

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JULY 7, 2014

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

Invocation: The invocation was given by Rev. Leon Beeler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Deputy Director of Finance Regina Ivie 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 June 16, Special Meeting of June 30, and Special Meeting of July 1, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Lawanda Falomi - stated she was very proud during the Special Called Meetings and interviews held for judges, she also challenged the council members to sister with the work force in other cities and get our citizens equipped when jobs become available.

Dianne Lunsford - stated she was very proud of our firefighters She asked if it was ethical for council members to vote on judges they had to go before in court.

Jasmine Hulio - wanted to make sure council was aware the court clerk is no longer here and if we did get new judges and a new solicitor, there is no one with experience working in the court and

questioned how efficient the court would run. She asked them to consider this, along with the experience of the applicants.

Forest Park Drill Team – the Drill Team asked for support of the Council so it can remain a free activity open to students ages 12 to 21.

Felicia Davis – was present and asked for support of the Forest Park Drill Team. She stated she provided the council with a small budget that would enable 25 children to become members.

Edith Porter - stated the ditch in front of her house needs cleaning out to keep it from flooding her house.

Ramel Jackson – asked with the new company coming into Fort Gillem, does the city council have the authority to ask that a certain amount of those jobs go to Forest Park residents.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to amend the agenda and add the proposal for Forest Park Day Reunion, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Ms. Akins made a motion to grant Forest Park Day and that every 3rd Saturday every year, be considered Forest Park Day in August, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Mayor Lockhart stated a motion already exists on the floor, and this motion is out of order.

Mr. Fincher suggested that we place it at some point on the agenda as an agenda item.

Mr. Antoine amended his previous motion to amend the agenda, add the proposal for Forest Park Day Reunion, and place it as item no. 1 on the agenda, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith voted against the motion. The motion carried.

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

Forest Park
Community Day:

Ms. Akins made a motion that every third Saturday in August for the next five years be considered Forest Park Community Day Reunion, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion were Mr.

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

Mayor Lockhart explained the motion that carried was every third Saturday in August will be considered Forest Park Community Day.

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

Ms. Lord made a motion to open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the application for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing: Mayor Lockhart opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the application for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. Major Reynolds stated this grant will be used to provide the police department with a mobile sign that can be moved around the City.

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

Proclamation: Mayor Lockhart presented a proclamation to Mr. Kelly Estes on behalf of his father, H. H. Estes, a former Councilman for the City, who recently passed away.

Mayor Lockhart presented a proclamation to the Forest Park Fire Department for winning first place in the First Annual Southside Firefighter's Competition.

Alcohol License: Request was made to consider a new on-premises consumption alcohol license for liquor, beer and wine from JB's Billiards, LLC, JB Billiards & Bar, 4148 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve this request for an alcohol license, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Zoning Appeals Board: Request was made to consider the appointments to the Zoning Appeals Board previously presented by Mr. Wiggins.

Ms. Lord made a motion to accept the following individuals to serve on the Board as follows:

- Keehren Baah 7/2014 - 2017
- Michael Clinkscales 7/2014 - 2019
- Andy Porter 7/2014 - 2019
- Eric Stallings 7/2014 - 2019
- Azfar Haque 7/2014 - 2017

The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Solicitor: Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Jerry Patrick as solicitor, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. Voting against the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. The motion failed.

Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Kristal Holmes as Solicitor, seconded by Ms. McCord.

Mayor Lockhart stated those people that work in our system feel we do not need new staffing and felt Mr. Patrick has been very fair and felt it would work in our city and citizens best interest, for him to remain in that position.

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

Mayor Lockhart stated he will put in writing that he will veto this action.

Environmental Court Judge: Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Ethenia King as Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Municipal Court Judge: Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Ronald Freeman as Municipal Court Judge, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Building Insp. Contract: Request was made to consider Building Inspections Contract between the City of Forest Park and Charles Abbott Associates.

Ms. Akins made a motion to accept this Contract, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Executive Session: Ms. Akins made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation issues and personnel matters, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Ms. McCord made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Settlement Agreement: Request was made to consider Settlement Agreement and Terms of Settlement Order between Jack Galardi, Red Eyed, Inc. d/b/a Crazy Horse Saloon, Walleye, LLC, Mia Luna, Inc. d/b/a Pink Pony South, and JGP&P, LLC and the City of Forest Park.

Ms. Akins made a motion to table this until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Ms. Akins withdrew her motion. Voting for withdrawal of the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins made a motion to table this Settlement Agreement until the next meeting during which time our City Attorney is instructed to confer with the other parties to coordinate further discussion, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Other business: Mr. Antoine made a motion that the City Manager does not sit on the dais with council, but in the audience.

Mayor Lockhart stated that is not on the agenda and ruled the motion out of order.

Ms. Akins made a motion to amend the agenda to add the item with respect to the City Manager sitting in the audience, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. Lord and Ms. McCord. The motion failed.

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