



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2018 7:00PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of October 15, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Pastor Kenneth Paden 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, Director of IT Darren Duke, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Fredalyn Frasier, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Major Matson, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Jackson, Finance Director Ken Thompson, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, and City Attorney Mike Williams

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated he would like to see if the governing body could reach some unity and consistency in some of the decision making that is being done. He stated let’s work to bring the city back together again and quit trying to divide it constantly. Mr. Evans stated for the last year there have been people purposely trying to divide the city and create problems. He would love to see everyone try to work together in unity and turn the city around.

Ms. Ford – stated she would like to speak about Kudzu. She stated near Fountain Middle school it is out of hand now and she wanted to know what can be done. She stated the last time she mentioned this problem it was told to her that it doesn’t belong to the city and it’s a county issue. Ms. Ford wanted to know does she need to go to the county and can the city support her in getting this taken care of. She stated it is getting really bad and it is getting in people



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backyards. It is very hard to cut and it can be treated, however it has to be treated while it's young. Ms. Ford stated another issue is that she noticed there is a bridge coming from Fountain going down towards the church that is broken and kids usually walk through there to go home. She stated the city may want to send someone to check on it. She stated finally she wasn't going to say anything about the event that she is going to do for Public Works. The last Friday of this month she will be doing a Fish Fry for the Public Works Department to say thank you for all you do. It will be her and a few of her neighbors. This will be the 2nd year that she has done this for them and she appreciates all that they do.

Samuel Ibanez – stated there are a lot of great things happening in Forest Park. He stated a lot of people are saying that the city is divided, but it's up to us to make the changes and take action. He stated he was trying to open a bar with his friend in the plaza and ran into a barrier. He stated the apartments are in bad shape with the rent being \$700 and how can someone pay that amount making \$10 hr. He stated if we don't have quality businesses in Forest Park people will go somewhere else. Mr. Ibanez stated he doesn't shop outside of his city.

**Approval
Minutes:**

Councilwoman James made a motion to approve the Work Session Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2018. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items:

**Yard of the
Quarter:**

Councilman Antoine made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Consider an
Resolution to
Authorize IGA**

A request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park to authorize an IGA with Forest Park High School PTSA; to provide for



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With FPHS PTSA:

severability; to repeal all ordinances and resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize an IGA with Forest Park High School PTSA. It was seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting for the motion were: Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman Bagley, Councilwoman Wells and Councilman Mears. Councilwoman James abstained. The motion carried.

Re-appointment of ADR Board Member:

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to re-appoint Rodney Givens to the ADR Board for a 3 year term. It was seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Executive Session:

Councilman Mears made a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation matters. It was seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The governing body entered into Executive Session at 7:09 PM.

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

Governing Body Comments:

Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for coming out and for their thoughts and prayers. She thanked the Minister's Association for all that they do for the city and residents. She stated she wants everyone to know that the governing body does have the best interest of the residents in their hearts.

Councilwoman Wells stated she was one of the people that spoke to Councilwoman James and asked what else does the Forest Park Ministers Association do.



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She thanked them for coming out and making it clear and she appreciates them.

Councilwoman James thanked everyone for coming out and it is her pleasure to serve. She stated the governing body is not trying to bring division in anyway, but instead have unity amongst all groups within the community. She encourages everyone to participate in some of the things that they have going on. For the 1st time they will be having the Breast Cancer Walk and the Police Department is heading that. She stated she is sure that some of us have been touched by someone that has had cancer. She stated her mom died of cancer and this event can bring us all together. She stated we should support one another. She stated Councilwoman Wells has her Karaoke event on Friday (she won't be singing) please come out and support the event. She stated she has chocolate for the school and they are not samples.

Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for coming out. He stated for the resident that had concerns about Kudzu, he stated he was going to go out and purchase some weed killer. Angela Redding stated her and Jeff Eady have reached out to the county about this issue. He stated there was a major category 4 Hurricane and there were no real damages in the city. Last Sunday there was an earthquake in the city where he was born. He stated we have so much to be grateful for. He stated Panama City was a disaster and people that have had homes for years are now homeless. He stated the governing body is trying to move the city forward. He stated the people who are trying to speak negative are the ones that need to be shut down and not have a voice. He stated citizens can send emails with their suggestions. He suggested to the City Manager that a comment box be placed at City Hall so the citizens who come in to handle city business can leave comments or questions.

Mayor Butler stated the comment box was an idea originally made by Councilwoman Bagley and there



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has been support of that idea and at some point that will be implemented. She thanked everyone for coming out and stated for the new faces she would like to see them again.

Adjournment:

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