

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 21, 2013

- Call To Order: The Regular Meetnig of Mayor and Council of October 21, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Latresa Akins, Maudie McCord and Linda Lord.
- Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburgh, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Colonel Tommy Orr, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still and City Attorney Mike Williams.
- Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 7, 2013, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion as unanimous.
- Comment Period: Mr. Darnell Moorer: voiced his concern with political signs being pulled up and defaced during this election. He suggested stiffer fines be placed on violators.
- Residential Beautification Award: Ms. Edie Yongue presented the Residential Beautification Award to Majestic Montega Apartments located on Old Dixie Road.
- First Baptist Church Presentation: Pastor Reed Crumbliss of First Baptist Church stated in May, 2012, House Bill 766 entitled Display for Government and American Law was adopted which states there are 9 historical documents that could be legally displayed in public buildings. He then presented the following documents to the City which he hoped would be

educational and remind us of our heritage as Americans and the liberties we have:

- The Ten Commandments
- Magna Carta
- Mayflower Compact
- Declaration of Independence
- Bill of Rights
- Star Spangled Banner
- National Motto
- Lady Justice
- Preamble to the Ga. Constitution

Mayor Lockhart stated the Charter of the City of Forest Park designates the Mayor to be the official spokesperson and he stated the display of those documents are for a secular (non-religious) purpose. They provide historical context to our government.

Director of Public Works: Mr. Brandon asked the Council to confirm his appointment of Jeff Eady as Director of Public Works.

Ms. Lord made a motion to confirm the appointment of Jeff Eady as Director of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. McCord and Ms. Lord. Ms. Akins opposed. The motion carried.

Forest Park Newsletter: Ms. Lord suggested the newsletter be distributed in several different languages and look at different avenues to distribute it.

Mayor Lockhart stated no action was necessary on this item.

Christmas Parade: Mayor Lockhart stated Ms. Corley has previously explained that there is not enough time to prepare a parade this late, but they are still having an event.

Ms. Corley stated we now just do a holiday celebration in the park and suggested the parade be postponed this year and a committee be appointed to assemble a Christmas Parade in 2014. It is December 2nd from 6 pm to 8:30 pm

Mr. Smith stated he is talking to Ms. Corley about getting the largest Christmas Tree in Clayton County.

Mayor Lockhart stated it is best to move the first Monday Council meeting in December when the holiday celebration is scheduled.

Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss changing the date of the first Council Meeting in December, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Smith made a motion to move the December 2nd Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 3rd, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Briarwood Forest:

Request was made to consider authorizing the Planning, Building and Zoning Director to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the demolition and site restoration of the Briarwood Forest Apartments.

Mayor Lockhart stated in the Work Session, we heard from Mr. Wiggins that these apartments need to come down, Commissioner Singleton stated she may help us in accomplishing that and Chief Buckholts stated they could burn some of them down, but there will still be expenses.

Mayor Lockhart stated no formal action is necessary but the Council unanimously supported advertising for bids.

Resolution -
Short Term Work
Program:

Request was made to consider a Resolution to Certify the Public Hearing on the City of Forest Park Draft 2014 -2018 Short Term Work Program Update and to Authorize Submittal of the Draft Document to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

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

Renewal of alcohol
Licenses:

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the following, seconded by Mr. Smith:

Renewal of Retail Alcohol License for Beer & Wine

- Saher Properties, Inc., Dixie Mart, 5111 Old Dixie Hwy, no exceptions noted
- Napro, Inc. Main Street Grocery, 528 Main Street, no exceptions noted
- Mou Enterprises, Forest Park Food Mart, 4193 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Duvell Investment Corp., Pak N Go, 1003 Forest Parkway, no exceptions noted
- Naeem, Inc. Clayton Express, 4233 Thurmond Road, no exceptions noted
- All American Quality Foods, Inc. Food Depot, 792 Morrow Road, no exceptions noted
- SNZ, Inc., Chevron Food Mart, 4441 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Retail Marketing Corporation, Wholesale Food Outlet, 4855 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Neelam Investments, Inc. Happy Food Mart, 5971 Ash Street, no exceptions noted
- Super Food Value, Inc. Piggly Wiggly, 4769 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Clipper Petroleum, Inc. Circle M Food Shop #57, 4950 Old Dixie Hwy., no exceptions noted
- Hong Enterprise, Shopwise, 5001B Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted

Renewal of Retail Alcohol License (Beer Only)

- Mint Trader, Inc. Best Food Mart, 4666 Jonesboro Road, Ste. 102, no exceptions noted

- Alwani Group of Companies, Inc. Shell Food Mart, 4926 Old Dixie Hwy., no exceptions noted

Renewal of On-Premises Consumption Alcohol License (Liquor, Beer & Wine)

- Restaurant Forest, 5025 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted

Renewal of On-Premises Consumption Alcohol License (Beer only)

- Forest Wing & Fish, 4430 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted

Renewal of On-Premises Consumption Alcohol license (Beer & Wine)

- B & E Bowling, Inc. Funtime Bowl/Forest Park, 4839 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Golden Gate Restaurant, Inc. 4353 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted

Renewal of Retail Alcohol License (Liquor, Beer & Wine)

- Zap Corporation, Clayton Bottle Shop, 4075 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Chamunda Corporation, Dixie Package, 5310 Old Dixie Hwy., no exceptions noted
- Golden Bridge Enterprises, Inc., Holiday Bottle Shop, 791 Morrow Road, no exceptions noted

Renewal of Retail Alcohol License (Liquor only)

- Napro, Inc. R & J Bottle Shop, 530 Main Street, no exceptions noted
- Hong's Liquor, 5001A Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted

Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Legal Matters:

Mr. Williams stated the Mandamus action served on the Council last month, was disposed of due to a number of deficiencies, including improper service, and no costs were awarded to the petitioner.

Adjournment:

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