

The Fruitland City Council convened for a Special Meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

*President Richard Lee Outen, Jr., Treasurer Darlene Kerr, Councilor Gloria J. Ortiz, Councilor Raymond D. Carey, and Councilor Edwin A. Cowell*

Also present were:

*City Manager Rick D. Konrad, Deputy Treasurer Amy B. Caton, and City Auditor John T. Layton, Jr.*

There were no guests at the meeting.

President Outen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a possible new rate structure for water and sewer fees.

**Discussion Points Included . . .**

- Goals discussed at recent meetings
- Front Footage as originally intended versus as now intended
- Legal and Financial ramifications if Front Footage discontinued
- Replacement of Front Footage Assessment Revenue
- Legal and Financial considerations as new charge terminology is crafted/defined for both collection and usage
- Costs associated with making changes

**Consensus Points Included . . .**

- Front Footage - antiquated terminology and usage
- Charge needs to be renamed/redefined and assessed evenly to all
- Proposed changes require comprehensive legal and financial evaluation prior to any action taken

With no further business to discuss in open session, Deputy Treasurer Caton was excused from the meeting in preparation for the Council to go into Closed Session to discuss employee matters.

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At 7:30 p.m. the City Council continued in open session with the following members present:

*President Richard Lee Outen, Jr., Treasurer Darlene Kerr, Councilor Gloria J. Ortiz, Councilor Raymond D. Carey, and Councilor Edwin A. Cowell*

Also present were:

*City Manager Rick D. Konrad and City Auditor John T. Layton, Jr.*

There were no guests in the meeting.

**Then on a motion made by Treasurer Kerr which was seconded by Councilor Cowell and approved by a unanimous vote in favor, Council moved to go into closed session to discuss employee matters.**

**On motion made by Councilor Carey which was seconded by Treasurer Kerr and approved by a unanimous vote in favor, Council reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m.** where it was reported that while in Closed Session the Council along with the City Manager and City Auditor had engaged in discussion regarding possible solutions to increasing efficiency in the Finance Department, with no action taken by the Council at this time; then on motion made and seconded with a unanimous vote in favor the meeting adjourned.

*As transcribed, not present*

*Diane C. Nelson*

Diane C. Nelson, Asst. City Mgr. / City Clerk

*Approved, November 8, 2011 dcn*