

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of November 21, 2016, called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilman Dabouze Antoine followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Lockhart and Councilmembers, Tommy Smith, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

Also present were Al Wiggins, City Manager; Mike Blandenburg, Director of Finance; Jonathan Jones, Director of Planning, Building and Zoning; Angela Redding, Management Analyst; Major Chris Matson, Police; Sharon Smith, Deputy Director Recreation and Leisure; Chief Buckholts, Fire; and City Attorney John O'Neal.

Comment Period: Mr. Carl Evans, 4726 Burks Road, Forest Park, stated that we needed to look at our ordinances, fines and fees in this city. They are extremely high when you have a median household income of \$30k. Many citizens are only making approximately \$14k and we have very high fines in reference to dog control or building permits.

Ms. Lawanda Falomi stated that in reference to the Master Plan, I was getting a lot of calls in reference to it and I was glad to hear Mr. Wiggins' update. Ms. Falomi stated that she has formed a group called Unity in the Community. It's a group that can't make it to these Mayor & Council meetings. Ms. Falomi stated that our school is in bad shape. Please get involved with the PTSA. Ms. Falomi wanted to thank Public Works for all their hard work.

Mr. Gabriel Gordon stated that in regards to MARTA and the trash cans, I would like to see benches as well. Mr. Gordon stated that to piggy back on Mr. Evans, that the fines and ordinances should be more reasonable.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Lockhart made a recommendation to approve the Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2016, together. Councilwoman Wells made a motion to

approve the Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2016, together. Councilman Antoine seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Ordinance:  
Building Permit: Consider an Ordinance To Amend The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Forest Park, Georgia So That The Circumstances Under Which A Building Permit Is Required Are Identical To The Minimum Requirements Under The Law Of The State Of Georgia; To Amend Article G (“Administration; Enforcement; Penalties; Remedies”) Of Chapter 8 (“Zoning”) In Title 8 (“Planning And Development”) By Revising The Language Of Section 8-8-82 (“Building Permit Required”); To Provide For Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide An Effective Date; And For Other Lawful Purposes.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Smith. Voting was unanimous.

Presentation  
of Proclamation: Mayor Lockhart and Jeff Eady, Director Public Works, presented a proclamation recognizing the retirement of Mr. Wilbert Eason, Jr. from the Forest Park Public Works Department.

Ordinance:  
Floodplain Consider an Ordinance To Amend Chapter 6 (“Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention”) In Title 8 (“Planning And Development”) Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Forest Park, Georgia By Repealing The Current Language In Said Chapter In Its Entirety And Enacting New Regulations In Lieu Thereof; To Provide For Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide An Adoption Date; To Provide An Effective Date; And To Provide For Other Lawful Purposes.

Councilman Mears made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting was unanimous.

Legal Matters: None

Adjournment: Councilman Mears made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Smith. Voting was unanimous.