Manila, City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Treasurer Gary Bachman; Deputy Finance Director Kimberly Gehrke, Interim Police Chief Henry Rains; Administrative Assistant Lainey Flournoy Human Resources Director John Klein; Administrative Assistant Emily Church, Permit Tech Brenda Sigala, Administrative Manager Sharon Williams, Interim Community Development Director Michael Rankin, Public Works Director Robb Dicus, Recreation Director Michelle Yoder, Police Lieutenant Hilberer, Sergeant Hedit, Sergeant Flanary, Sergeant Corman, SRO Poesie, Detective Festa, Officer Richetti Lieutenant Cox, Lieutenant Brown, Sergeant Buehler, Sr. Officer Wildeman Stuart, K9 Officer Williams, Officer Heffler, and Trooper Wildeman.

Total Attending: 59

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

After Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order, Pastor Greg Yarborough of Trinity Assembly, gave the invocation and Interim Police Chief Rains led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ACTION: No action was taken.

2. ROLL CALL

After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order and announced the decorum for this evening’s meeting. He then requested that Ms. Johns call the roll where a quorum was declared present.

ACTION: No action was taken.

3. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Police Department Awards (city manager/interim police chief)

Henry Rains, Interim Chief of Police, presented the following awards to officers of the City of Fruitland Park Law Enforcement Agency:

Service Above Self Award
Officer of the Year Award
Drug Interdiction Excellence Award
Excellence in Professional Development Award

Sergeant Brad Heidt
Senior Officer Natasha Wildeman-Stuart
Officer Kaleigh Richetti
K9 Officer Williams and K9 Star

Chief Rains provided a brief description of each award and a summary of why each recipient was chosen for the award they received.

ACTION: The awards were presented by Interim Police Chief Henry Rains.

(b) VetFest 2025 Presentation (city manager/interim police chief)

The 2025 Dave Robey Vetfest, hosted by American Legion Post 219, was a resounding success. Commander Larry Miller presented Chief Rains with a check for \$3,000, a donation that will support departmental initiatives, enhance public safety, and provide resources for officer wellness and training.

ACTION: The Presentation was made by Commander Larry Miller to Interim Police Chief Rains.

(c) Proclamation – Recognition of Commissioner John Mobilian (city manager/city commission)

Mayor Cheshire read a Proclamation, recognizing Commissioner John Mobilian and thanking him for his service to the City of Fruitland Park.

ACTION: The Proclamation was presented to Commission Mobilian, and he was given the opportunity to share his sentiments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2025, Regular Meeting.

(b) Resolution 2025-020 Public Risk Management (PRM) Board Appointment

(c) Approval of the Purchase of a Sewer Utility Crane Truck from Rush Truck Center Using Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Contract #032824-RTG for \$128,860

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Mobilian and seconded by Vice Mayor DeGrave that the City Commission approve the consent agenda, as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- (a) **Resolution 2025-021 Contract Approval of D.B. Civil Construction's Bid Proposal for 16-Inch Water Main Improvements from Cooke Street to Spring Lake Road (Reserve at Spring Lake Water Main Improvements)**

Ms. Geraci-Carver read into the proposed Resolution 2025-021, the substance of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AWARDING BID NO. 2025-01 TO DB CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND APPROVING THE EJCDC STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR ON THE BASIS OF A STIPULATED PRICE BETWEEN THE CIYT OF FRUITLAND PARK AND DB CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, LLC PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 2025-01 FOR CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK RESERVE AT SPRING LAKE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$639,980.00; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Mobilian and seconded by Vice Mayor DeGrave that the city commission adopt Resolution 2025-021 as previously cited.

Mayor Cheshire called for a roll call vote on the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – There were none.

6. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING – There were none.

7. (a) City Manager

City Manager Manila stated that regarding the removal of junk vehicles, Kling Towing is a company that would take ownership and tow away unwanted vehicles at no cost. She noted that this would be an option in addition to the previously discussed use of CRA funds.

(b) City Attorney

- i. **Wayne Goodridge and Tammy Goodridge v. City of Fruitland Park, Lake County Case No. 2022-CA-1628** – Ms. Geraci-Carver did not have any additional updates.
- ii. **Linda Harold v. City of Fruitland Park, Lake County Case No. 2025-CA-000116** – Ms. Geraci-Carver did not have any additional updates.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ACTION: No action was taken.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Padgett, Pastor of Trinity Assembly of God, thanked the Commissioners and staff members for their dedication to the City.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(a) Commissioner Cosenza

ACTION: Nothing to report.

(b) Commissioner Mobilian

ACTION: Commissioner Mobilian expressed his sentiments about having served as a Fruitland Park City Commissioner. He thanked the public, his fellow Commissioners and staff for their hard work and dedication.

(c) Commissioner Bell

Commissioner Bell was not present at the meeting.

(d) Vice Mayor DeGrave

ACTION: Vice Mayor DeGrave expressed his condolences to the family of Chris Bell and stated that he would be missed on the Commission and by the community. He also wished Commissioner Mobilian well and stated he would miss serving with him.

Vice Mayor DeGrave stated that he recently toured the Reworld Waste-to-Energy Facility and encouraged anyone who might be interested to contact Jose Bascom, of Waste Management, and schedule a tour. He also noted that there is a presentation available to municipalities.

Mayor Cheshire expressed his condolences to the family of Chris Bell.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

a. Dates to Remember

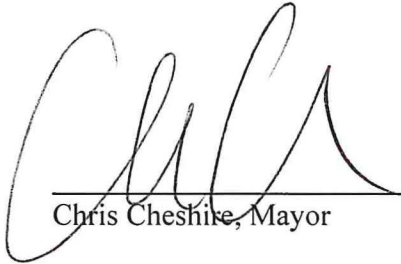
Mayor Cheshire announced the following events:

Friday, March 28 th	Friday Night Street Party 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 29 th	Fruitland Park Day 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 10 th	City Commission Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Gwen Keough-Johns, City Clerk


Chris Cheshire, Mayor