



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 1, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 1, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Bagley at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Pastor Paden followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Bagley
Councilmembers: Kimberly James, Dabouze Antoine, 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 Chief Eddie Buckholts, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Abbey Jones, 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:

Connie Robbin – stated she would like to thank Elaine Corley for everything that she has done for the City of Forest Park and will truly be missed by the seniors.

Carl Evans – thanked Ms. Corley for her years of hard work and dedication to the City of Forest Park. Mr. Evans stated she started programs, had Gold Medalists perform in the city's pool. He stated Ms. Corley's name should be put back on the building where it belongs while she is alive and well.

Patricia Johnson – stated Ms. Corley treated her like family. She thanked Ms. Corley and stated she will truly be missed at the senior center.



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Jay Evans - stated she is a new resident and she even knows Ms. Corley. Ms. Evans stated she agrees that the Recreation Center should be named after Ms. Corley. She stated another issue that she has is with her postal carrier and she asked the governing body do they know who she should contact about this carrier.

Samuel Ibanez – thanked Ms. Corley for all of her hard work. He stated it is election time and he hopes that the city can move forward.

Dr. Leon Beeler – thanked everyone that came out for the clean-up that was held last Saturday. Dr. Beeler encourages everyone to come out and he is looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman James made a Motion to Approve the Work Session Minutes and Regular Meeting minutes for June 17, 2019. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items:

Proclamation Presentation: The governing body presented a Proclamation to Ms. Elaine Corley for her service and dedication to the City of Forest Park since September 9, 1963. Ms. Corley was the 2nd female to be named Director of Parks and Recreation in the State of Georgia. Ms. Corley will be missed as a Director, friend and colleague. It was hereby proclaimed June 28th as “Evelyn Elaine Corley Day”.

Ms. Corley thanked the governing body. She stated she appreciates the opportunity given to her to live her dream. Ms. Corley stated the citizens in the city have truly been a blessing to her. She stated she was blessed with the most



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wonderful staff that anyone could have been blessed with. Ms. Corley stated she loves Forest Park with all her heart and always will.

Resolution to Declare City Property Surplus:

Request was made to declare certain city property listed in "Exhibit A" to be surplus to allow for proper disposal.

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

Approval to Extend the Contract with Waste Management:

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Waste Management Contract. It was seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution Expressing Support to Participate In the 2019 GICH Program:

Request was made expressing the support of the City Council to participate in the 2019 GICH Program for assistance with City-wide Housing Assessment.

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

Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor to sign a Contract with Mauldin & Jenkins:

Request was made authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to perform the City's Annual independent audit for all the accounts, funds and financial transactions; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Wells stated that she is in favor of the contract being for 2 years.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Mauldin & Jenkins for 2 years. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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**Governing Body
Comments:**

Councilman Antoine – No Comments

Councilwoman James – thanked everyone for coming out. She thanked Ms. Corley for her 56 years of service to the city. She stated her kids enjoyed the recreation center and they grew up playing soccer, basketball and swimming.

Councilwoman Wells – thanked Ms. Corley for her years of service and dedication to the City of Forest Park. She stated that she's in favor of the building being named after Ms. Corley as well as a Street. Councilwoman Wells stated Ms. Corley is worth that and more and she will begin to work on that. Councilwoman Wells stated she wanted to address the comment that was made earlier about there are no changes being made in Forest Park. She stated there are new businesses already in the city and more to come.

Councilman Mears – thanked Ms. Corley for a wonderful job that she has done. Councilman Mears stated he noticed some movement at the Taj Mahal and he wanted to know what type of activity is going on there. Mrs. Redding stated property taxes have been paid in full. There is a current person looking at the property and once she gets more information she will share it with the governing body.

Mike Tuttle stated he has been corresponding with them for the last week and the settlement statement was received today from the new owners. He stated they were given permission to clean the property of vegetation, garbage and debris. He will be meeting with them next week along with Chief Buckholts, Fire Marshalls and Inspectors. They are in process of getting permits to re-roof the structure and a phase I environmental study for asbestos and led paint.



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Councilman Mears wanted to know if the building would be torn down. Mrs. Redding stated asbestos is in the building and per the discussion of the governing body over the past year is for the build to be demolished. She stated they will be held accountable to make sure it's a quality development. Councilman Mears asked are the buildings going to be torn down. Mrs. Redding stated per Mike Tuttle there will be a meeting next week and she will make sure they understand the focus of the city is to demolish the building. In order for them to use the current facility they will have to have an assessment to make sure the buildings are in the condition to be renovated instead of being demolished. Mike Tuttle stated they are requiring them to get an architecture design professional to do an assessment. Councilman Mears stated he knows it will cost for cleaning it up and remodeling it instead of just demolishing it and doing it over again. Mrs. Redding stated they will be held accountable in order to have a quality development.

Mrs. Redding – thanked Ms. Corley for her many years of service. She stated her daughter participated in programs at the recreation center.

Councilman Antoine – thanked Ms. Corley for her years of service. He stated she has taught him about longevity. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July. He stated effective today over 100 new laws at the state took effect.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bagley – thanked everyone for coming out and being supportive. She stated she has been in Forest Park for 40 years and she didn't have the benefit of going to the recreation center and enjoying the programs. She stated she met Ms. Corley later in life and she is one of her champions and always encouraging. She



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reminded everyone to come out to the Music Fest on July 6th and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July. She also encouraged the citizens if they have questions don't hesitate to call because the governing body is accessible.

Adjournment:

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