

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MAY 6, 2013

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 6, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Introduction- Clayton County State Court Judge Aaron Mason introduced Judge Carla Wong McMillian who will administer the oath of Office to Mayor David Lockhart.
- Oath of Office: Judge Carla Wong McMillian administered the Oath of Office to David Lockhart, newly elected Mayor.
- Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Latresa Akins, Maudie McCord and Tommy Smith.
- Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Management Analyst Angela Redding and City Attorneys Robert Mack and Joe Harris.
- Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Period: Sparkle Adams – addressed the Council concerning the future of the Teen Council. She explained the purpose, initiatives and objectives of the Teen Council. Since they only meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, she encouraged the city leadership to guide the future teens in city government. She felt outsourcing the program to the community is an easy way to dispel the responsibilities of the City to its teen residents that have contributed thousands of man hours to the City's initiatives.
- Forest Park Teen Council – Several members of the Forest Park Teen Council spoke. Anastasia Starr stated it was brought to their attention someone has been chosen as their new leader but

they have not been asked about this and felt it was hurtful. Ky'Wan Parker stated everyone should help us out and would like Councils support. David Hickson stated the Teen Council is good just the way it is. Tommy Pratts stated he enjoyed being on the Teen Council and hope for more support from the City Council.

Jasmine Hulio – stated she is glad there is change with Mayor and Council and there are people who are afraid to attend meetings and suggested they come out in the community and events.

Kimberly James – mentioned the minutes need to be updated on the City website, LRA meetings are out of date, suggested that the Neighborhood Watch Meetings agenda or minutes be placed on the website, list all non-profit organizations on the website or none, change city ordinance rules of procedure which allows only residents to speak and felt it was not fair, and look into the process of absentee ballots.

Presentation:
Business
Beautification: Ms. Edie Yongue presented the Business Beautification Award to the Forest Park Library. Ms. Kimberly Clayton accepted the award on behalf of Manager Martha Caldwell

Recognition of
Girl Scouts: Ms. Edie Yongue recognized the Girl Scouts that volunteered on April 20th at the Creation Clean Up/Great American Clean Up and thanked them for all of their help during this clean up.

Recognition of
Contest winners: Ms. Linda Lord and Ms. Angela Redding presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies to 6th grade students that participated in the “If I Were Mayor” essay contest.

Presentation- Ms. McCord made a motion to table the presentation of the Waste Management Grant Check until the next regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item, which is 4A consideration of our city attorney position to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Ms. Lord voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Akins stated in order to give the new Mayor the tools to work with, asked the Council to consider another law firm.

Mr. Smith made a motion to terminate the present attorneys effective immediately and hire Fincher, Denmark, & Williams and the Mayor be authorized to do the transition between the two firms, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Ms. Lord says there should be more discussion concerning this item.

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

Mayor Lockhart stated in an effort to preserve and celebrate the history of Forest Park, pursuant to Article 2, Sections 2.24 and 2.25 of the Charter, I hereby establish a committee to investigate and study the feasibility and best practical ways to create a Forest Park Archives and Museum. The committee's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to; investigating cost for locations for such a museum, estimating operational expenses, investigating sources of funding apart from the City's operating, locating historical documents and artifacts. The committee is charged with reporting its findings to the Mayor and City Council. The Committee shall consist of the following:

- Sims Bank, Chairman
- Scott MacLean, Vice-Chairman
- John C, Carbo
- Judy Ragsdale Johnson
- Eddie White
- Kim Kennedy
- Sandra Bagley
- Mike Twomey

Mayor Lockhart called for a 10 minute recess.

State Representative Keisha Waites informed everyone that House Bill 5 amending the Charter had passed and will be signed by the Governor tomorrow.

Ordinance -
Acquisition of

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, to authorize the acquisition and

Property: purchase or certain real estate in the City for a purchase price of the appraised value or less than 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 2013; 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. McCord.

Mayor Lockhart stated he was not in favor of this Ordinance as drafted for the reasons stated in the Work Session.

Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance -
Audit Firm: The Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC, a Certified Public Accounting Firm, to perform the City’s Annual Independent Audit for all accounts, funds and financial transactions, and for other purposes, was tabled from the April 15th Work Session.

Ms. McCord asked that this Ordinance remain on the table.

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