

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 21, 2014

- Call To Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 21, 2014 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call: 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, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Major Chris Matson, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Director of ILRA Fred Bryant, and City Attorney Steve Fincher.
- Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 6, 2014, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Period: Mr. McKinley Lewis – stated he submitted the proposal for a Lobbyist. He said lobbyist are not only for legislation but also to deal with relationships in the community, customer service, to keep businesses in the community, to make sure we work hand and hand with the Council to make sure we bring information of what laws have been passed. He said they build relationships in Forest Park to make a difference for our citizens, bring in proposals, look for grants and further help and promote this City.
- Alfonzo Dagget: He stated he wanted to start a business in Forest Park. He had an incident with the Police Department when he did nothing wrong. He stated his business is on Old Dixie Highway and was in the process of opening up First Class Ultra Lounge and Restaurant. He stated he was harassed by one police officer for no reason because he had approval from one of the Captains to have a private birthday party for a lady and he did exactly as he said.
- Presentation: Ms. Edie Yongue of Keep Forest Park Beautiful presented the Business Beautification Award to Mr. Jose Mendoza of the Chicken House and presented the Residential Beautification Award to Mr. Herbert Bright.

Report of Audit	Mr. Doug Moses of Mauldin and Jenkins presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.
Renewal of Alcohol license:	<p>Request was made to consider renewal of a retail alcohol license for beer and wine from Marshall Business Ventures, Inc. Park Food Mart, 4209 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.</p> <p>Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the renewal of the retail alcohol license from Marshall Business Ventures, Inc. seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.</p>
Death Benefit Committee:	Ms. McCord made a motion to remove herself from the Death Benefit Committee and appoint Mayor David Lockhart to serve, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
Ordinance –Wage & Salary:	<p>Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park, to appropriate funds for Wage and Salary Increases for Employees of the City; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.</p> <p>Mayor Lockhart presented the Council with names and present salaries of all employees.</p> <p>Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance to appropriate funds for Wage and Salary Increase for Employees, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion failed.</p>
Resolution - Urban Re-Development Agency:	<p>Request was made to consider an Activating Resolution to authorize the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to transact business and exercise powers under the provisions of the Urban Redevelopment law; to determine the number and terms of office of Board of Commissioners of the Urban Redevelopment Agency; to repeal conflicting Resolutions; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.</p> <p>Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith.</p> <p>Ms. Akins stated she felt we should keep it at 5 members. Ms. Lord stated this needs to be done and does not show a good attitude.</p> <p>Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. The motion failed.</p>

Resolution - CDBG Funding: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Mayor and Council of Forest Park, Georgia, to apply for HUD Funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for Curb and Gutter, Sidewalks, and Storm Water Piping on West Street from South Avenue to Cash Memorial, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer and Extension of the Senior Center and to accept the HUD Funding through the CDBG Program once it becomes available; to repeal all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Resolution - SPLOST Projects: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia, approving the list of projects for the 2015 SPLOST.

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

Resolution - Intergovernmental Agreement: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Clayton County and the Municipalities for the 2015 SPLOST.

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

Lobbyist Proposal: Request was made to consider a Lobbyist Proposal from Progressive Affairs, Inc.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Opposed to the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith.

Mayor Lockhart voted no to the motion to table this matter to break the tie. The motion failed.

Ms. Lord made a motion to defeat this proposal, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. Voting against the motion were Ms. Akins, Ms. McCord and Mr. Antoine. The motion failed.

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