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MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 7:00PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of September 17, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Wanda Miller-Curry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Finance Director Ken Thompson, Director of IT Darren Duke, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Fredalyn Frasier, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Abbey Jones, Major Jamie Reynolds, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Shalonda Brown City Clerk, and City Attorney Mike Williams.

Comment Period: Willie Finch - stated he wanted to know who is supposed to maintain the power plant on Springdale Rd. He stated when they first put it there it was maintained neatly, now they haven't touched it in over a year and it looks like a swamp. He stated one of his church members lives 2 doors down and she would try and mow the grass, but she can't get down there now. Mr. Finch stated that something needs to be done about this property.

Councilman Mears asked Mr. Finch is the location he is referring to next to the small church. Mr. Finch replied yes. Mr. Mears stated that is a gas connection and the gas company is responsible. Mrs. Redding stated she will reach out to the gas company.

Mr. Mohammed – stated he came 1 ½ months ago requesting help to repair his building. He stated someone ran into his building and he had a contractor doing work and a city worker came and stopped the job because the contractor wasn't certified (doesn't have a certified license). He stated he has reached out to the city manager and to his councilmember Antoine Dabouze. Mr. Mohammed stated when the building was built brand new he met all the



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building codes and he promises to do the same with the repairs. He stated he has not received rent from the tenant in the last 9 months and he has paid \$2500 for Clayton County Tax & \$900 City Tax for the building.

Councilwoman James made a motion to allow Mr. Mohammad more time to speak during the comment period to finish his comment. It was seconded by Councilwoman Latresa Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Mohammed stated he has looked for a contractor, but they wanted big money to do the repair work. He already had a contractor to do the small work. He stated he can't find a certified contractor.

Mrs. Redding stated she has been in touch with Planning, Building and Zoning and for Mr. Mohammed's building it is a commercial building. A commercial building requires a licensed electrician not one that is just doing home repairs. Mrs. Redding stated that is a requirement according to the codes that the city has. Mrs. Redding stated the problem at hand is that Mr. Mohammed doesn't want to pay for a licensed electrician to do the repairs because of the cost. However, according to the code you just can't have anyone do repairs on a commercial building. Mrs. Redding stated there was another business that had a similar incident happen to their building. They came into the office to find out what they needed to do, made the repairs and was re-opened within about 2 weeks.

Councilman Antoine stated wouldn't it be smart if he owned a business and he gets his own electrician. Mayor Butler and Mrs. Redding stated you can if the electrician is licensed. Councilman Antoine advised Mr. Mohammed all you will have to do is get someone that is licensed and how is it verified. Mr. Antoine asked how a person would get licensed. Councilman Mears stated you have to take a state test to get your state license. Mrs. Redding stated Planning Building and Zoning verifies the information once the contractor comes in.



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Councilman Antoine stated he doesn't see a problem of not being licensed by the state to do a job. Mrs. Redding stated if that building were to catch fire that would be a huge liability on the city and that is why there are rules and codes in place. She stated it is just a matter of Mr. Mohammed selecting a licensed electrician for commercial buildings.

Councilwoman James asked Mr. Mohammed did he understand what is needed and required. Mr. Mohammed responded he is not redoing the whole building just a section near the exit sign.

Councilman Antoine asked the City Attorney is there a way to draft an ordinance for business owners to allow anyone that can fix for example a hole in the wall and not require a license by the state. Mr. Williams stated I don't think your staff would back you up on that. He stated following the International Property Maintenance Code and Building Codes, those are codes that have been adopted by reference and provide for making sure that whoever does work is properly licensed. Councilman Antoine advised Mr. Mohammed to get a certified electrician.

Carl Evans – stated he would like the governing body to look back at some of the things that Dr. Beasley said about moving things in the right direction. Mr. Evans stated he doesn't recall one single thing the governing body has done this year in a way to move the city forward and bring business in the city. He stated the city needs new business to help bring in tax dollars. Mr. Evans stated some of the proposals being made by the governing body are absolutely ridiculous. He stated the governing body needs to stop bickering using the platform for personal agendas such as issuing proclamations to organizations, yard of the quarter award to a place that for years has had code violations which is a slap in the face to other people. Mr. Evans stated either get together and start moving the city forward and bring the city together or resign/face charges.

