

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JULY 15, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 15, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Akins made a motion to suspend the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Latresa Akins, Linda Lord and Maudie McCord.

Also present were Interim City Manager Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still, Major Chris Matson and City Attorney Mike Williams.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the Work Session and Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Carl Evans – spoke concerning the sidewalk construction project on North Avenue and Burks Road and various problems that include dirt that is full of rocks and sticks, not using any top soil or clean fill dirt and grass will not grow with that dirt, part of the sidewalk does not have expansion joints, and stated they are having a lot of problems with this company and are doing a bad job.

Mattie Hartsfield – stated the grass at the end of Middlebrooks Drive is growing up and this property belongs to the City, some of the city workers are cutting individual's grass and wants this looked into, and the grass needs cutting on city owned property on Springdale Road and the corner of Middlebrooks Dr.

Beautification Award: Ms. Edie Yongue presented Sparkle and Bernard Adams with the residential Beautification award. Ms. Yongue then presented the Business Beautification Award to Calvary Refuge Center.

Request to Remove tree: Request was made to remove one diseased tree on the south side of the City Hall.

It was explained that a tree fell on Saturday and a horticulturist came out to look at the other oak trees behind City Hall and it was determined there was one diseased tree that should be removed and this could be done in-house by the Department of Public Works.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the removal of this tree, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution - Police Services-Farmers Market: Request was made to consider a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, authorizing INTER ALIA, the execution of an agreement to provide Police Services at the State Farmers Market.

Chief Hobbs stated the City was asked by the Commissioner of Agriculture to consider providing police services for the State Farmers Market. A proposal was submitted that will benefit both the market and the City and recommended approval of this proposal.

Ms. Akins made a motion to accept this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Election Superintendent: The consideration of Election Superintendent for the November General Election was tabled from the previous Council Meeting. No action was taken and it remained on the table.

Revision of Sec. 8-8-30: Request was made to consider the revision of Sect. 8-8-30 (Places of Assembly – Minimum Distance requirements).

Mayor Lockhart explained Mr. Wiggins had met with Chief Hobbs and the City Attorney and discovered some enforcement problems, as the Ordinance is written and has caused some unintended consequences, particularly those relate to places of worship. He stated there has been a recommendation that the City move to enact a moratorium on enforcement of Code Section 8-8-39 as it relates to religious institutions and/or places of worship.

Mayor Lockhart asked for a motion to establish a moratorium on the enforcement of City Code Section 8-8-39 as the enforcement relates to or

as the Ordinance relates to religious institutions and/or places of worship and such moratorium extend for a period of the lesser of 180 days or until such time as the Council adopts an amendment of or to Section 8-8-39.

Ms. Lord made a motion to do the moratorium for 180 days or less if we get an Ordinance that would comply with the rulings and the things that would be best for the City of Forest Park, seconded by Ms. McCord.

Mayor Lockhart asked the City Attorney if the motion made by Councilwoman Lord was adequate and fix the problem or do we need to state it differently.

Mr. Williams stated he recommended the motion be made as previously stated by the Mayor and that would make it clearer.

Ms. Lord amended the motion to state as it was spoken by the Mayor (motion to establish a moratorium on the enforcement of City Code Section 8-8-39 as the enforcement relates to or as the Ordinance relates to religious institutions and/or places of worship and such moratorium extend for a period of the lesser of 180 days or until such time as the Council adopts an amendment of or to Section 8-8-39.), seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment: Ms. Lord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.