



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2018 7:00PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of August 6, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Councilwoman Sandra Bagley was absent

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, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Jackson, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Major Jamie Reynolds, IT Director, Darren Duke, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated the back to school event held Saturday was a great event with a great turnout. He thanked the city for what they do for the children. He stated being in the inside this year was great. He thanked everyone who participated and volunteered.

Mr. Mohammed- stated someone hit his building and broke down the wall about 4 months ago. He stated he called many contractors and was unable to find one because it is a small repair. He stated he hired one contractor who started the work and Mr. Mike Tuttle informed the contractor that he was not a certified contractor and could be fined. Mr. Mohammed stated he is in need of help to find a certified contractor.

Mattie Hartsfield – stated Forest Park is one of the oldest cities in Clayton County and she would like to know where is Forest Park going. She stated there are a lot of houses that need to be remodeled. Mrs. Hartsfield asked is there a government grant that can help people who can't afford to fix their homes. She also wanted to know are the Councilmembers going out in their Wards checking on



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homes and other areas that need to be worked on. She stated if the Councilmembers get out amongst the people things would be better in the community.

Mr. Zack Parker – stated there is 21 minutes that is allotted between 10 people and he has everything written out and he thought it was supposed to be 3 minutes. He stated he applauds the council for allotting more time however, he doesn't feel that 21 minutes is enough for the constituents that come out and want to take part in government and not be allowed to speak about whatever their problems or concerns are; considering during Executive Session you expect the residents to wait, but don't want to wait on comments from the residents. He stated he agrees with Councilwoman Wells in regards to the setup time for the rental facility and suggests that they try to come up with a compromise since the building is not rented often. Mr. Parker stated his biggest concern is still dealing with his landlord situation. He stated out of the 5 on his street there are 3 landlords and 1 has not been rented for the past 2 years. It has a full roll off dumpster in the driveway. Last year, Mr. Parker stated he would cut the grass until he ran into an issue with neighbors. He stated this year the yard is not being cut until Code Enforcement warns of a lien against the house which the landlord would then cut the grass. The time it takes for this process to play out means they can most likely get away with cutting the grass no more than 4-5 times a year with no real penalties. He stated this issue should be looked at.

Representative Kim Schofield – stated she wanted to come out and let everyone know what the State is doing. She stated she spent a lot of time on the phone today regarding illegal dumping. She stated that illegal dumping is a statewide issue. She stated that she is going to be working with the Georgia Municipal Association on some of the problems to let them know that this is a priority in our state. She thanked the Mayor for turning issues over so the delegation can begin to address some of the issues going forward for next year. The meeting date is set for August 16th in which they will be looking into statewide issues and the city issues that you may have. Representative Schofield



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stated for the residents, she will be doing a Town Hall meeting so that any issue that needs to be discussed can be discussed. She stated she has an open door policy and her telephone number is: (404) 656-0220. She stated she will meet wherever you would like to meet to discuss your issues.

Lawanda Folami – stated in regards to illegal dumping, she as a constituent would ask the party that owns the business to get one of their employees to go pull the person’s information out of the trash. She stated then they contact code enforcement to go over to get them to allow them to go back and get the garbage that they dumped illegally. They can either take it with them or get fined. She stated that has been working. She stated with retail stores located in the area, because Forest Park is a low-income area the businesses usually clean up only when they know it is going to be an inspection. Ms. Folami suggested that they get a surprise visit so that it can be recognized that it is a major problem. Ms. Folami stated there were a lot of back to school events this weekend and everybody did an outstanding job. She stated she will come back to the next meeting because she has some major concerns that she would like to address.

Gregory Haynes – stated he wanted to thank the councilmembers and people who have assisted in the past with Forest Park Day. He stated the city workers do a magnificent job with their assistance with clean-up after the event. Mr. Haynes stated this year they are trying to add something new to the event. He stated if you have family members that live in Forest Park please do a poster board with your family history on it. They are going to place the posters around the fence at the event. He asked everyone to come out and support the event.

Samuel Ibanez – stated the phones are for a purpose. Mr. Ibanez stated that he encourages everyone to vote in the election for Governor. He stated more time should be given for public comments and if someone doesn’t use their minutes, he thinks it should be given to the next speaker.



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Ann Keith – stated she is in support with Councilwoman James idea about Operation Clean-Up. She stated her and her sister are warriors for clean-up in Forest Park. She stated her suggestion would be to start a campaign to give everyone a sense of pride in the city. She stated her slogan that she came up with is “Keep Forest Park Beautiful Starts with Me” and she truly believes in that. Ms. Keith stated she really appreciates Jeff Eady and his crew for the work they do for the city. She stated there has always been talk, but nothing is ever done and if anyone has other suggestions please share them because she is all in.

