

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 5, 2015

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 5, 2015 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilwoman Linda Lord followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Lockhart, Mayor Pro-tem Maudie McCord and Councilmembers Latresa Akins, Dabouze Antoine, Linda Lord and Tommy Smith.
- Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Major Jamie Reynolds, Angela Redding, Management Analyst and Winston Denmark, City Attorney.
- Approval of Minutes: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Period: Dianne Lunsford – Ms. Lunsford suggested the public forum between the Work Session and Regular Meeting be dissolved. She stated it is now used just to throw rocks at each other, and since this was a privilege, it has been abused.
- Sandra Bagley – stated it was Blue Light Week and encouraged citizens to participate and asked citizens to check on their neighbors during the winter season.
- Roy Lunsford – stated he agreed that the public forums should be discontinued.
- Appointment of Mr. Antoine made a motion that we instruct the City

Judge: Manager to put all of the appointments on RFP, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Mr. Antoine stated we had other appointments last year on the agenda and felt it was prudent to do the same thing again.

Mayor Lockhart stated we did not put all the appointments on RFP last year. Mr. Antoine stated the motion includes the City Solicitor, Municipal Court Judge, Environmental Court Judge, City Attorney, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

Mr. Antoine revised his motion to instruct the City Manager to put all appointed positions out for an RFP which includes the City Attorney, City Solicitor, City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, Municipal Court Judge and Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Ms. Akins felt an RFP needs to be put out for a solicitor, but was fine with the judges presently serving.

Mr. Antoine asked if the Mayor can veto his motion. Mr. Denmark stated if it is a vote to take action, under the charter, it is subject to the Mayors veto power.

Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint Judge Freeman as Municipal Court Judge, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Ms. Akins, Ms. McCord, Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion was Mr. Antoine. The motion carried.

Appt. of Env. Court Judge: Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Ms. Ethenia King as Environmental Court Judge, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-tem: Mr. Antoine made a motion to appoint Ms. Latresa Akins as Mayor Pro-tem for 2015, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. McCord, Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. Ms. Lord voted against the motion. The motion carried.

City Solicitor: Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint Jerry Patrick as City Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. The motion failed.

New On-premises Alcohol License: Request was made to consider a new on-premises consumption alcohol license for beer and wine from Trans-Atlantic Arcade, LLC, 4462 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the new alcohol license, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance - Temporary Loans: Request was made to consider an 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.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord, Ms. Akins, Mr. Smith and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion was Mr. Antoine. The motion carried.

Resolution - Naming depositories: Request was made to consider a 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 officer of said City authorized to sign checks or drafts.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance - Appropriation of Funds: Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to appropriate funds for a salary supplement for all employees of the City; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

Ms. McCord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.