

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JUNE 17, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of June 17, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart, Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Latresa Akins, Maudie McCord and Linda Lord.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Major Chris Matson, ILRA Director Fred Bryant and City Attorney Mike Williams.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of June 3, 2013, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Mr. Willie Finch – stated the next street up from where he lives on Kay Street, a lady had once complained about water standing in the street, so the City cut a trench from her house to the back of his house. He stated now when it rains, he gets flooded and the water should go down the street and not come across people's property.

Presentation: Ms. Edie Yongue presented the residential beautification award to Ms. Dulce Lugo of 1271 Rockcut Road.

Resolution: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park declaring certain City Property, listed on Exhibit A, to be surplus property and to provide for its proper disposal either by Auction or other methods pursuant to the City's Ordinances; and for other purposes.

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

Selection of Audit Firm: Request was made to consider selection of a firm to perform the City's Annual Independent Audit for all accounts, funds and financial transactions. Mayor Lockhart stated this was discussed at the Work Session and it was agreed to have the Ordinance approving Mauldin and Jenkins to be presented at the next regular meeting.

Ordinance - Appropriation of Funds: Request was made to consider an Ordinance to appropriate additional funds in the amount of \$160,000.00 to cover health insurance costs of Fire Department Personnel; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Ordinance - Community Economic Adjustment Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to sign and accept a Community Economic Adjustment Planning Assistance Grant for fiscal year 2014 from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment for the purpose of preparing an Outreach and Comprehensive Reuse Plan for Fort Gillem and to appropriate the matching funds from the transfer to LRA Fund Line Item 100-22-1510-61-1001; to provide for severability; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Parker stated during the closing of Fort Gillem, OEA will provide funds for some of this effort. As we start to transfer property, they will cut back on those funds they will pay for. These funds will take care of what we know will take place for fiscal year 2013 up through 2014.

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

Ms. Akins made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Akins stated she would like to discuss the Election Superintendent position. Ms. McCord seconded the motion.

Voting for the motion were Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins.

Ms. Lord asked if there was any objection to discussing the matter in public. No one objected.

The motion failed for lack of a majority.

Ms. Akins asked that the Council consider a new Election Superintendent since he is so politically involved. She felt it was not fair to the other candidates and citizens to have an Election Superintendent so politically involved.

Ms. Akins made a motion to amend the agenda and add the discussion of the Election Superintendent position, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins stated even though he is a citizen, she wouldn't want someone so politically involved and out there having these meetings that is suppose to be for every ward, but is only Ward 4, and the type of things that have been discussed, she felt it would not be fair.

Mr. Parker stated it takes quite a while to get someone trained for this position. Mayor Lockhart stated that as important it is to have a fair election, it is important we also have the appearance of a fair election. Mayor Lockhart suggested that consideration of an appointment of Election Superintendent for the upcoming election be placed on the next agenda.

Ordinance -

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to appropriate additional funds in the total amount of \$173,200 to cover expenses related to the Fort Gillem Project; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Legal Matters:

Mayor Lockhart introduced Mike Williams of Williams, Denmark, Fincher and Minnifield.

Adjournment:

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