



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2018 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of August 20, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:11p.m.
- Invocation:** The invocation was given by Minister Cook followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Present:** Mayor Angelyne Butler, Councilmembers Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells, Kimberly James, Allan Mears
- Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, 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 Hobbs, Chief Buckholts, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, IT Director Darren Duke, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams
- Comment Period:** Samuel Ibanez – stated he is happy to see everyone that came out tonight. He thanked Councilwoman Bagley for suggesting the comment box. He stated he really wishes effort would be made by officials to return calls. He stated he has other concerns however, he would allow everyone to enjoy the evening.
- Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Wells made a motion to approve the minutes for the Work Session and Regular Session Minutes on August 6, 2018 with recommended changes as follows: *on page 5 under Operation Clean-Up she wanted it to also include the following language: “dog poop” as well as litter and signs made up that would also say “pick up dog waste”.* It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Recognition of Forest Park Principals:** Councilwoman James stated she is honored to recognize the the principals in the Forest Park cluster of schools. She stated these principals are responsible for the entire school community and managing the major administrative tasks, supervising teachers and over 7,000 students.
- Councilwoman James stated each honoree will partake in a delicious meal immediately after their recognition. The meal



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has been prepared by Mr. B's Catering located in Forest Park and has been 100% sponsored by: Wilson, Morton & Downs LLC, Technique Concrete Construction, YoJay's Frozen Treats and Jasper LLC, Heritage Bank, Forest Park Minister's Association, and Chick-Fil-A Dwarf House.

Councilwoman James presented the awards to:

- Tonia Poe – Anderson Elementary
- Dr. Roxanne Dixon – Huie Elementary
- Dr. Prince Bowie – Unidos Dual Language
- Erica Johnson – Lake City Elementary
- Maurice Roberts – Edmonds Elementary
- Jamilah Hud-Kirk – Fountain Elementary
- Brenda Ross – Babb Middle
- Derrick Gilchrist – Ash Street Center (Absent)
- Monique Drewry – Forest Park Middle
- Derrick Manning – Forest Park High

Councilwoman James also recognized the Parent Liaisons between the teachers, parents, students, support staff and the community regarding educational programs services and various student issues. They assist in coordinating and arranging various programs and services to meet the needs of students. The Parent Liaisons and the school they represent are listed below:

- Nicole Foley – Anderson Elementary
- Mark Taylor – Huie Elementary
- Ada Vazquez – Unidos Dual Language
- Rondah Pittman – Lake City Elementary
- Gabysol Quiroz – Fountain Elementary
- Valia Spencer-Phillips – Babb Middle
- Almetta Wilson – Forest Park Middle
- Tina Mehler – Forest Park High

Proclamation to First Baptist Church: Mayor Butler presented a proclamation to Forest Park First Baptist Church in recognition and appreciation for their investment in and commitment to our community.

Butler D.R.E.A.M Mayor Butler explained she had a vision and wanted to do something so that our athletes at Forest Park High School



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**Mentorship
Presentation:**

knows that we care about them on and off the field. She stated she was invited to the 110th Anniversary of the Army Reserves and met Major Simon Flake and Major Devoe, and shared her vision with them. She explained Major Flake has a Dream Program that was in unison with her vision.

Major Flake explained the concept of this program. He stated love motivates him and fuels the passion he shares with the young men. He stated he gives back and volunteers by partnering with the school system and the Mayor to teach the concept of dreams. They are not farfetched but deliberately realized ends achieved methodically. If you have a dream, accompanied that with a vision, a vivid description of your future, you set goals and align with that vision and then you plan to achieve your goals. So, now you have a plan in how to make your dreams come true.

Coach Edwards thanked Major Flake and the Mayor and Council for being supportive of their program and giving these young men an opportunity to build their selves. Coach Edwards stated he was honored to bring in one of his seniors today and would like for him to speak for a brief moment. He stated this student has over \$3.7 million in scholarship offers to various colleges. He is the #1 recruited player in his position in the state of GA and #10 in the country. Coach Edwards introduced Justin Eboigbe to give a brief testimony to the audience about his experience in the program. Mayor Butler stated certificates will be presented to the Butler D.R.E.A.M. Athletic Mentorship recipients at a later date.

**Governing Body
Comments:**

Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked Councilwoman Wells for spear heading the Fun Friday event and Forest Park Day which was a huge success. Councilman Antoine stated he will be having a community fun day next month and details will be coming soon. He thanked Councilwoman James for honoring the principals today.

Councilwoman James stated it is such an honor to be a part of a great community. She thanked everyone for coming out.



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Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for coming out tonight and reminded everyone of Food Truck Tuesdays and the Health Fair scheduled on September 14th. She stated it is important to welcome new businesses and frequently visit those businesses within the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Wells thanked Mayor, Council and the Public Works Department for their help with her Fun Friday event and Forest Park Day. She encouraged everyone to get more involved in the community.

Councilman Mears thanked everyone for coming out. He wanted to commend the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works for the work they did during the storm that came through the other night. He stated he wanted to reiterate the pride factor that he mentioned last week. The pride begins with you.

Mayor Butler stated for those who believe you can interfere with what God has planned for someone else, let me remind you that you are not that powerful.

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