Councilwoman Wells stated she doesn't know what meetings Mr. Evans has been in, but the governing body has done a lot of things to move the city forward. She stated just



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because you don't agree with some of the things doesn't mean nothing is being done. Councilwoman Wells stated to Mr. Evans that he was one of the people she was referring to at the last meeting because if you love your city so much stop being so negative. She asked Mr. Evans what he is doing to move the city forward.

Dr. Beeler – He thanked everyone for coming out to the day of prayer. There was a wonderful turnout. He stated they prayed for the city, state, each individual and America. He stated they walked around city hall, laid hands on the building and prayed for judgements that come from city hall. Mr. Beeler stated he heard everyone talking about the event on Friday and the music was good however, he has not heard anyone speak about the day of prayer. He stated many people asked him why he located his church in the city, he stated because he believes in the city. Mr. Beeler stated there will be a cleanup on the southside on September 29, 2018 and he would like some participation.

Samuel Ibanez – stated he apologized for not being at the last meeting. He stated some people don't answer the phones. He stated if you need phones he has phones. He stated he helped the governing body be up there, the citizens helped the governing body be up there and elections are coming up again soon. He stated there are some apartments off Forest Parkway that are very nasty, and he knows this guy that says it's making him sick. Mr. Ibanez stated that area needs to be cleaned up.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Bagley stated a correction needs to be made to the Special Called Meeting minutes: *on page one under "Star Park Master Plan Presentation" the word Dias should be Dais.*

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the minutes of Special Called Meeting August 30th, with recommended changes, the Work Session and Regular Session Meeting of September 4th. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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Agenda Items:

**Review of
Comp Plan:**

Fredalyn Frasier stated she wanted to give some background before Mr. Robert Herrig gives his presentation. Ms. Frasier stated the city has been working on the Comp Plan since February which has included several meetings with the community, the established steering committee as well as a couple of public hearings. The vision of the Comprehensive Plan is where do you see the city 5-10 years from now, what is important to protecting and preserving key elements of your community and where do you want to grow. She stated they are going to go over some of the current trends and conditions, challenges & strengths, issues & opportunities and most importantly establishing the work program. The key elements of the Comprehensive Plan include: economic development, housing community facilities, community design, regional collaboration and natural resources. The reason a comprehensive plan is done is two-fold: setting the vision for the city and it is also a way to receive funds, because if you are not a qualified local government you do not receive federal, state or local funding.

Ms. Fraser stated there's a steering committee and Councilwoman Wells is apart of that committee. She stated there were several meetings: 2 steering committee meetings, 2 public hearings and 2 community sessions.

Mr. Robert Herrig stated it has been a pleasure working with the City Manager, Angela Redding and the Director of Planning, Building and Zoning, Fredalyn Frasier. He stated he was before the governing body back in February to explain the process and now he is back. He stated he thinks the draft plan is great and wanted to reiterate it is a living document until it is adopted next month. Mr. Herrig stated even after the document is submitted to Department of Community Affairs next month, changes can still be made although they should be minor at this point. He stated he wanted to go over a few key elements:

- Data and Demographics – there was a significant portion of the population lost between 2000 – 2010. More people are moving to Metro Atlanta in general, a lot of people are



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relocating in Forest Park. That will increase the tax base, but it will also make land more scarce and resources more valuable. He stated Forest Park is a diverse city which is a great advantage culturally for the community.

- Issues and Opportunities – He stated information was gathered from the community to find out what are some challenges unique to the city, what some strengths are and what are some opportunities.
- Community Goals – Public engagement is very important. During the community sessions hearing the input from the residents and the steering committee which played a vital role in helping shape what they heard into goals and policies that the city wants to move forward.
- Land Use – He stated there would be some minor changes to the Ft. Gillem section of the city.
- Economic Development – He stated this element shows what it is to be competitive in this region and nationally. It gives goals and strategies that will help the city strive in the economy. Mr. Herrig stated that can be done by forming partnerships regionally and locally. He stated there are a lot of resources to spur economic development.
- Housing – He stated this is a big issue and element for Forest Park. Affordability and senior housing are the top priority in this element.
- Transportation – There is a huge initiative ongoing that will change Forest Park in the years to come and that is the expansion of Marta into Clayton County.

