

## **A G E N D A**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 20, 2015**

6:00 P.M. Work Session  
Discussion of Agenda Items

- Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending litigation

I. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – Mayor David Lockhart

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Work Session of Mayor and Council of January 5, 2015
2. Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 5, 2015

VI. Comment Period

VII. Agenda Items

1. Welcome of Grace Kennedy Foods to the City
2. Consider a Resolution to set Qualifying Fees for General Election for the office of Council Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5
3. Consider a Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia, to apply for HUD funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for Curb and Gutter, Sidewalks, and Storm Water piping on West Street from South Avenue to Cash Memorial and to resurface the Walking Track in Starr Park and to accept the HUD Funding through the CDBG Program once it becomes available; to repeal all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes

**SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:** This Resolution is requesting authorization from the Mayor and City Council for Community Development Block Grant funds for infrastructure improvements on West Street and to resurface the walking track in Starr Park.

4. Discussion of Grant Application submittal to the National Endowment of the Arts by Planning and Zoning
5. Discussion of the Vehicle Policy

VIII. Legal Matters

IX. Comments by Governing Body

X. Adjournment

## MINUTES

### WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 5, 2015

Call to Order: The Work Session of Mayor and Council of January 5, 2015 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Major Jamie Reynolds, Angela Redding, Management Analyst and Winston Denmark, City Attorney.

Agenda Items: *Appt. of Judges:* Ms. Lord suggested that the two judges currently serving remain in their positions. Mr. Smith agreed that these judges be re-appointed.

*Appt. of Mayor Pro-tem:* It was determined that Latresa Akins will now serve as Mayor Pro-tem.

*Appt. of Solicitor:* Ms. Lord asked the present solicitor remain in that position.

Ms. Akins asked about the previous appointments that had been made yearly. Mayor Lockhart stated Mr. Fincher has pointed out that the code does not provide for those annual appointments and only judges are made annually.

Ms. Lord asked about the committees Council was on and should they decide among themselves. Mayor Lockhart stated it was up to the pleasure of the council. Ms. Akins stated she would like to give someone else the opportunity to serve on the Clayton County Municipal Association Board of Directors. Ms. Lord asked to remain on the Retirement Board and

would also serve as the CCMA Board of Directors member.

*Ordinance authorizing temporary loans:* Mr. Blandenburg stated this Ordinance authorizes the City to obtain a loan and sets a maximum amount.

*Resolution naming depositories:* Mr. Blandenburg explained this Resolution authorizes the City to do business with certain banks and the only addition is adding East West Bank.

*Ordinance to appropriate funds:* Mayor Lockhart stated this ordinance appropriates funds for the salary supplement given to employees at a prior meeting.

Mayor Lockhart announced the next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2015 due to the holiday.

Adjournment:

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

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 5, 2015

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 5, 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, Mayor Pro-tem Maudie McCord and Councilmembers Latresa Akins, Dabouze Antoine, Linda Lord and Tommy Smith.
- Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Major Jamie Reynolds, Angela Redding, Management Analyst and Winston Denmark, City Attorney.
- Approval of Minutes: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Period: Dianne Lunsford – Ms. Lunsford suggested the public forum between the Work Session and Regular Meeting be dissolved. She stated it is now used just to throw rocks at each other, and since this was a privilege, it has been abused.
- Sandra Bagley – stated it was Blue Light Week and encouraged citizens to participate and asked citizens to check on their neighbors during the winter season.
- Roy Lunsford – stated he agreed that the public forums should be discontinued.
- Appointment of Mr. Antoine made a motion that we instruct the City

Judge:

Manager to put all of the appointments on RFP, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Mr. Antoine stated we had other appointments last year on the agenda and felt it was prudent to do the same thing again.

Mayor Lockhart stated we did not put all the appointments on RFP last year. Mr. Antoine stated the motion includes the City Solicitor, Municipal Court Judge, Environmental Court Judge, City Attorney, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

Mr. Antoine revised his motion to instruct the City Manager to put all appointed positions out for an RFP which includes the City Attorney, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, Municipal Court Judge and Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Ms. Akins felt an RFP needs to be put out for a solicitor, but was fine with the judges presently serving.

Mr. Antoine asked if the Mayor can veto his motion. Mr. Denmark stated if it is a vote to take action, under the charter, it is subject to the Mayors veto power.

