



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 2, 2018 7:00PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 2, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Interim Director of Finance Ken Thompson, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Fredalyn Frasier, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Major Jamie Reynolds, IT Director, Darren Duke, Deputy City Clerk Regina Ivie and City Attorney Michael Williams

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated he has been involved in the back to school event each year and it is a great event for the kids. He stated in regard to the compensation increase, the job should be about service not profit. If you want to make a profit then you should go somewhere else. Mr. Evans stated everyone knows where he stands on the marijuana issue. He stated he has spoken to many recruiters during his time in law enforcement and the main reason they can't hire anyone from the Forest Park area is because they can't pass the drug test. He stated it is not helping the citizens when they can't get a job because they keep failing the drug tests.

Diane Lunsford – stated she would like to comment on the compensation increase. She stated the city is in need of more police officers that deserve better pay. She stated she really doesn't think that the governing body needs a raise. Mrs. Lunsford stated since the average citizen makes approximately \$13,000 yearly, she really feels the request for an increase should be reassessed. Mrs. Lunsford commented on the Land Bank, she stated why not give the apartments on Briarwood RD and Conley to the Land Bank and let them destroy it. She stated that will save Public Works salary because they won't be over there trying to



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maintain that slum. She stated marijuana users are putting her life, family member's life in danger. She stated just like drinking if you get caught you have to pay the fine. She stated she thinks the fines should be higher because if you are proposing an increase in your salaries, then the fines will help the budget to make up the difference in the salary increase.

Representative Stovall – stated she wanted to urge the governing body to be vigilant in finding a replacement for the Jet Fuel Tax. She stated per the executive order by Governor Deal the tax can no longer be collected by cities, counties and school systems. She stated that as a county, you won't be able to go back to the Georgia General Assembly and ask for more money after that. She stated in 2020-2021 is when the money is supposed to have expired when it comes to SPLOST. She stated everyone needs to be working more vigilantly to come up with a solution. She stated she wanted to announce that she was appointed chair of the Study Committee for the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmer's Market. It is a 9-member committee and meetings will begin in August. She stated that she will be giving out more information to the City Manager, Angela Redding. She stated that she brought copies of some community surveys and this will help in seeing what the community has to say in regard to the State Farmer's Market even though it is owned and operated by the state, it is still located in the City of Forest Park and she wants to make sure that Forest Park has a strong presence at the Farmers Market.

Representative Stovall stated some of the key things that they are looking at targeting are: tourism, agriculture education, logistic training facility and an agriculture museum to make sure the history is being preserved. Representative Stovall stated any considerations that the Governing Body has for the legislative delegation for the upcoming session that starts in January, please make sure that it is submitted by July 27, 2018 to the Chair, Rhonda Burnough. Representative Stovall stated that Atlanta Technical College will soon be located in Clayton County in the Old ITT Tech location. She stated her office was very instrumental in making this happen and she is happy that it will help with more job opportunities and workforce for the



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adults within the community and there will be dual enrollment so that kids can go to high school and college at the same time.

Gregory Haynes – stated he wanted to comment on how the immigrant kids have been separated from their parents. He stated we need to be a voice for the kids.

Samuel Ibanez – stated Mayor and Council ran for the position in which they hold, and he doesn't think they deserve an increase. He stated there are teachers that work 45 hours per week who are under paid. He stated the communication has to be better because he can never get ahold to anyone of the governing body in person, phone or at City Hall. He stated that teenagers can utilize the funds to help them have access to ways to develop their skills.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Mears made a motion to Approve the Work Session and Regular Meeting for June 18, 2018 with the following changes noted in the Work Session: *remove the address listed for Ms. Kincey during the comment period and the removal of page 2 from the Mayor's statement that was read during the meeting on June 18, 2018.* It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting was unanimous.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to Amend the agenda to add the Appointment of Ken Thompson as the Finance Director. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting was unanimous.

Councilwoman James made a motion to Appoint Ken Thompson as Finance Director. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting was unanimous.

Mayor Butler administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ken Thompson.



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Agenda Items:

Compensation Increase for Governing Body:

Request was made to consider a Resolution by the Governing Authority for the City of Forest park, Georgia, to provide an Increase in Compensation for members of the Governing Authority in Accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4; to provide that said increase shall not take effect until January 1, 2020; to provide for severability; to Repeal all Ordinances and Resolutions and parts of Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to Approve the Resolution to Provide an Increase in Compensation for members of the Governing Authority. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion were Councilwoman James, Councilman Antoine and Councilwoman Wells. Voting against the motion were Councilman Mears and Councilwoman Bagley. The motion carried.

Consider Land Bank Appointment:

Request was made to Consider Appointment to the Clayton County Land Bank.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to appointment Mr. Benard to the Clayton County Land Bank. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting was unanimous.

Marijuana Penalty Ordinance:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia with Respect to the penalty for Possession of Less than an ounce of Marijuana; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to Approve the Ordinance with respect to the penalty for possession of less than one ounce to 1st Offense \$100 fine; 2nd offense \$300; 3rd Offense will be Judges discretion. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion were Councilwoman Wells, Councilwoman James and Councilman Antoine. Voting against the motion were Councilman Mears and Councilwoman Bagley. The motion carried.



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**Boards and
Authorities
Ordinance:**

Request was made to consider an ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, GA with Respect to the Boards and Authorities of the City; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the Ordinance with respect to Boards and Authorities of the City of Forest Park. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting was unanimous.

**Executive
Session:**

Councilwoman James made a motion to recess the regular meeting to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and Real Estate matters. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting was unanimous.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:32p.m.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:58 and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting was unanimous.

**Governing
Body
Comments:**

Councilman Antoine stated he would like to thank everyone for coming out. He stated that he is here for the citizens as a public servant. He wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

Councilwoman James thanked everyone for coming out and also wanted the citizens to know that she is here to serve the people within the community. She stated sometimes they may not agree on everything, but you have to agree to disagree in order to move the city forward.

Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July. She advised everyone to watch out for the veterans and seniors. She stated that Wholesale Food Outlet is hosting a customer appreciation car show on Saturday, July 14, 2018 10:00am – 3:00pm. There will be food items for sale. There will be no trophies and the event is for fun. She reminded everyone of



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Food Truck Tuesdays and encouraged everyone to come out and support the businesses.

Councilwoman Wells stated she wanted to respond to some of the comments made by the citizens in regards to the fines. She stated that there is no way to keep someone from doing drugs, no matter if the fine was only \$5. She stated she would like to address the comment made by Mr. Ibanez in regards to the governing body not being at City Hall. She stated Council Members don't have offices at City Hall and she is working with the City Manager about providing an office that can be shared by the Council Members to conduct meetings at City Hall. She wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Councilman Mears thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

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