Mr. Herrig stated the report of accomplishments is a report on past community work program and where you are on your community work program. He stated this is where he would like the governing body to review over the next couple of weeks after they submit to Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to make sure this plan aligns to what you envision for the city. He stated the next steps would be



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general approval from the governing body to transmit to DCA. The formality that needs to be followed would be: a signed letter from the Mayor with standard language that he has sent to the City Manager that says we want to submit to DCA for review. That opens a 30-day window for DCA to review the plan. During that window you can make minor changes/edits. After the 30-day window DCA can approve the plan. Once the plan is approved, the city can then adopt the plan at the next council meeting with a formal resolution. Once adopted you will have to notify DCA of that adoption and that will confirm your qualified local government status.

Councilman Antoine thanked Mr. Herrig for the presentation. He asked Mr. Herrig what the qualifications are for being on the steering committee. Mr. Herrig stated there are only 2: there has to be a representative from City Council and there has to be an Economic Development professional.

Councilwoman James asked if the governing body has to vote on this item. Mrs. Redding stated no vote is needed. Because he came in to present the draft all that is needed is consent from the governing body to submit to DCA.

**Request for
Massage
Establishment:**

Mayor Butler stated there is a request for a Massage Establishment Fancy Luxury Massage Spa, LLC, located at 4146 Jonesboro Rd. Mayor Butler stated Mr. Pablo Cruz is present, and requested he come up to the podium because she had questions.

Mayor Butler asked Mr. Cruz what made him choose Forest Park and has he ever been apart of any other businesses and what are their current status. Mr. Cruz stated he chose Forest Park because of the traffic and it's convenient to the airport. He stated he is trying to cater to the traveling individuals such as flight attendants. He stated he worked with Delta Airlines for 10 years in Human Resources. He stated he has 2 other businesses: he has a trucking company that hauls aviation and logistic parts and has 8 trucks on the road. He stated he also has a fitness studio



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located in Stockbridge, Henry County. He stated the businesses are currently functioning.

Councilwoman James stated with the stigma of the Massage industry there is always the sexual connotation associated with it. She asked Mr. Cruz is he familiar with the Georgia Law regarding Massage Establishments. Mr. Cruz stated that he is aware of the law. He stated the Forest Park Police Department educated him on the process. Councilwoman James asked Mr. Cruz if he has established hours. He stated the hours would be 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. Monday – Sunday.

Councilwoman Bagley stated to Mr. Cruz that he stated earlier he wanted to attract travel clientele what is in it for the city. She stated what is it going to do for the city. Mr. Cruz stated he researched, and Forest Park doesn't have any Massage Spas in the city. He stated the establishment would cater more to women so that they could go relax, get their eyelashes done, massage etc.

Councilwoman Wells stated she would like to thank Mr. Cruz for choosing Forest Park because we need more businesses in Forest Park. She stated she has never been to one of these establishments and would love to know that it is one down the street that she can go to and she would definitely utilize it. She stated don't think we are making it hard for businesses we just try to make sure the right businesses are in the city.

Councilman Antoine thanked Mr. Cruz for choosing Forest Park. He stated that Mr. Cruz is bringing in not only a business but future work.

Councilwoman James stated according to our charter and ordinance there are a lot of restrictions for this type of establishment, she asked does he have a certificate from an accredited massage school. Mr. Cruz stated that he is just the owner. Councilwoman James asked Mr. Cruz does he have a list of employees. Mr. Cruz stated that yes, he will have a list and the employees will have to go through a process as well before he can open. He stated he wanted to



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get approval first from the governing body before having the employees go through the required process.

