

REVISED
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 2, 2018

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 2, 2018, was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Dabouze Antoine at 6:10 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Pastor Jeremy Tuck, Living Faith Tabernacle, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The National Anthem was sung by Pastor Michelle Clinksdale, Rock Church of Atlanta.

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

Also present were:

Chief Dwayne Hobbs	Interim City Manager
Chief Eddie Buckholts	Fire
Jeff Eady	Director Public Works
Mike Blandenburg	Director Finance
Darren Duke	Director IT
Elaine Corley	Director Parks & Recreation
Christine Terrell	Director Support Services
David New	Interim Director PB & Z
Angela Redding	Management Analyst
Serena Nowell	Fincher Denmark

Swearing in: Mayor Elect Angelyne Butler was sworn in by Judge Barbara Caldwell.
Councilwoman Elect Kimberly James was sworn in by Superior Court Judge Geronda V. Carter.
Councilman Dabouze Antoine was sworn in by Judge Geronda V. Carter.

Comment Period: Samuel Ibenez discussed unity.
Felicia Davis stated her support for Mayor Butler.
LaWanda Folami stated her support for Mayor Butler.

Amend the
Agenda:

Councilman Antoine made a motion to amend the agenda to consider:

A Resolution to appoint a new City Attorney.

A Resolution to retain Fincher and Denmark LLC in a transitional capacity.

A Resolution to remove all members of the Ethics Board.

A Resolution to name new members to the Ethics Board.

A Resolution to rename 696 Main Street.

A Resolution to rename 803 Forest Parkway.

Direct the Interim City Manager to solicit applications for a new City Manager.

Direct the Interim City Manager to issue a RFP for a forensic audit.

Direct the Interim City Manager to solicit applications for a new Solicitor.

A Resolution to dissolve the Development Authority immediately.

Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion carries with four (4) yea's and one (1) no vote by Councilman Mears.

Appointment:
Interim City
Manager

Appointment of Interim City Manager.

Councilwoman James made a motion to appoint Angela Redding as Interim City Manager. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Appointment:
Mayor Pro-tem

Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilwoman James made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Latresa Wells as Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Antoine seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Resolution:
Lobbying Srvcs.

Resolution to approve participation in an agreement that Fincher Denmark LLC anticipates executing with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. (VSA) on behalf of the Municipalities of Clayton County, Clayton County Government and the Clayton County Board of Education for the provision of lobbying services working before the U. S. Congress with regard to the collection on local sales taxes on aviation fuels and to authorize the

Mayor to execute the Participation Agreement on behalf of the City of Forest Park.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to table this agenda item until the next Mayor and Council meeting. Councilwoman James seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Bagley stated that she is concerned that if we continue to table this until mid-2018 that we will lose the forward momentum that we have and we may not get the same rate from other attorneys or federal lobbyist.

Mayor Butler asked who is the lobbying group? Attorney Nowell stated that it is Van Scoyoc.

Councilman Mears stated that we already have money invested in this and we want to protect it and not lose it.

The motion carries to table the agenda item until the next Mayor and Council meeting with three (3) yea's and two (2) abstentions from Councilmembers Bagley and Mears.

Resolution:
Naming
Depository
for Funds

Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia naming the depositories for funds of the City of Forest Park; authorizing withdrawals of said funds by check or draft; and naming the officers of said City authorized to sign checks or drafts.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve this Resolution. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinance:
Temporary
Loans

Ordinance authorizing temporary loans by the City of Forest Park, under the Constitution of the State of Georgia; Article 9, Section 5, paragraph V; and for other purposes.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve this Ordinance. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Resolution:
City Attorney

Resolution to appoint a new City Attorney.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to appoint Michael Williams as the new City Attorney. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. The motion carries with four (4) yea's and one (1) no vote by Councilwoman Bagley.

Resolution:
Retain Fincher
Denmark

Resolution to retain Fincher Denmark in a transitional capacity.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to approve this Resolution. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Councilwoman Wells stated her reason for why she is voting the way she is. The motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.

Removal:
Ethics Board

Remove all members of the Ethics Board.

Councilwoman James made a motion to remove all the members of the Ethics Board. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. Councilman Mears stated to consider keeping a couple of the standing members for transitional purposes. Councilwoman James stated her reason for voting the way she is. Mayor Butler stated that the previous administration was questionable in appointing the new members and an incoming administration should not be bound by certain processes of an exiting administration. The motion carries with four (4) yea's and one (1) no vote by Councilman Mears.

Additions:
Ethics Board

Add new members to the Ethics Board.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to add the following list of people to the Ethics Board:

Yolanda Watson	John Finch
Karen-Brandee Williams	Lois Collins
Gregory Haynes	

Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Councilwoman Bagley suggested tabling this discussion until the next meeting. The motion carries with four (4) yea's and one (1) no vote by Councilwoman Bagley.

Resolution:
696 Main St.

Resolution to rename 696 Main Street.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to rename 696 Main Street to Leonard Hartsfield, Sr. Community Center. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Councilwoman Bagley stated that when we do the renovation of Starr Park, we were looking to add a street name or something that was more appropriately identified with Mr. Hartsfield rather than the Community Center. I believe this is a retaliatory effort and I

would like to see this resolution tabled. Councilwoman Wells stated that this was not retaliatory. Naming the building after Frank Brandon was retaliatory. We need to put a name on there that has brought something to our city. Councilwoman Bagley stated that in naming the building after Frank Brandon, we did do our homework as to the work Frank Brandon has done in our city and it was decided to name something in the area of baseball that is more fitting for Mr. Hartsfield. The motion carries with three (3) yea's and two (2) no votes by Councilmembers Mears and Bagley.

Resolution:
803 Forest
Parkway

Resolution to rename 803 Forest Parkway.

Councilwoman James made a motion to rename 803 Forest Parkway to Forest Park Recreation Center. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. Councilwoman James stated that she thought the Recreation Center should not be named after a person. The motion carries with (3) yea's and two (2) no votes by Councilmembers Mears and Bagley.

City Manager:

Direct the Interim City Manager to solicit applications for a City Manager.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to direct the Interim City Manager to solicit applications for a City Manager. Councilman Mears seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.

Forensic Auditor: Direct the Interim City Manager to issue a RFP for a Forensic Auditor.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to direct the Interim City Manager to issue a RFP for a Forensic Auditor. Councilman Antoine seconded the motion. Councilwoman Bagley stated that she would like the minutes revisited to see if the City has already paid for a forensic audit so we don't pay for it a second time. Mike Blandenburg stated that the annual City audit that was done this past year was not a forensic audit. It did cover all parts of the City to include all the authorities. The motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.

City Solicitor:

Direct the Interim City Manager to solicit applications for a new Solicitor.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to direct the Interim City Manager to solicit applications for a new Solicitor.

Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. The motion carries with four (4) yea's and one (1) no vote by Councilwoman Bagley.

Resolution:
Development
Authority

Resolution to dissolve the Development Authority.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to dissolve the Development Authority immediately. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Councilman Mears asked who is going to do the job of the Development Authority. Councilwoman Wells stated that the Council will do it. Councilman Mears stated that the Council is not in the real estate business and we need someone who is in that business every day. Councilman Mears stated that we almost got in a situation in the past due to the Council doing the job. Councilwoman James stated that at a later time we can look to restarting the Development Authority. Councilwoman James stated that there are some questionable things and that our Interim City Manager and whoever we find to be our City Manager will be able to take those helms. Councilman Mears stated that we have land buying in the works and we have to take care of that because we don't want to lose it and we are still \$7M or \$8M in the hole and we've got to turn it to keep the pressure off the citizens of Forest Park. Councilwoman Wells stated that this is the URA Board you are referring to. Councilwoman Wells stated that no one right now on the Development Authority is in the real estate business either. They are all volunteers and citizens of Forest Park. Councilwoman Wells stated that her personal reason for wanting the Development Authority dissolved is because she doesn't want the past administration's changes they made before they left to be in control of what goes on in our City. Mike Williams, attorney, was asked his opinion and he stated that the Development Authority's law provides in OCGA 36-62-14 Part D that Development Authorities can be dissolved and later reactivated at the discretion of the City. It provides that all the debts and rights and obligations of the Development Authority as they existed at the dissolution flow back to the City. All those contracts, etc. will be in the hands of the City and then, obviously, decisions will have to be made about going forward project by project. The motion carries with three (3) yea's and two (2) no votes by Councilmembers Mears and Bagley.

Approval of
Minutes:

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session Minutes of December 18, 2017. Councilman Mears seconded the motion. The motion carries

with four (4) yea's and one (1) abstention by Councilwoman James.

Ten Percent
(10%) Increase:
Interim City
Manager

Increase the Interim City Manager's salary by ten percent (10%).

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to amend the Interim City Manager's appointment with the ten percent (10%) pay increase in salary. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.

Legal Matters:

None

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.