

The Fruitland City Council convened for a Work Session at City Hall on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. with the following members present:

*President Richard Lee Outen, Jr., Treasurer Darlene Kerr, Councilor Gloria Ortiz, Councilor Ray Carey and Councilor Cowell.*

*Also present in the audience were:*

*Code Enforcement Officer Ron Ciszewski and Officer Nick McLeod.*

Also present at the table were:

City Manager John Psota, Chief Michael Phillips, City Clerk Raye Ellen Thomas and City Solicitor Andrew Mitchell.

The following guests were present for the meeting:

Rick Insley, John Romanowski, Tim Ramia, Christopher Adams and John T. Cannon

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President Outen called the work session to order at 11:30 a.m. and immediately proceeded to the agenda, dealing with Landlord Licensing. President Outen suggested that only the Landlords that were having violations be the ones required to purchase a license. Treasurer Kerr suggested that she would still like all rental houses to be inspected so the City would have a baseline for inspections and know the condition of the houses. A lengthy discussion followed between the Council and Landlords that were in attendance. Treasurer Kerr suggested that the Council hold another work session. The Council agreed to another work session which will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Cowell both asked permission to be excused as they both had other engagements to attend.

City Solicitor Mitchell stated that it was agreed upon at the last Council meeting to hold the Public Hearing and Second Reading and did the Council wish to move forward with that. City Solicitor Mitchell advised that the Public Hearing and the Second Reading can still be held on March 11, 2014 at the Council Meeting and the Council could then designate another meeting after the Public Hearing and Second Reading to discuss the matter again. The Council agreed to proceed with the Public Hearing and Second Reading.

City Solicitor Mitchell advised that the Council needs to authorize permission for City Manager Psota to sign a letter allowing MDE consent to enter the previous dump site on Slab Bridge Road.

Treasurer Kerr asked permission to be excused as she had an appointment.

President Outen voiced his concerns of why he is opposed to the Landlord Licensing Ordinance.

President Outen made a motion for adjournment however since there was not a quorum the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Prepared by:

*Raye Ellen Thomas*

*Approved: March 11, 2014*