Councilwoman James stated to Mr. Cruz since the establishment closes at 10:00 pm is aware that no one is allowed to be on the premises after 10:00 pm according to the city's ordinance. He stated that he is aware. Councilwoman James asked if alcohol would be served. Mr. Cruz stated no ma'am.

Councilman Mears asked what the average cost of the services is. Mr. Cruz stated it depends on the service. He states the average massage could range from \$45 - \$60 depending on whether you are doing a 30 minute or 60 minutes. The microblading and eyelashes depends on whether they are doing individuals or full sets the price varies.

Councilman Antoine stated he thinks this is very strategic because everyone knows the Super Bowl is coming to Atlanta and we should encourage businesses. He stated everyone lands in Clayton County but goes to do their business in Atlanta. He stated we should be business friendly.

Councilman James stated she has a friend that has a massage therapist license and it's not that she is against it; she just wants to do her due diligence for her residents here and make sure the businesses that we bring in our city are businesses that we can be proud of and not have a negative connotation behind it. She stated she appreciates Mr. Cruz for understanding the law regarding Massage establishments, she appreciates him not having alcohol on his list of agendas and she likes the pictures that he has shown.

Mayor Butler asked Mr. Cruz regarding microblading as of July 1, 2018 there was a Senate Bill passed and do you have the required permitting. Mr. Cruz stated he is aware, and that permit is obtained from Clayton County because it's just like tattooing. Mayor Butler asked Mr. Cruz how long it would be before he gets that permit. Mr. Cruz stated once



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he gets the approval to open then he will have his people get permitted as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the request for Massage Establishment Fancy Luxury Massage Spa LLC. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion were: Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman James and Councilwoman Wells. Voting against the motion were: Councilman Mears and Councilwoman Bagley. The motion carried.

Consider a Resolution Creekside Christian Academy:

A request to Consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing Creekside Christian Academy for the use of Forest Park Indoor Pool for the dates specified: October 15, 2018 through January 20, 2019; to conduct swim practices for their swim program; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Consider a Resolution Henry Co. Schools:

A request to Consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing Henry County Schools for the use of Forest Park Indoor Pool for the dates specified: October 15, 2018 through January 20, 2019; to conduct swim practices for their swim program; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman James made motion to approve the Resolution. Councilwoman Bagley stated she noticed that some of the times are going to overlap by 15 minutes and is that going to be enough time between the two different groups. Abbey Jones responded that will not be a problem. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Executive Session

Councilman Mears made a motion to adjourn the regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate matters. It was



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seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The governing body entered into Executive Session at 7:49 pm.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular session meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Governing Body Comments: Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to attend his event on Saturday.

Councilwoman James stated she has a couple of comments regarding moving the city forward. She stated as Dr. Beasley stated earlier if you are not seeing or not hearing then you are not really paying attention. Councilwoman James stated for her personally she doesn't broadcast what she does for the city, but she has a heart for the city and loves the city. She stated if you don't see that the city is moving forward, then she is here to let you know that the city is moving forward. She stated that she has been meeting with residents, developers and grant writers all in an effort to move the city forward. She stated a new finance director has been hired that is looking out for the city's finances; In the past there has been problems in how the finances had been handled improperly, that is moving the city forward. A new city manager has been hired who has been instrumental in a lot of things that has been done, as an eye of the county and the state is looking at Forest Park; that is moving our city forward. A new Planning, Building and Zoning Director has been hired, who has hired new code enforcement officers because we were down to one, that is moving the city forward. Councilwoman James stated if you don't see that we are moving the city forward she is here to say that the city is moving forward. She stated that there is a forensic audit in place that is going to look out for how your money, the businesses money and all our money is being spent in the city. There is a wage and compensation study in progress as well as hiring audit to take care of our employees. She stated as Dr. Beasley said not only do we



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have to keep our teachers in the county we have to keep our employees here. She stated they would like to make sure the employees are being well paid and compensated for the things that they we ask them to continually to do.

Councilwoman James stated she doesn't know where the notion came that they aren't doing anything, maybe it's the way she looks or maybe she doesn't look the right way or something. She stated that she wants to let you know that she is working to move the city forward.

Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for coming out. She stated on a personal note her mom had a very serious fall and has a fractured hip. She stated her mom is 84-85 years old and they did a hip replacement surgery and her oldest brother has been hospitalized. This has been his 17th admission this year. She thanked everyone who has reached out to her and thanks again for the prayers and encouragement. She stated you only get one family. She stated if you know of someone that is need of medications there is a website: www.needymeds.org and anyone can visit and there is no cap on salaries. She stated as an elected official it is their job to share helpful information and the website is very helpful.

Councilwoman Wells stated Councilwoman James said it all. She stated if you say that we are not moving the city forward, maybe you haven't been looking. She stated if you can sit there with the previous administration and what was going on with them, you shouldn't have anything to say with what's going on with the current administration.

Councilwoman Wells stated they are working together now more so than they have ever been to move the city forward. Just because you don't see the work that each councilmember is doing a lot of us are on boards and they do a lot of things in their wards that they don't broadcast. Some people just want to get up and bash the governing body and if you're going to bash us know the facts. If you don't know the facts don't say anything at all because you have never had anything positive to say when it comes to certain council members. She said no disrespect to Councilwoman Bagley because family emergencies do come up, so you have people who don't have the actual time to be



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here, but you have the ones that actually do are working trying to do what the people elected us to do. Councilwoman Wells stated to hear that comment coming from someone who is so negative all the time but the love the city so much, if you feel like you we're not doing our jobs come to us and tell us what we can do better instead of getting up in council meetings trying to bash us without knowing the facts. She stated there are council members that vote no on everything that we try to do to move the city forward, but no one speaks on that. She stated know the facts before getting up being so negative and not just because of who someone is. She stated if you come to Ward 4 they will tell you that I'm working.

Councilwoman James stated the proclamations and awards that are given out may not seem like it's moving the city forward, but it actually is. It brings light to the positive things that they have going on in the community, positive people and positive work that people are doing in the community. She stated as councilmembers it is important to find businesses or organizations that are doing something positive that we promote that. She stated she recognized the students because they are doing great things. She wanted to give a shout out to First Baptist Church who hosted the funeral of the senior who was 17 years old that passed away in his sleep. She said you can find her on the website send her an email or call she will respond because she is here to serve the residents.

Councilwoman Wells stated she wanted to respond to Dr. Beeler statement. She stated as a minister's association you do more than just clean-up and pray in the community. She stated she clean up and pray every day. She stated the city has a great public works department and the city is not trash and it's not like it's something we have to have. She stated she commend and respects them for what they do, but if you're not doing more than that then don't tell us what we are not doing.

Mayor Butler stated if you're not seeing what it is that we are trying to do then her question would be what is it that you're looking for. She stated that Councilwoman James laid out



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so eloquently the things that we are doing and what is important to understand is that in order to move forward there is a certain type of stabilization that's needed. She stated for example, when audits are being done and when entering into executive session, in which she stated she makes not apology for it going as long as it does. This is a new administration, there is a lot of information that some people that have been serving on this council for years are being made aware of for the first time because people have been withholding knowledge. When you withhold knowledge then people are not able to make an informed decision. Mayor Butler stated when they are back there they are discussing important business that once again she makes zero apologies for because they are getting thorough information and getting it in unison, so they can move forward in a direction they deem necessary. She stated what she finds disheartening is to have people come to the meetings, some have been executives, and they are sitting next to people in this chamber and you never know who is listening. People are speaking so negatively about the city until she has to go back and deprogram everything that they've heard while we are sitting up here trying to move this city forward. Mayor Butler stated a few months ago she stated this that if you love your city then she challenges you on your definition of love. She stated loving your city is not always bashing it or talking negative about the city but, what are you doing to help. Always complaining is not an answer, come with some solutions sometimes and if you can't she stated she is ok with you not saying anything at all. Mayor Butler stated she respects everyone's opinion and values first amendment but try coming with some solutions sometimes without something always so negative. She stated that will help us move forward and give us the unity that we need in this city that we can grow together. She stated she is on this council for a reason and her vision is to move the city forward with or without some of you and she would like us to all be together.

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