



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2018 6:30PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 7, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:37 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Pastor Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of IT Darren Duke, Deputy Director of Public Works Terry Allgood, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Fredalyn Frasier, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Major Jamie Reynolds, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Regina Ivie, Deputy City Clerk, and City Attorney Mike Williams.

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated that the Swing into Spring event was successful on Saturday. Mr. Evans stated that the Recreation department expenses are not going to change therefore, the budget needs to be increased to operate and remain functional and that should be discussed during the discussion of the budget.

Eliot Lawrence – thanked Mrs. Redding for organizing of the Fort Gillem Tour. He stated that he was very impressed with Kroger and the tour. Mr. Lawrence stated that in the past he assisted high school seniors with getting jobs with places like Mercedes, Ferrari etc. With all the training and preparation that was done to help those students, if the drug test was not passed they would have to go home because of background failure. He stated that the importance of passing these types of test should not be underestimated by anyone.

Mrs. Duke – thanked Councilman Mears for assisting her with an issue on her street in which it was lot that was dark, over grown and needed lighting. She stated she tried to work with Georgia Power with no luck and Councilman Mears was able to work through the City and get the issue resolved.



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Mrs. Duke also wanted to suggest that the Work Session be broken up from the meeting to allow residents the opportunity to comment privately in case they are shy.

Dr. Beeler - Mr. Beeler invited everyone to attend the Forest Park Minister's Association Meeting on Wednesday and Dr. Beasley will be the presenter. Dr. Beeler stated that a men's group will be started in Forest Park to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and he is hoping for full participation by the men.

Pastor Smith – stated that as the Pastor at Forest Chapel he wants to be involved in the community activities. Pastor Smith announced that they will be having a Car & Bike Show on June 30, 2018 @12:00pm located at Forest Chapel Baptist Church, 5151 Whatley Drive. He stated that he would love to use the facilities and would like to help in any way by offering suggestions on the rental rates.

Mr. Ibanez – stated that the governing body is a team and he wants everyone to continue to be a team for the sake of the community. He stated the governing body should consider decriminalizing marijuana because it would be best for the community.

Faye Walker – stated she wanted to know why the city will not fund City owned senior housing and will there be housing in Ft Gillem. She wanted to know are there any plans of having another tour of Ft. Gillem. Ms. Walker stated that she was able to go on the tour however, her concern is that if the facilities have restrictions maybe they can consider doing a pictorial presentation to accommodate the individuals that have wheelchairs, walkers etc. Mayor Butler stated in response to housing at Ft. Gillem, she stated that land is zoned commercial & mixed use and due to environment issues, it has not been bought up to code for suitable housing. Mrs. Redding stated the bus was not handicap accessible and some of the tour had restrictions. However, later this year another tour will be planned to try and accommodate everyone.



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Ms. Muffington – stated she was there on behalf of the senior citizens and their biggest concern is the lack of protection around them and the drug problems within the community.

Sandra Daniels – stated that she is a candidate for State Senator in District 44 and dropped by to introduce herself. The governing body agreed unanimously to allow Ms. Daniels to speak due to her being a non-resident.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of April 16th. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Agenda Items:
Yard of the Month:**

Recognition of Yard of the Month Ward 4:
Councilwoman Wells made a motion to table this item to the next regular meeting to allow the recipient the opportunity to be present to accept the award. It was seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Aerotropolis Investment and Appointment of Board Member:

Request was made to consider the Approval of the Aerotropolis Investment and Appointment of a Board Member.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the \$5000 Investment amount for Aerotropolis. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to appointment Angela Redding as the Aerotropolis Board Member. It was seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting yes for the motion were Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman Wells and Councilwoman James. Voting against the motion were Councilwoman Bagley and Councilman Mears. The motion carried.

Slogan and Logo Contest:

Request was made to consider the Approval and Logo contest by Forest Park students.



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Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve a Slogan and Logo Contest by Forest Park Students as a whole. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Addition of
Comments by
Governing
Body:**

A request was made to consider the approval to add comments by the Governing Body to the minutes.

Councilwoman James made a motion to add comments by the governing body to the minutes. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Monthly Friday
Event:**

A request was made to consider a monthly Friday Community Event.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve a monthly Friday Community Event. It was seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting for the motion were Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman James, Councilwoman Bagley and Councilwoman Wells. Voting against the motion was Councilman Mears. The motion carried.

**Amendment to
Ordinance
Rec. Fees:**

Request was made to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances with the respect to fees charged to city residents for utilizing certain Recreation Facilities; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the Ordinance. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion were Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman James, Councilwoman Wells and Councilman Mears. Voting against was Councilwoman Bagley. The motion carried.

**Federal
Lobbyist
Agreement:**

A request was made to consider an Extension to the Federal Lobbyist Agreement pertaining to the aviation fuel tax.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to Approve an extension to the Federal Lobbyist Agreement It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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**Amendment
Of Ordinance
Public
Comment:**

A request was made to consider an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park Georgia with respect to Public Comments at City Council Meetings; to repeal conflicting Ordinances to provide effect date and for other purposes.

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the Ordinance as follows:

Public comments will be limited in time to a total of 3 minutes per speaker and a total time limit at any one meeting to 21 minutes. If there are more than 7 potential speakers sign up to make public comments, then the total amount of time permitted for each individual speaker will be reduced by an announcement of the presiding officer, so as to limit the total time to 21 minutes.

It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion were Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman James, Councilwoman Wells and Councilman Mears. Councilwoman Bagley abstained. The motion carried.

**Executive
Session:**

Councilwoman James made a motion that the Regular Meeting be recessed and to convene into Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, and Real Estate Matters. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor and Council entered Executive Session at 8:03pm.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9.39pm and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Forensic Audit:

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to Amend the Agenda to discuss the Forensic Auditor process selection. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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After reviewing the RFP's, the Governing Body unanimously agreed that Baker Tilly was the best qualified based on their experience.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to appoint Baker Tilly as the City's Forensic Auditor. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Governing
Body
Comments:**

Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for coming out and on Thursday there will be a Food Truck distribution located at 4815 Courtney Drive.

Councilwoman James wanted to apologize for being late. She stated that her daughter received an honor of recognition from the Board of Education. She has a full scholarship with the Posse Foundation. She stated that she is excited about the direction the city is going.

Councilwoman Wells thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment:

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