

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JULY 21, 2014

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 21, 2014 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mr. Ray Goodman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of URA, Fred Bryant, and City Attorney Mike Williams.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of July 21, 2014, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Ms. Lawanda Falomi: She stated she is looking for us to move forward and work in unity. She stated with the businesses at Fort Gillem, we need to be putting men and women to work. We have warehouses, we can start training sessions, so our people of Forest Park will not get left behind. She stated we need to do something for our businesses, they cannot survive if our people do not have jobs.

Proclamation: Mayor Lockhart presented Stephen Robbins with a proclamation for his community work as Youth Pastor of Forest Park First Baptist Church.

Retail Alcohol License: Request was made to consider a new Retail Alcohol License for Beer and Wine from Shuvo Enterprises, LLC, Forest Speed Food Mart, 868 Forest Parkway, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the retail alcohol license, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Retail Alcohol License:

Request was made to consider a new Retail Alcohol License for Beer and Wine from Old Dixie "C" Store, Inc., Texaco Food Mart, 5111 Old Dixie Highway, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the retail alcohol license, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Settlement Agreement:

Tabled from the July 7th Regular meeting is the request to consider Settlement Agreement and Terms of Settlement Order between Jack Galardi, Red Eyed, Inc. d/b/a Crazy Horse Saloon, Walleye, LLC, Mia Luna, Inc. d/b/a Pink Pony South, and JGP&P, LLC and the City of Forest Park.

Mr. Smith made a motion to leave the Settlement Agreement on the table, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Proposals:
For Audit:

The request for proposals to audit – Recruitment, Promotions, Disciplinary and Termination Procedures, was presented to Council. No action was taken.

Ordinance -
Community
Economic
Assistance
Grant:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to sign and accept a Community Economic Adjustment Planning Assistance Grant for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment for the purpose of preparing an Outreach and Comprehensive Reuse Plan for Fort Gillem and to appropriate the matching funds from the transfer to LRA Fund Line Item No. 100-22-1510-61-1001; to provide for severability; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance-

Request was made to consider an Ordinance to amend Title 9, Chapter 2, Relative to sale of Alcoholic Beverages and other lawful purposes.

Ms. Akins made a motion to remove this item from the agenda, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item, and proposed that the Community Day be a city event and she would like to be the Chairperson for this event and direct the planning.

Ms. Akins made a motion that the City sponsor Forest Park Community Day, seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Ms. Akins stated she would be the director and do the planning along with members from the City.

Mayor Lockhart stated the City has a Parks and Leisure Department that plans our civic events and there are not chair people

Mr. Williams stated he discussed this with Ms. Akins that in a number of other cities, if there is a special event, particularly if a member of council has a particular interest in it, they will get a title Chair and are tasked by the Council to interface with the community and the city staff so all of the community input would go through Ms. Akins and she would work with the staff.

Voting for the motion was unanimous.

City Solicitor: Mr. Antoine made a motion to appoint Ms. Kristal Holmes as the solicitor.

Mayor Lockhart stated his motion is out of order because our Ordinance provides that the solicitor be appointed at the first meeting of the year.

Mr. Williams stated the chair has made a ruling and unless that ruling is appealed then the chair's ruling stands.

Mr. Antoine asked how the council could appeal it. Mr. Williams replied a point of order would have to be made and once the chair makes a ruling, any member could appeal the ruling of the chair and a majority vote of council would determine whether the chair's ruling stands or does not stand.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that his motion regarding the solicitor was out of order, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. The motion carried.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to appoint Ms. Kristal Holmes as our Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion was Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.