

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF DECEMBER 2, 2014

6:00 P.M. Work Session
Discussion of Agenda Items

I. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m. – Mayor David Lockhart

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Work Session of Mayor and Council of November 17, 2014
2. Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of November 17, 2014

VI. Comment Period

VII. Agenda Items

1. Presentation of Residential Beautification Award – Keep Forest Park Beautiful

RENEWAL OF RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR BEER AND WINE

2. Old Dixie Food & Gas, Inc. Quick Stop, 5428 Old Dixie Highway, no exceptions noted
3. Shuvo Enterprises, LLC, Forest Park Speed Food Mart, 868 Forest Parkway, no exceptions noted
4. Marshall Business Ventures, Inc. Park Food Mart, 4209 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
5. Consider renewal of On-Premises Consumption Alcohol License for Liquor, Beer and Wine from First Class Ultra Lounge & Restaurant, 5340 Old Dixie Road, no exceptions noted

6. Consider renewal (and location) of a retail Alcohol License for beer only from Mint Trader, Inc. Best Food Mart, 4700 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
7. Approval of Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$750 for all full-time and part-time employees
8. Appointment of Solicitor

VIII. Legal Matters

IX. Comments by Governing Body

X. Adjournment

MINUTES

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Call to Order: The Work Session of Mayor and Council of November 17, 2014 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Lockhart, Mayor Pro-tem Maudie McCord and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Linda Lord, Dabouze Antoine and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Sharon Smith, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell and Mike Williams, City Attorney.

Agenda Items: *Consider Krachelle Agency as the vendor for the Christmas Parade t-shirts:* Ms. Akins stated it was her understanding that the Committee has decided to go with a vendor in Dekalb County instead of using a business in the city. Mayor Lockhart stated the Committee members made that decision and questions should be addressed to them. Ms. Smith stated Ms. Crockett would match the price of the t-shirts but they felt since Ms. Crockett was on the Committee, it would be a conflict of interest. Ms. Crockett stated it was not about the t-shirts, but sends a message that we do not patronize the businesses in the City. Mayor Lockhart stated it is not the kind of conflict of interest that would disqualify you, but he understands what Ms. Smith said. He also stated he didn't hear a rational explanation and in regard is this how we want Forest Park to look, he said he does not want it to look like we are going to override committees delegated to tasks and planning and does not want it to look like we are going to pick the winners and the losers. He stated the marketplace picks the winners and losers and a committee has been assigned. He stated he does not want to communicate the message to future volunteers that we are going to undo their work.

Public Relations Staff Member: Mr. Dabouze felt this was a positive and a public relations person would promote

positive and not assumptions. Mr. Antoine asked if the public relations person is going to partner with the County's television station to promote the City in a positive way. Mayor Lockhart asked if we have to hire a public relations firm or person to get this done? Mr. Dabouze stated other city public relations staff do marketing campaigns and is involved in the community. Mayor Lockhart asked the City Attorney if there is anything a public relations firm or person could do that the City could not do in-house? Mr. Williams stated the question of in-house versus getting a consultant, there is nothing a consultant can do that a City can't do in-house. Mr. Williams stated the only reason you would hire a consultant is if you did not have the capability in-house presently and want to acquire that. Mayor Lockhart asked Ms. Redding to explain what she does. She explained in regards to public relations, we have a quarterly newsletter, a weekly e-blast, we advertise in the Ga Trend, the Georgia Travel Guide, the Atlanta business Chronicle, the Airport Area Guide, we are Clayton Magazine. We partner with the Chamber of Commerce, Clayton County Public Schools and advertise in the Clayton News Daily Southside Guide. She stated in addition to that we also participate in the brochure of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She attends various meetings and serves on the Public Image Committee.

