

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JULY 6, 2015

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 6, 2015 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Maudie McCord, Dabouze Antoine, Linda Lord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Major Jamie Reynolds, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell and City Attorney Kiran Mirza.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of June 15, 2015, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Bruce Robinson – asked the community to join in and sponsor the Back to School Supply Drive for children on August 1st. He explained it was their intention to give out 400 book bags with school supplies.

Sandra Bagley – thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the lot on Waverly Drive.

Recess: Ms. Smith 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 a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the

City, Article “L” entitled Forest Park Main Street Overlay District as the City desires to remove the requirement that all new construction and renovations performed within the Forest Park Main Street Overlay District must be built to LEED-certifiable standards.

Mr. Wiggins explained the Planning and Zoning Department is asking that this be repealed because of the cost of LEED certifiable buildings. He believes we should recommend it but not mandate it.

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

Public Hearing: Mr. Smith made a motion to recess and open a public hearing, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City whereas the City desires to remove the prohibition on construction of drive-throughs on property within the Forest Park Main Street Overlay District.

Mr. Wiggins stated this ordinance suggests that a portion of the ordinance that prohibits drive-throughs on Main Street be repealed. This was heard before the Planning Commission and the request was denied.

Ms. Bagley asked about the traffic on Main Street and asked if this would be for anyone or is this a one time request. Mayor Lockhart stated with respect to this ordinance, the ordinance is not specific to a parcel or a specific entity, this ordinance would repeal the prohibition on the drive-throughs in the Main Street Overlay District. She then asked if they had other options to have less traffic on Main Street. Mayor Lockhart stated this is an option that has been discussed.

Ms. Pamela Lake asked if we would be generating that much traffic to cause a problem. Mr. Wiggins stated that would be based on businesses but there is a potential for undesirable traffic associated with the position of a particular drive-through.

Ms. Julio asked if the drive-through would be for any sort of business including fast food in the future and asked if there is currently a variance process of the current ordinance to apply for a drive-through on a case by case basis.

Mr. Wiggins explained the three scenarios: the applicant goes before the Architectural Design Review which approves or denies the request and the appeals process goes directly to the Mayor and Council; or the ordinance could be eradicated to allow drive-throughs throughout the entire Main Street Overlay District or the drive-through could be built where it does not impede traffic on Main Street. The Credit Union drive-through could exit on Hill Street or Evans.

Mr. Lunsford asked if the Main Street design is for parking in the back or front of the building. Mayor Lockhart stated what we currently have would prohibit parking between Main Street and the building.

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

Public Hearing: Ms. Lord made a motion to recess and hold a public hearing, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart opened the public hearing to receive comments on the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

Mayor Lockhart stated the grant amount is \$11,856 with no matching funds. The Forest Park Police Department intends to use the funding for the purpose of purchasing ballistic shields that can be used to stop rifle caliber ammunition.

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

Proclamation: Mayor Lockhart presented the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with a proclamation thanking them for their service and volunteer hours given to the City.

Mayor Lockhart presented a proclamation to Ms. Rebecca Wimberly posthumously honoring Joe Wimberly for his

service, dedication and many hours of volunteer work with the City.

Ordinance- Request was made to consider an Ordinance to amend
LEED Structures, Article 1, "Forest Park Main Street Overlay District," of
Main Street: Chapter 8, "Zoning", of the Code of Ordinances, City of
Forest Park, Georgia; to amend provisions regarding
construction of "LEED" Certified structures in the Main
Street Overlay District; to provide for codification; to provide
for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide
an adoption date; to provide an effective date; and for other
purposes allowed by law.

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

Ordinance- Request was made to consider an Ordinance to amend
Drive-Throughs, Article L, Forest Park Main Street Overlay District," of
Main Street: Chapter 8, "Zoning", of the Code of Ordinances, City of
Forest Park, Georgia; to amend provisions regarding
construction of Drive-Throughs in the Main Street Overlay
District; to provide for codification; to provide for severability;
to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an adoption date;
to provide an effective date; and for other purposes allowed
by law.

Ms. Lord made a motion to deny the Ordinance, seconded by
Ms. Akins.

Mr. Antoine stated we are trying to attract businesses and as
a city there are accommodations we would have to make
with any type of business.

Ms. Akins stated this would not stop them from putting a
drive-through just not coming off of Main Street.

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

Resolution: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City
Forest Park Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to
Youth execute a License Agreement with Forest Park Youth Football
Football: for the use of Kiwanis Stadium, Lopez Field, Baker Field,
Burke Field, Stanford Field and Johnson Field from July 27,

2015 through November 21, 2015 to conduct football and cheerleading practices and games in their Youth Football Program, Game Dates are: August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 2015; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Resolution-
Clayton Co.
Public Schools:

Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental License Agreement with Clayton County Public Schools for the use of Kiwanis Stadium and Concession Stand to conduct football games, August 25, September 9, and October 5, 2015 at a rate of \$100 for use of field per date and \$50 for use of Concession Stand per date; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Ordinance
OEA Grant:

Consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to sign and accept a Community Economic Adjustment Planning Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2016 from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment for the purpose of preparing an Outreach and Comprehensive Reuse Plan for Fort Gillem and to appropriate the matching funds from the transfer to LRA Fund Line Item 100-22-1510-61-1001; to provide for severability; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mayor Lockhart explained there was some discussion during the Work Session on the numbers that didn't seem to add up. He explained the numbers have since been corrected and the local match of \$62,526 should be \$70,433.

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

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