

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MARCH 4, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of March 4, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord and Councilwomen Maudie McCord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Colonel Tommy Orr, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, and City Attorneys Joe Harris and Robert Mack.

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

Comment Period: Carl Evans – commended the Police Officer that recently saved a life.

Joe Wimberly – asked if anything could be done to get the Water Authority to repair the streets.

David Lockhart – spoke concerning the Ordinance to adopt “The Policy against Secret Recording”. He stated sometimes recordings can be very valuable, in current policing the dashboard cameras protects the officer and the suspect. He stated he thinks the real reason we don’t want people recording us is because there might come a day in the future that the truth about what we said would be revealed. He stated keeping secrets especially in the business of running our government is a bad idea and when you do take this up in a work session, that you oppose the adoption of this Ordinance.

Dianne Lunsford – spoke and stated she was concerned about the monitoring of absentee ballot votes and asked it be closely monitored and secondly, she stated we are trying to improve Main Street and draw people in, but how can we entice them when you have blighted houses around us or across the street. She suggested the City buy the houses, renovate and sell them. She also asked if Fort Gillem really is going to

belong to the City. She heard City Hall will be moving over there and alot of residents are not happy about that. She also stated this City should be more like Lovejoy, a transparent city.

Forrest Webb – stated he was speaking to be encouraging to his community, he said police officers do an excellent job of community policing along with the Fire Department who are actively involved in the community. He stated the Recreation Department is outstanding. He also commended the City Hall staff for their professionalism.

Proclamation: Mr. Ruben Brown of the Red Cross stated this organization responds to hundreds of disasters in Clayton County but that would not be possible without volunteers. He thanked everyone on behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Red Cross.

Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord presented Mr. Brown with a proclamation proclaiming March as Red Cross Month in the City of Forest Park.

Resolution - Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Mayor and Council of Appointment of Managers/Asst. the City of Forest Park Georgia, for appointment of Joan Burton to the Managers - Forest Park Board of Elections to serve as Manager and Barbara McFall Elections: and Betty Sims to serve as Assistant Managers; and for other lawful purposes.

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

Ordinance – Policy Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to Against Secret amend Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City, so as to Recording: adopt “The Policy Against Secret Recording”, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

This Ordinance was tabled for further discussion.

Ordinance – City of Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to Forest Park Drug- amend Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City, so as to Free Workplace adopt “The City of Forest Park, Georgia Drug-Free Workplace Policy”, to Policy: provide for “Elimination of Substance Abuse,” and to provide for an “Employee Assistance” Plan, all of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

This Ordinance was tabled for further discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.