

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF APRIL 1, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of April 1, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord at 7:00 p.m.

Swearing-In of Council, Ward 1: Councilman Elect Tommy Smith was sworn in as Councilman, Ward 1.

Roll Call: Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord, Councilwomen Latresa Akins and Maudie McCord and Councilman Tommy Smith.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Operations Manager Winston Carter, and City Attorney Joe Harris.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 18, 2013, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated in reference to the new sidewalks being installed, the mailboxes are being put on the inside of the sidewalks and are not in compliance with USPS regulations; the front of the mailbox is supposed to be 5 to 8 inches from the curb so the letter carriers can deliver the mail without having to exit their vehicle, but right now they have to drive up on the sidewalks. He also complained about Waste Management and the placement of his trash cans.

Teen Council – Amoni Ethridge, President, Ky'Wan Parker, Vice-President, David Hickson, City Manager of Teen Council and Anastasia Starr, Ward 2 Teen Council spoke: They were present to extend their thanks to everyone. They wanted to say they appreciate being here and want to be a part of Forest Park and continue to help their community. They spoke on how the Teen Council has affected their lives and made them better individuals. Amoni Ethridge again thanked everyone for everything they have done for them and they hope for their continued support.

David Lockhart: congratulated Tommy Smith on his election and spoke concerning the continued existence of the Teen Council. He felt this organization allows the teens to be active in participation in the community and allows them opportunities that would not exist otherwise. He stated leaders of youth should be engaged in the youth to better our communities and society. He said we should look as a City and particularly as the City Council for a broad base of leadership that will expand the Teen Council's perspective and will also help insure it continues well into the future.

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

545 North Avenue: This public hearing has been cancelled. Mr. Wiggins stated the Planning and Zoning Board heard this rezoning request and was passed by the Board. We later found out there was a separate party that owns the property that was not listed on the County records, and in order to make it legal, all parties have to be notified. This request will be held for a later date.

Main Street - Rezoning: Ms. Akins made a motion to open the public Hearing on the rezoning request of 2.72 acres on Main Street, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-tem Lord asked if there was anyone present to speak concerning the rezoning request of an unimproved lot of size 2.72 acres located on Main Street (I.D. #13051A A009) from RM-125 (Condominium-Townhouse) to LI (Light Industrial).

Dianne Lunsford asked if this goes back to commercial and it is for the meat packaging company, is there going to be a buffer between this lot and the residences so we don't have to see the trucks. Mr. Parker stated there will be a buffer between the Meat packaging company and the residences. He also stated the City is also looking at the possibility of putting in a dog park in that area also.

No one else was present to speak.

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

Proclamation: Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord presented a proclamation to volunteers for the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

Resolution - License Agreement Forest Park Braves: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement with Forest Park Braves for the use of Lockhart Field from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, to conduct baseball games; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Rezoning - 545 North Avenue: Request was made to rezone a .929 acre tract, lying and being in land lot 51 of the 13<sup>th</sup> District, Tax ID #13051B C007 known as 545 North Avenue from C-1 Commercial to R-95 (Residential).

Ms. McCord made a motion to table this rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Rezoning - Main Street: Request was made to rezone a parcel of property which is 2.72 acre tract lying and being in Land Lot 51 of the 13<sup>th</sup> District of Clayton County (Tax ID #13051A A009) also known as 0 Main Street from RM-125 Residential to LI Light Industrial.

Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion were Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Mr. Smith abstained. The motion failed due to a lack of affirmative votes. No motion was made to deny the rezoning request.

Other business: Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord announced that the Work Sessions will now begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

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