Jill Morris – stated she would like to thank Forest Park Police Department for their help to quiet down the negative traffic that came around repeatedly in her neighborhood. She stated she would also like to thank the city workers for the work they do when it comes to trash. Ms. Morris stated she liked the idea from Councilwoman James about the signs and it is good to know that there is a provision for rewarding people who see something. She stated in regards to the fireworks, she’s glad that was mentioned because consideration needs to be given to people with animals and who work different shifts.

Mayor Butler stated that she would like to recognize Mr. Jeremy Stratton who is the President and CEO of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman James made a motion to group and Approve the minutes for the Work Session and Regular Session Minutes on July 16, 2018 with recommended changes as follows: *on page 3 the Resolution for the IGA with Laurens County, the vote was not unanimous.* It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Yard of the Quarter:

Councilwoman James stated she would like to recognize the Brown Family for Yard of the Quarter Ward 1. She stated unfortunately they could not attend the meeting tonight. She stated the Brown family has lived at their address for over 25 years and in the city for a longer period than that. Councilwoman James displayed pictures of the Brown’s yard and of her presenting Mr. Brown with the Yard of the



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Quarter sign & the \$25 Gift Card from Home Depot compliments of the City Attorney.

Ordinance for Regulation of Yard Sales:

A request was made to consider an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park Georgia clarifying the Regulation of Yard Sales; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Mike Williams stated in 2016 the city adopted a revised occupation tax Ordinance that included a provision that changed the regulations pertaining to yard sales. He stated it inadvertently overturned the previous regulation that had always been in place and which the city has always been operating under even over the past couple of years. Mr. Williams stated what this does is removes that provision which was adopted in 2016 and restores the previous regulation.

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

Governing Body Comments:

Councilman Antoine thanked Mr. Duke for assisting with the PowerPoint Presentation. He also thanked Councilwoman Wells for her Fun Friday Event and he looks forward to the next event. He thank Dr. Joseph Nzioki for speaking about Sister Cities. Councilman Antoine stated on August 7, 2018 at 7:30pm the CEO of Marta will be at the Commissioner's Office to discuss Marta within Clayton County. He stated today is the first day of school please keep the kids in prayer. He states he is happy to see the many new faces and please continue to come out and spread the word.

Councilwoman James stated that each person are individuals and bring a lot to the table and have different passion about things. She thanked Councilman Antoine for opening up her eyes about the Sister City Initiative. She stated she knew about Mission in Church but as far as Mission In Government this is her first time being introduced to it. She stated she is passionate about the schools and at



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the next council meeting she will be acknowledging all of the Principals in the City of Forest Park. She stated she appreciates serving the city and the community. If there is anything that she can do to help improve the city, please bring it to her attention.

Councilwoman Wells thanked the Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department for the work they did on Thursday during the storm. She stated there was a picture sent to her of an officer in the water under the bridge on Forest Parkway trying to get someone out of the car that was stuck. Councilwoman Wells thanked them again for taking time from their families to serve the city. She stated she had a back to school event today and she would like to thank the City Manager and City Hall staff, Public Works department and everyone that assisted her with that. She stated she does the event every year, but this year she decided to do it at Breckenridge Apartments in her Ward and she wanted to give back to them. She gave out 50 book bags, donuts and juices to the students as they got off the bus. She thanked Councilwoman James for recognizing the Brown family because their yard has always been nice. Councilwoman Wells stated she does agree that the citizens need more minutes during public comment period. She stated that we work for the residents and it's not fair for the governing body to go into executive session for hours and then give the residents 2 minutes to speak. She wished the students a blessed and prosperous school year.

Councilman Mears stated most of the yards in Forest Park are no bigger than a stamp and it only takes a little pride to take care of your stamp. He stated there is a lack of pride within the community and the people don't care about their neighbors. He stated there is not enough money in the city to make people do the right thing. He wants everyone to get out and talk to their neighbors and tell them that we love Forest Park and we want Forest Park to be beautiful. He stated he appreciates everyone for being here tonight.

Mrs. Redding stated earlier in her presentation she recognized Mr. Bernard and his wife for receiving the Small Business of the Month Award at the Aerotropolis meeting.



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Mrs. Redding acknowledged and thanked them for their investment in Forest Park.

Mayor Butler thanked everyone for coming out and invited them to come to many more Council Meetings in the future.

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