

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 17, 2012

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 17, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Corine Deyton at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilwoman Maudie McCord followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Corine Deyton, Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams, Councilwomen Maudie McCord, Linda Lord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Major Chris Matson, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Management Analyst Angela Redding and City Attorney Joe Harris.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Carl Evans – asked if the City was in such bad financial shape last year and had to raise taxes where is the City getting \$15 million for a down payment for Fort Gillem and where is the rest of the funds coming from.

Beautification Award: Ms. Edie Yongue of Keep Forest Park Beautiful presented the Residential Beautification Award to Mr. Willie Finch, on behalf of his daughter Cheryl Finch, who lives at 670 Shelnut Drive.

Recess: Ms. Lord made a motion to recess for a public hearing, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing: (Rezoning) Mayor Deyton opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the petition filed by Ernest W. Lee to rezone property (Tax I.D. #13019C A020) 10.68 acre tract, from R-95 Residential to P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development).

Mayor Deyton asked if there was anyone present to speak.

Dianne Lunsford – asked if this was the piece of land before Council a few years ago, that wanted to make it a fill pit and it was voted down.

Mr. Parker stated some of these parcels, three parcels, which now, with the simulation of all three coming for a single P.U.D. zoning would not put itself in a position to be a place to sell dirt, you would want to develop this commercially or industrially. It puts enough property together to allow this.

Ms. Lunsford stated Mr. Lee does not live here and doesn't care what happens to this property, this property is residential and people still live there. Don't we have enough industrial on top of people now, and to me it will depreciate the residential property even more. She stated you say this is one piece of three, it's still in the same place, same houses, same families living there and why would be consider it other than the revenue for businesses.

Mr. Carl Evans – stated he does live in that area and we already have a lot of noise that comes from that industrial area that is adjacent to this land, trucks, the airport and railroad tracks. He stated we don't need any more un-neighborly neighbors. If you are going to continue to expand that industrial area, someone needs to look at buying out these homes that are affected by this because we have enough noise problems as it is. He stated an additional 30 acres of industrial area, will increase the noise and pollution level in the residential area.

Mr. Roy Lunsford – stated this parcel that has the creek going through the middle of it, it was voted down because the back half of the far side of the creek is technically uninhabitable, and they were going to use the front 5 acres. He said I don't understand how it was habitat for wildlife, and now it is habitable because we want to put a business in there.

Ms. Adams made a motion to close the Public Hearing and resume the regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing:
(Rezoning)

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

Mayor Deyton opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the petition filed by Arthur A. Morrison to rezone property (Tax I.D. #13046A A005) from RM-85 Residential to Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.)

Mayor Deyton asked if there was anyone present to speak.

Ms. Dianne Lunsford – stated she did not understand why we have this opportunity from her and others to get up when you have already decided. You decided in the Work Session it’s going to pass, it’s just a formality that we can speak if we want to even though you have made up your mind. She stated it’s a waste of your time and my words.

Pamela Lake – she stated to enlarge on what Ms. Lunsford said, this happens all the time, that we have a public hearing, but we don’t know what it is about. She asked if there is another way this could be handled and some public information provided prior to holding the public hearing and giving us insight about this, so we can have a real comment time. She stated the Mayor and Council should do a better job informing the citizens.

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

Public Hearing:
(Rezoning)

Mayor Deyton opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the petition filed by Emmet J. Arnold to rezone property (Tax I.D. #13019C A003, #13019C A021, #13019C A022) from R-95 Residential to P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development).

Mayor Deyton asked if there was anyone present to speak.

No one was present to speak concerning this rezoning.

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

Appointments:

Tabled from the January 3rd Council Meeting: Appointment of Municipal Court Judge and Environmental Court Judge.

Ms. Adams made a motion to remove this item from the table and appoint Allyson Pitts as Municipal Court Judge and Ethenia King as Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Renewal of Retail
Beer and wine
License:
(Pak N Go)

Request was made to consider renewal of a retail alcohol license for beer and wine from Duvell Investment Group, Pak N Go, 1003 Forest Parkway, exceptions noted.

Ms. Lord made a motion to table this item until more information is received, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Renewal of Retail Beer & Wine License:
(Marathon Food)

Request was made to consider the renewal of a retail alcohol license for beer and wine from VBK2 Enterprises, Inc. Marathon Food Mart, 4700 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the renewal of the beer and wine license from Marathon Food Mart, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Renewal of new Retail beer & Wine License:
(Citgo Food Mart)

Request was made to consider the renewal of a new retail alcohol license for beer and wine from Two Brothers Convenience, Inc. Citgo Food Mart, 4578 Old Dixie Highway, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the request for a new retail beer and wine license from Citgo Food Mart, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Rezoning Request:
(Ernest Lee)

Request was made to rezone property owned by Ernest W. Lee, Tax I.D. #13019C A020 (10.58 acres) from R-95 Residential to P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development).

Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the rezoning request from Mr. Ernest Lee, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Rezoning Request:
(Arthur Morrison)

Request was made to rezone property owned by Arthur Morrison, Tax I.D. #13046A A005 (9.04 acres) from RM-95 Residential to P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development).

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the rezoning request from Mr. Arthur Morrison, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Rezoning Request:
(Arnold)

Request was made to rezone property filed by Emmet J. Arnold, Tax I.D. #13019C A003, #13019C A021, #13019C A022, from R-95 Residential to P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development).

Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the rezoning request from Mr. Emmet Arnold, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance -
Purchase of
Real estate:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to authorize the acquisition and purchase of certain real estate in the City for a purchase price of the appraised value; to provide for temporary funding of said purchase from the General Fund of the City; to provide for reimbursement to the General Fund from funds received from the "SPLOST" tax in 2011; to provide for severability; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution -
Sidewalks to
Schools,
Phase III:

Request was made to consider a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Construction Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Transit Oriented Pedestrian Improvements and Sidewalks to Schools, Phase III Projects.

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

Resolution -
Code Enforcement
Agreement:

Request was made to consider a Resolution authorizing the City of Forest Park to enter into the Code Enforcement Model Intergovernmental Agreement for Cross-Jurisdictional Enforcement of Sign Ordinances and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement and for other lawful purposes.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Adams. 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 7:30 p.m.