

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of November 19, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call: Present were: 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, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Major Chris Matson, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins and City Attorney Robert Mack.
- Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of November 5, 2012, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Ms. Kimberly James - asked when the Special Election takes place in March if a councilmember runs for office of Mayor would that council seat be vacated at that time and if so would the Special Election also include that council seat. She also stated when residents make comments or ask questions, often times it goes unanswered. She would like to see those questions answered possibly at the next meeting.
- Ms. Donna Barkley - stated she received a notice from code enforcement concerning parking on the grass and asked that code officers knock on the door instead of just leaving a note. She also suggested that Forest Park use yard sale signs similar to ones used by the City of Morrow.
- Public Hearing: Ms. Lord made a motion to recess for a public hearing, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Lord made a motion to open the Public Hearing to receive comments with regard to the proposed rezoning of a tract consisting of 9.97 acres currently zoned RM-125 Condominium-Townhouse to HI Heavy Industrial.

Ms. Adams asked if there was anyone to speak concerning this rezoning request.

Ms. Maureen Scott – stated only 6 letters were sent out concerning the rezoning of the 9.97 acres of wetland property. Dozens should have been mailed, it was almost like a secret part of a plan. She stated it is the City that wants to rezone and their backyard is in close proximity. She stated years ago they fought to have the property declared as wetlands and you still cannot build on wetlands. She stated her comment was no, plans have been mentioned to extend North Avenue to Main Street, again no. You cannot build on wetlands and we have not had a need for an extended street in 45 years. This would create more traffic, we are a dead end street and so is Tanglewood. The entrance to Main Street from New Burks is fine and has been for years. She stated there are so many potholes in the City that could be repaired instead of building this street and streets also need paving. She stated Arko is asking for 2.7 acres in order to improve the conditions between his business and the neighborhood. She stated she hated to see more trees cut down but what is asking for does make sense. She stated the whole lot does not need to be Heavy Industrial, the rest needs to stay as it is.

Debbie Youmans – stated they went to the Planning and Zoning Board meeting and after that meeting, they met with the owner of Arko Veal, and spoke to him about what he wants. She stated he wants the 2.7 acres which is not wetland. She stated several years ago, they were involved in getting that property declared wetlands by the Corp of Engineers and it has not changed. That property should never be developed, there are natural springs on that property. She felt it would be beneficial if those tracts were separated so he could get what he wants and it would be beneficial to our neighborhood.

Kimberly James – asked what Heavy Industrial means. Mr. Parker stated he would get that information for her.

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

Rezoning: Request was made to rezone property located in Land Lots 46 and 1 of the 13th District of Clayton County, Tax ID 13051A A009, Main Street, from RM-125 Condominium-Townhomes to HI Heavy Industrial.

Ms. Akins made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and deny the request, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance: Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to amend Title 9, Chapter 2, Section 9-2-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City pertaining to regulation of the hours and days of operation for Alcoholic Beverages; 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. Lord made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Other business: Mr. Parker stated after the first of the year, the City Council will begin holding Work Sessions a few days prior to the regular meetings to discuss and ask questions concerning agenda items.

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.