



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of March 4, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Dr. Green followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Angelyne Butler, Councilmembers Kimberly James, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of Finance Ken Thompson, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Fire Captain Sam Batten, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Interim Police Chief Jamie Reynolds, IT Director Darren Duke, Interim Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Fredalyn Frazier, City Clerk Shalonda Brown and City Attorney Michael Williams

Comment Period: **Jay Evans** – stated she would like to thank the Public Works Director, Jeff Eady for helping her with an outdoor lighting issue. She stated Mr. Eady along with Ann Wilson at Georgia Power alleviated the problem within a week. She stated that was handled swiftly and she appreciates Mr. Eady.

Mr. Samuel Ibanez – stated the governing body has to work together to move the city forward. He stated he really wanted to come to the meeting for the Starr Park Master Plan but was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 18, 2019. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items:



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**Teach of the Year
Recognition:**

Councilwoman James stated she is excited about this opportunity to recognize the Teachers of the Year in the Forest Park Cluster. She stated she would like to give a big thank you to Robinson Weeks Partners who sponsored a special dinner for the Teachers, Principal and Parent Liaisons. Councilwoman James asked the audience to hold all applauds until all of the teachers were recognized. She also asked once the Teacher is called up to receive his/her award, she asked the Principal and Parent Liaison to stand beside their teacher that's being honored. The Teachers Honored were:

- Aretha Hewlett – Fountain Elementary School
- Chemily Thomas – Forest Park Middle School
- Delesia Burnett – Lake City Elementary School
- Juliet Walls – Haynie Elementary School
- Lacresha Adams – Edmonds Elementary School
- LaTegra Trammell – Huie Elementary School
- Marita Lopez – Unidos Dual Language School
- Melissa Smith – Babb Middle School
- Michelle Jackson – Forest Park High School
- Priscilla Caraballo – Anderson Elementary

Councilwoman James congratulated the Teachers again and advised the Honorees and their guests they could leave and go to Kingston Grill for a dinner in their honor.

**Resolution to
Create a Public
Facilities Authority:**

Request was made to consider a Resolution to create a Public Facilities Authority.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to table this agenda item. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Resolution Opposing
Preemption of Local
Building Design
Standards:**

Request was made to consider a Resolution Opposing the Preemption of Local Building Design Standards.

Councilman Mears asked is this raising or lowering the building standards. Attorney Mike Williams stated



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this will allow local government to continue to adopt whatever standards they so deem as appropriate for their communities. The bill is proposing that cities will not be able to adopt any standards at all. It will be preempted by the state. Councilman Mears asked if we adopt this will it still be under all of the state codes and regulations. Mr. Williams stated the standard life safety codes and building codes would apply. This is the legislature where the two bills are primarily aimed at the aesthetics and design guidelines. They are trying to say that cities shouldn't be able allowed to establish those standards.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Intergovernmental Agreement with DDA: Request was made to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Downtown Development Authority.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Executive Session: Councilwoman Wells made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation, Real Estate and Personnel Matters. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.