

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JULY 18, 2011

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 18, 2011 was called to order by Mayor Corine Deyton at 6:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Corine Deyton, Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams, Councilman Donald Judson and Councilwomen Maudie McCord, Linda Lord and Karen-Brandee Williams.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Steve Pearson, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Major Chris Matson, Deputy Chief Matt Jackson and City Attorney Robert Mack.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Judson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 30, 2011, the Work Session of July 5th and the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2011, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Roy Lunsford – spoke and asked Council to vote appropriately and administer a just punishment for the 15 counts of Ethics violations.

Dianne Lunsford – stated none of the Ethics charges were due to the fact the Councilwoman wanted a special chair. She said it was a sad day for Forest Park and the citizens making the complaint did not call the media.

Edie Yongue – of Keep Forest Park Beautiful stated she would have information for all of the residents after the meeting.

Sue Keith – suggested to Council that the City put in a dog park where the old putt putt golf course is.

Maureen Lee – stated residents of Governors Terrace were in support of Councilwoman Karen-Brandee Williams. She stated

the council is going to nullify an election and asked Council not to do it.

Teen Council – members of the Forest Park Teen Council asked residents to come out and support them.

Willie Finch – presented a flyer he had received and stated there are only two members of council on this flyer up for re-election and felt it was racist.

Harry Roberts - is here to support the best person running for office and doing something positive

Felicia Davis – wanted to know when the last time this section of the charter was invoked and who was removed, and removing by 5 people what a community of people have to do is a challenge and wanted some kind of justification. She asked 25% to 50% looked African American and is 25% or more contracts awarded.

Malik Garnett - stated he has lived in Forest Park for two years and is educating himself on local government.

Williams Adams – asked how can a group of 5 people vote someone out when it took more than that to vote her in. He stated the people voted for her and if the people don't want her, let them vote her out.

Leslie White – stated he helped on the campaign with Karen-Brandee and asked how such a small number of people can try and kick her out when she won by a landslide. He asked what did she do and why haven't the citizens been alerted.

Donna Barkley – asked Council to put a refrigerator in the Utility room in the Recreation Center and also suggested using Yard Sale Signs that could be rented similar to the City of Morrow.

Ann Keith – stated there is a lot of exciting things going on in Forest Park, including Main Street and Fort Gillem, and people should take pride in our City.

Sandra Griffin – asked the Council to consider removing some apartment complexes on the north end of unincorporated Clayton County.

Anjenetta Williams - was present to speak for the positivity and thank Council for their involvement in the youth.

Dennis Williams - stated he was in support of Councilwoman Williams and stated they have a civil complaint filed on the 5 counts of the open meetings act and will be adding more this evening. He stated some Council members are in violation of the Government Transparency and Financial Act.

Darnell Moorner -- stated he is disturbed that we have the media here tonight, the City government is responsible for governing our City and each person elected by the citizens, is to abide by those codes and charter.

Ordinance: Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia to provide Notice to Council Member Karen-Brandee Williams to remove her from office in accordance with Section 5.16 of the City Charter and the City's Code of Ethics following the Public Hearing provided for herein; to enter a Final Order regarding the Complaint filed against Council Member Williams under the City's Code of Ethics; to include findings of fact and conclusions of law; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord, Ms. Adams, Mr. Judson and Ms. McCord. Ms. Williams voted against the motion. The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.