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.

Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint Judge Freeman as Municipal Court Judge, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Ms. Akins, Ms. McCord, Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion was Mr. Antoine. The motion carried.

Appt. of Env. Court  
Judge:

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

Mayor Pro-tem:

Mr. Antoine made a motion to appoint Ms. Latresa Akins as Mayor Pro-tem for 2015, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. McCord, Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. Ms. Lord voted against the motion. The motion carried.

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

New On-premises Alcohol License: Request was made to consider a new on-premises consumption alcohol license for beer and wine from Trans-Atlantic Arcade, LLC, 4462 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the new alcohol license, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance - Temporary Loans: Request was made to consider an Ordinance authorizing Temporary Loans by the City of Forest Park, under the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article 9, Section 5, Paragraph V; and for other purposes.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord, Ms. Akins, Mr. Smith and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion was Mr. Antoine. The motion carried.

Resolution - Naming depositories: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia naming the depositories for funds of the City of Forest Park; authorizing withdrawals of said funds by check or draft; and naming the officer of said City authorized to sign checks or drafts.

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

Ordinance - Appropriation of Funds: Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to appropriate funds for a salary supplement for all employees of the City; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Adjournment:

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

**RESOLUTION TO SET QUALIFYING FEES FOR GENERAL  
ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF COUNCIL WARD 3, WARD 4  
AND WARD 5**

WHEREAS, The City of Forest Park will hold a General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the office of Council Seats, and

WHEREAS, according to the Official Election Code of the State of Georgia, qualification fees for these offices must be set no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the General Election is to be held, and

WHEREAS, the qualification fees shall be 3% of the total gross salary for each office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, the qualifying fee for Council Seats in Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5 shall be set at **\$612.00**.

RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

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David Lockhart  
Mayor

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Latresa Akins  
Mayor Pro-tempore (Ward Four)

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Tommy Smith  
Councilmember, Ward One

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Dabouze Antoine  
Councilmember, Ward Two

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Maudie McCord  
Councilmember, Ward Three

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Linda Lord  
Councilmember, Ward Five

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA TO APPLY FOR HUD FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) FOR CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALKS, AND STORM WATER PIPING ON WEST STREET FROM SOUTH AVENUE TO CASH MEMORIAL AND TO RESURFACE THE WALKING TRACK IN STARR PARK AND TO ACCEPT THE HUD FUNDING THROUGH THE CDBG PROGRAM ONCE IT BECOMES AVAILABLE; TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Clayton County Community Development Office of HUD Programs has issued a notice of funding availability for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia desires to apply for and receive an allocation of funding from the Clayton County Community Development of HUD Programs for streetscape improvements consisting of sidewalks, curb and gutter, and storm water piping on West Street and to resurface the walking track in Starr Park; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the requirements in applying for funding from the Clayton County Community Development of HUD Programs is a Resolution by Mayor and Council to accept the funding once it is presented to the City of Forest Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia intend to accept the HUD funding applied for once it is received and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Subrecipient agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is not required to match the HUD funding applied for once it is received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**Section 1. Authority to Submit**

The Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia hereby authorize the submittal of appropriate documents and/or application(s) to the Clayton County Community Development Office of HUD Programs so that the City may be eligible to receive funds allocated through the CDBG, ESG, and/or HOME programs. Further, approval is hereby granted for the acceptance of funding through these programs for the purposes as applied for once said funding is presented to the City of Forest Park.

**Section 2. Authority to Execute Sub-recipient Agreements**

The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore is hereby authorized to execute, in the name of the City of Forest Park, all necessary applications, documents, contracts, payment requests, agreements, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of securing funds from the HUD Programs and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the 2015 consolidated application.

**Section 3. Severability**

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of the court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Effective Date**

This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.

SO RESOLVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**CITY OF FOREST PARK**

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Lockhart  
Mayor

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Tommy Smith  
Councilmember, Ward One

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Dabouze Antoine  
Councilmember, Ward Two

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Maudie McCord  
Councilmember, Ward Three

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Latresa Akins  
Mayor Pro Tempore (Ward Four)

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Linda Lord  
Councilmember, Ward Five

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

(THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF  
FOREST PARK, GEORGIA)

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney