

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 7, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of October 7, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call : Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Maudie McCord, Linda Lord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Colonel Tommy Orr, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley and and City Attorney Mike Williams.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of September 16, 2013, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Dr. Leon Beeler – stated he would like to hold a Political Forum on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for all candidates in the gym. He asked permission from the Council to hold this Forum at that location. The Council unanimously agreed.

Annette Brown – stated she was a business owner in the City since 2006 and had an issue with banner permits. Presently, banners can only be up for 30 days and must be taken down for 60 days before putting up another banner. She asked Council to reconsider this. She stated she also had a back to school event and reached out to city departments and was not pleased with their lack of response. She felt the City should support businesses as they support the City.

Carl Evans – stated he appreciated the Town Hall Meeting held last week and suggested more be held in the future.

Luke Gaywell – thanked Ms. Corley for the 5K event held. He stated he enjoyed it very much and was looking forward to the next one.

Sheena Lowe – stated she was a candidate for Ward 2.

Special Presentation: Mayor Lockhart presented Chief Hobbs with a plaque for serving as Interim City Manager until a new City Manager was in place.

Resolution:  
(Surplus) Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park declaring certain City Property, listed on Exhibit A, to be surplus property and to provide for its proper disposal either by auction or other methods pursuant to the City's Ordinances; and for other purposes.

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

Job Description -  
Public Relations  
Officer: Mr. Brandon stated he has presented two options for Council based on their comments for a Public Relations Officer. First, was the job description for a Public Relations Officer which he suggested the City move toward on a part time basis. The second option was to hire a Public Relations Consulting Firm.

Ms. Lord stated part time would be best and we should also look at the cost of developing a newsletter.

Mr. Smith agreed with the newsletter and to find out if it is cost effective. Ms. Akins suggested looking into a Consulting Firm but agreed the newsletter was a good idea.

Mr. Smith stated he had a volunteer would was willing to help in this area.

After much discussion, it was decided Mr. Brandon will look into the cost of a Consulting Firm and the cost of creating and distributing a newsletter.

Five Year Short Term Work Program:

The Draft Five Year Short Term Work Program Update that is to be submitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs was presented for discussion.

Mr. Wiggins stated this Update outlines projects that the City will be undertaking over the next five years and what has been completed for the last five years. He stated a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to receive comments on the Update. The document will then be sent to the Atlanta Regional Commission and then forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs. He stated at the conclusion of the Public Hearing a Resolution will be presented to Mayor and Council to request the document be submitted to ARC for review.

Settlement Agreement

Request was made to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement between the City of Forest Park, Georgia and Atlanta Gas Light Company.

Mayor Lockhart stated this agreement is for the purchase of land on Cash Memorial Blvd in the amount of \$39,190 and repairing the condition of Hendrix Drive and specific driveways being corrected.

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

Adjournment:

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