

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 6, 2014

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 6, 2014 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart and Council Members Latresa Akins, Maudie McCord, Timmy Smith, Linda Lord. Also present was Councilman-Elect Dabouze Antoine.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Major Jamie Reynolds, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Executive Director of the ILRA Fred Bryant, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning Clarence Blalock, 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 Mayor and Council of December 16, 2013, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart recessed the meeting.

Judge Steve Teske administered the oath of office to Councilman-elect Dabouze Antoine.

Attorney Ashley Baker Osby administered the oath of office to Councilman Tommy Smith.

Judge Allyson Pitts administered the oath of office to Mayor David Lockhart.

Presentation: Mayor Lockhart presented Firefighter/Paramedic Carter Cagle with a proclamation for his retirement from the Fire Department after 38 years. Chief Buckholts also presented Mr. Cagle with his 30 year pin and a watch for his years of service.

Appointments: Mayor Lockhart presented the appointments for 2014:

2. Appointment of City Attorney – **Fincher, Denmark, Williams and Minnifield**
3. Appointment of City Solicitor - **Jerry Patrick**
4. Appointment of City Clerk/Treasurer – **Michael Blandenburg**
5. Appointment of Deputy City Clerk - **Regina Ivie**
6. Appointment of Municipal Court Judge – **Allyson Pitts**
7. Appointment of Judge of Environmental Court – **Ethenia King**
8. Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem – **Maudie McCord**
9. Appointment of a member to the Retirement Committee – **Linda Lord**
10. Appointment of a member to the Central Safety Committee – **Maudie McCord**
11. Appointment of a member to N.O.I.S.E. – **Linda Lord**
12. Appointment to Board of Directors of Clayton County Municipal Association – **Latresa Akins**
13. Appointment of members to Death Benefit Committee
Mayor Lockhart Latresa Akins Maudie McCord

Ms. Akins made a motion to take items 2 through 7 together, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins stated in order to be fair and transparent, she made a motion to extend the appointments of 2 through 7 for 90 days and allow other people to apply (City Attorney, City Solicitor, City Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy City Clerk, Municipal Court Judge, Environmental Court Judge), seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Ms. Lord questioned the appointments of City Clerk Treasurer and Deputy City Clerk. Mr. Smith suggested the City Clerk be taken out of the motion.

Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the previous motion and exclude the appointment of the City Clerk /Treasurer and Deputy City Clerk from the 90 day appointment, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Akins, Ms. Lord, Ms. McCord and Mr. Smith. Mr. Antoine opposed the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Lockhart stated the Council will now consider the motion to extend the following appointments for 90 days, City Attorney, City Solicitor, Municipal Court Judge and Environmental Court Judge.

Ms. Akins amended her motion that the appointments extend for 60 days, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion was Ms. Akins, Mr. Antoine and Ms. McCord. Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith opposed the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Blandenburg as City Clerk/Treasurer and Regina Ivie as Deputy City Clerk, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-tem: Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint Maudie McCord as Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Retirement Comm.: Ms. McCord made a motion to appoint Linda Lord as the member to the Retirement Committee, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Central Safety Committee: Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Maudie McCord to serve on the Central Safety Committee, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

N.O.I.S.E. Member: Ms. McCord made a motion to appoint Linda Lord as the member to NOISE, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

CCMA: Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint Latresa Akins to the Board of Directors of the Clayton County Municipal Association, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Death Benefit Committee: Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Dabouze Antoine to the Death Benefit Committee, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Maudie McCord to the Death Benefit Committee, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart recommended the third position be filled by Councilman Smith.

Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Tommy Smith to the Death Benefit Committee, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution:
Naming
Depositories: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia naming the depositories for funds of the City of Forest Park; authorizing withdrawals of said funds by check or draft; and naming the officers of said City authorized to sign checks or drafts.

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

Ordinance -
Authorizing
Temporary Loans: Request was made to consider an Ordinance authorizing temporary loans by the City of Forest Park, under the Constitution of the State of Georgia; Article 9, Section 5, paragraph V; and for other purposes.

Mayor Lockhart stated State Law allows the City to draft an Ordinance to permit us to borrow a percentage of the anticipated tax revenues but we do not anticipate borrowing anything.

Resolution:
Urban
Redevelopment
Agency: 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 the Board of Commissioners of the Urban Redevelopment Agency; to repeal conflicting Resolutions; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mayor Lockhart stated this authorizes the Resolution as drafted and does not name the members which can be discussed separately.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Lord.

Ms. Akins stated if we approve the Resolution, the Council cannot nominate members.

Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Ms. Akins, Ms. McCord and Mr. Antoine. The motion failed.

Proposal for
Lobbyist:

Request was made to consider a Lobbyist for the 2014 General Assembly.

Ms. McCord made a motion to consider a Lobbyist for the City of Forest Park, seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Ms. Lord suggested we collaborate with the other cities and County because we can't afford it. Mr. Smith agreed.

Ms. Lord stated it had been discussed at a Clayton County Municipal Association Meeting to have one to be shared by the other Cities and the County because she felt we did not need a lobbyist by ourselves. No action was taken.

Mayor Lockhart stated it has been brought to his attention the Mayor is required to be a member of the Death Benefit Committee and asked this matter be resolved at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.