



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of June 17, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:05 p.m.

Invocation:

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

Roll Call:

Mayor Angelyne Butler, Councilmembers Kimberly James, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells

Allan Mears was present via telephone

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 Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Police Chief Nathaniel Clark, Interim Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Mike Tuttle, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams and Management Analyst LaShawn Gardiner

Public Comments:

Diane Lunsford – She said the Mayor’s State of the City address was well received. She stated there were a lot of positive and energetic things said and she looks forward to seeing a lot of those come true. She asked why wasn’t an ethics violation filed against Councilman Antoine for the comment he made two meetings ago to Samuel Ibanez. Mrs. Lunsford stated the presentation from J & E Entertainment is a good idea. She wanted to know about the governing body’s ward money and can they be accountable for the \$4,000 that they are given a year.

Samuel Ibanez – stated people have ideas that should be heard. He stated there are millions of dollars slipping from our hands. There are



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teenagers out there with nothing to do. He hopes change is coming.

Dr. Beeler – stated he is very proud of the city and he can see the growth. He stated he has been in the city for a long time. Mr. Beeler stated he believes that if the governing body continues on the course that they are going they will have good success. He commended them on taking the first step and trying to work together and that makes him smile. He stated there was a clean-up held on the Southside a couple months ago and there was quite a bit of trash picked up. There were over 70 people out there helping. On June 29th there will be another clean-up and he encourages everyone that can to come out and participate.

Richard Turner – stated his home was broken into while he and his family were at church and some items were taken by 15 year old kids. Mr. Turner suggests the city have more programs for the youth. He stated he is here to offer any support or mentorship to the youth. He stated he has ideas and is willing to share them.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman James made a Motion to Approve the Work Session Minutes and Regular Meeting minutes for June 3, 2019. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

Councilwoman James made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into a Public Hearing to receive comments on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ken Thompson stated a balanced budget for FY2019-2020 has been presented to the governing body in the amount of \$26,921,004



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and the millage rate is currently proposed to remain the same at 16.743 mills which is tentative pending the receipt of the tax digest from the county later this summer. The budget will be available on the homepage of the city's website and will be updated as we proceed through the budget process. Updates to the cost of Health Insurance and Property & Casualty Insurance are being finalized and will be reflected in the Final Budget for approval by the governing body. Final adoption of the budget is scheduled for a Special Called meeting of the governing body on Thursday June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items:

Resolution Consenting To Airport South CID Expansion:

Request was made consenting to expansion of Airport South Community Improvement District.

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

Resolution Providing for Abandonment of a Certain Road:

Request was made providing for abandonment of a certain road; authorizing the City Clerk to attest signatures and affix the official seal of the city.

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



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**Request to Approve
Homecoming Parade:**

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the request for a Homecoming Parade for Forest Park High School. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Request to Approve
Contract with InterDev:**

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve a 6 month contract with InterDev for Technology Services. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Governing Body Comments: Councilman Mears – No Comments

Councilwoman Wells – No Comments

Councilwoman Bagley – thanked everyone for coming out and wished a belated Happy Father's day to all of the fathers. She stated this a difficult time for her because it was the first one without her father. She thanked everyone for their continued support. She stated never mistake her kindness for a weakness and she will always stand strong for Forest Park.

Councilwoman James – thanked everyone for coming out today. She stated she would like to comment on some of things presented this evening. She stated for the ward money if the money is not used it is still there. They have to produce receipts for all money spent and they consult with the city attorney to assure the guidelines are being followed on what the money can be used for. She advised Mr. Turner she would like to get his contact information. Councilwoman James commended the Mayor for an awesome State of the City Address. One statement that stood out to her was "Even though we don't agree politically it doesn't mean we can't come together and work together". Councilwoman James stated we need to reach out to each other and if we have the common purpose of moving the city forward then we



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should come together and work together that is what we need to do. She stated they have some great things ahead of them and great things happening and looking forward to the event being held on July 6th.

Councilman Antoine – thanked everyone for coming out and Happy Father’s Day. He encouraged everyone to come out to the 2nd Annual Jasber Music Fest on July 6th. He thanked the businesses for doing a lot for the community that’s unseen. He stated he definitely wants to partner up with Mr. McCutcheon because that is what Forest Park needs. Councilman Antoine gave a shout out to Councilwoman Wells for holding the 1st Annual City Job Fair.

Councilwoman James - thanked the governing body for the approval of the Homecoming Parade. She stated she wants to get the word out now. She wants to get the alumni involved and to participate.

Mrs. Redding - announced after many years of service and dedication to the City this will be the last Council Meeting for Ms. Elaine Corley. She

is retiring on June 28th and there will be a big celebration for her on June 27th. Mrs. Redding thanked Ms. Corley for her many years of dedicated service to the city.

Mayor Butler - thanked everyone for coming out and looks forward to seeing everyone again in a couple weeks and wished everyone a great evening.

Executive Session:

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and Legal Matters. It was seconded by



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Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The governing body entered into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

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