MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MAY 21, 2012

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 21, 2012 was called to

order by Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Rev. Leon Beeler followed by the Pledge of

Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams and Councilwomen Maudie McCord, Linda

Lord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Al Wiggins, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Major Jamie Reynolds, Chief Eddie

Buckholts, Street Superintendent Bobby Jinks, Director of Support Service

Christine Terrell and City Attorneys Joe Harris and Robert Mack.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Work Session of Mayor and Council of May 7, 2012
- Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 7, 2012
- Special Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 4, 2012
- Budget Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 14, 2012
- Budget Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 15, 2012

Seconded by Ms. Lord, voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period:

Mr. Gregory Hanes spoke about Forest Park Community Day.

Mr. David Rashmir spoke about the proposed budget and revenues of the

City.

Deborah Jackson spoke concerning the condition of the restrooms at the

park and the Optimist House.

Update – Archway Partnership:

Ms. Gail Webb presented an update of Archway Partnership and

highlighted some accomplishments from 2011.

Recess:

Ms. McCord made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Pro-tem Adams opened the public hearing to receive comments on the request submitted by Homer Berry to rezone property (4987 East Street), Parcel I.D. #13-050D-C002, located south of Forest Parkway, just west of East Street from C-3 (Institutional Commercial) to C-1 (General Commercial).

Mayor Pro-tem Adams asked if there was anyone present to speak concerning this rezoning request.

Fred Coursey. East Street, stated he did not feel like that the property is big enough to handle any business that would be carried on and asked Council to vote against it.

Mary Thomaston, 5001 East Street, stated she is concerned that if the zoning goes to a General Commercial, then any kind of commercial activity can happen on that property and seeing what the City is doing now, this is not in the vision of the City, so she asked this zoning request be denied.

Richard Griswell stated the property on Forest Parkway has been a lot for 27 years and has never been an eyesore. He said the lot is ideal for a 20/25 automobile lot with a 10 ft. privacy fence; also on the west side, there will be privacy fence. He stated it will not be junky and will comply to all city codes. He stated he has over \$80,000 in this piece of property and wanted to utilize it for its best interest. He asked Council to give this some serious consideration before voting.

Roy Lunsford stated the citizens speaking are referring to quality of life and asked Council deny this request.

Ms. Lord made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

Ms. McCord made a motion to open a Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-tem Adams opened the public hearing to receive comments on the application for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. The grant amount is \$14,637 with no matching amount. The Police Department intends to use the funding for the purpose of purchasing Live

Scan Equipment that will assist with identifying fingerprints obtained at crime scenes.

Mayor Pro-tem Adams asked if there was anyone present to speak concerning this Grant.

Darnell Moorer spoke in favor of this grant and asked the Council to please vote to approve this grant.

Earl Millirons, New Image Towing, spoke in favor of this grant and asked Council to vote this in.

State Representative Keisha Waites stated she saluted the City for its efforts with respect to this grant. She made a recommendation to provide a letter of support on their behalf.

Ms. Lord made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the meeting, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Swearing-In Election Superintendent: City Attorney Joe Harris administered the oath of office to Darnell Moorer as Election Superintendent for the City.

Rezoning request-4987 East Street: Request was made to consider a petition submitted by Homer Berry to rezone 4987 East Street (I.D. #13-050D-C002) from C-3 (Institutional Commercial) to C-1 (General Commercial).

Ms. Lord made a motion to deny this petition, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Appt. of Voting Delegate:

Request was made to consider appointment of a voting delegate to the Georgia Municipal Association's Annual Convention.

Ms. McCord made a motion to appoint Linda Lord to serve as Voting Delegate for the City at the Georgia Municipal Association's Annual Convention, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

Ms. Lord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.