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Citrus Heights Area Seven-Eight-Nine

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MINUTES: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

- 1 Bill began the meeting by welcoming newcomers. He gave a big Thank You to Foundation Christian Church for allowing us to hold the National Night Out (NNO) last month at their facility. He also thanked those members and family that assisted Board Members with setting up and serving throughout the event. Their hard work helped make the event the success it was. We found we did have sufficient space and next year we will have the Citrus Heights Marching Band back with us. If you have any suggestions to change or improve anything, please let us know.
- 2 Regarding finances, we have received the checks from the city, \$500 for each Area for a total of \$1,500. At this time, the checking account balance is \$2,139.87 and in savings, \$707.16. The \$700+ in savings is designated for our Christmas Giving Tree program where we sponsor children from our local school as well as helping out the elderly over at Big Oak Mobile Home Park. We typically provide food and/or gift cards to help folks living there. Expenditures for NNO were down this year, spending only \$632.
- 3 Next month we will have Larry Fritz as a guest speaker. Larry is a local historian and will talk about what happened at the Roseville Rail Yard with the bombs that exploded over there.
- 4 Our next speaker was Lt. Wes Herman with Citrus Height Police Department. He stated he thought the NNO event was spectacular. He was able to come by and visit for a little bit and enjoyed the option of being both inside and outside.

He wanted to touch base on some of the crimes happening in the city. There have been some positive decreases in crime overall, but the one area that is on the rise is shoplifting.

The city applied for a Grant some years back and was awarded three million dollars over three years. We're utilizing these funds by investing in new technologies. We have a part-time retail-theft detective, several license plate readers throughout the city, and we now have a real-time information center operator who can log into those cameras and direct officers toward a fleeing suspect.

Lt. Herman shared there is the upcoming 2nd Annual Police Activities League golf tournament being held on October 16.

The Lieutenant then took questions from the floor.

5 - Next up was Vice-Mayor Mary Jane Lopez-Taft. She advised us that Fieldhaven Feline Services has been approved for the property at 7555 Auburn Blvd. They will be doing low-cost spay and neuter services for the feline community. And there may be as many as 500 vouchers issued to Citrus Heights residence specifically. They will be opening in late 2026 after making some property improvements.

Next, she addressed the issues around the Sunrise Tomorrow plan. She shared that people ask why the city doesn't just buy out the Namdar portion of the mall. She explained that while this is a potential resolution, they would prefer to find a developer that would be willing to take on the plan as developed. Currently, Namdar has that portion of the mall up for sale and is actively searching for a buyer.

And finally, you may have received a survey regarding our Vacant Commercial Property Ordinance. You may have received it in your email. If you haven't, you can access it through Flash Survey. I highly encourage you to respond. She explained you can sign up through the city website at www.citrusheights.net to receive these emails.

6 - Bill then turned the meeting over to the Citrus Heights Water District Public Affairs Representative. She shared an overhead presentation consisting of the following Agenda items:

District Mission & Boundaries
Water Line Annual Update (Video)
Budget Process/Budget Overview
Investing in the Future
Wholesale Water
Proposed 2026 Rate Adjustment
Water Efficiency Programs

During and after this presentation, there was a lengthy Q&A as well as lively discussion. The rate increase for households in CHWD for the coming year will be \$4.57 a month. There will be a full Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm, at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

5 - Bill closed the meeting by strongly encouraging everyone to attend the CHWD Budget Hearing on November 12. If we want our voices heard about rate increases, that is the meeting to attend. He also conducted the raffle giveaway and a reminder about next month's meeting.

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