Authorization to investigate Public Works Department: Ms. Akins stated she felt like an investigation was needed in that department and was told because this is on the agenda, they would not get a bonus. She felt an investigation needs to be done on the outside and not internally because this has been going on for years. Mayor Lockhart stated there was an investigation done roughly a year ago and is very detailed and there are no more issues that require investigations. It does required action. Mayor Lockhart stated a meeting was held with the employees after excluding the supervisors and part of the complaints were supervisors only hear one side of things and take action based on that. He said now Council wants to take action only after hearing one side. He said we should hear both sides and if there are issues remaining that require investigation to find out what happened, that is when we should do it. Mayor Lockhart stated Mr. Eady has a plan of action in place, much of which has been undertaken. Ms. Akins felt employees are still being retaliated against and felt if someone on the outside comes in and could see how many relatives are working under relatives. Mayor Lockhart encouraged Council in an executive session to review the

investigative report. Mr. Brandon stated we are trying to get a Christmas bonus for employees but if we hire a consultant with \$40 to \$60 thousand dollars and we hire an investigator for Public Works, then we will not have the money.

Ms. Akins made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Antoine. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Lord made a motion to reconvene the Work Session, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment: Ms. McCord made a motion to adjourn the Work Session, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of November 17, 2014 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:20 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mr. Barnett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart, Mayor Pro-tem Maudie McCord and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Linda Lord, Dabouze Antoine and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Sharon Smith, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell and Mike Williams, City Attorney.

Mayor Lockhart asked that the recognition of the Babb Middle School football Team be placed first on the agenda.

Ms. Lord made a motion to amend the agenda and recognize Babb Middle School first on the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Proclamation: Mayor Lockhart presented the Babb Middle School Football Team with a proclamation for their winning season.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of November 3, 2014, the revised minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2014 and the Special Called Meeting of October 30, 2014, seconded by Mr. Dabouze. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Keisha Crockett - thanked the Mayor and Council for their willingness to take a situation and make it right. She also thanked the Mayor for responding to her e-mail so promptly. Ms. Crockett also thanked Tiffanie Byrd in business licenses

for her work with the City and helping to promote the businesses.

Carl Evans - stated he felt the City did not need a Public Relations employee and told Council it was their duty to spend the citizens money wisely.

Lawanda Folomi – she asked Council to consider when we have guests, to change the comment period. She said they are still taking away time the citizens have to speak due to the Executive Sessions.

Miriam White – stated she does not see participation like the Council is a team. She stated the Council shows division and we should all work together. She felt things on the agenda are not broken down so they can understand them. Having separate meetings is not fair, they have asked for a budget and felt they are not receiving information.

Forrest Webb – thanked the Police and Fire department and Al Wiggins for their service. He stated when you take action in censoring one of your colleagues budget, which has already been authorized, you could become liable. He said to censor one of your peers from gaining additional knowledge about other cultures and other individuals not represented here is disappointing. He said he was extremely disappointed.

Keep Forest
Park Beautiful:

Mr. Al Wiggins presented Forest Park First Primitive Baptist Church with the commercial Beautification Award.

Amendment to
Agenda:

Mr. Antoine made a motion to amend the agenda and add Item #3 to discuss the City Manager, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. Akins and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

Ms. Akins made a motion that we terminate our current City Manager immediately and appoint Angela Redding as our Interim City Manager, seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Ms. Akins felt the City Manager has not been doing his job, he is arrogant, unprofessional attitude toward council. She said she has been trying to get a management assessment done and he does not want to get involved in major issues of the Public Works Department.

Mayor Lockhart stated Mr. Brandon has been doing an excellent job managing the City and we cannot afford to terminate him due to severance pay, and we are in the middle of Fort Gillem. He stated Fort Gillem still has unanswered questions as to what property maybe developed. He stated if the Army, EPD and EPA see a hint of crumbling government, he is not sure if we will see any more development at Fort Gillem.

Ms. Lord stated we should not let our egos and personalities get involved in the situation and we need to have stability and that will not come from getting rid of our City Manager or directors.

Mr. Antoine stated he has not shown professionalism and shows disrespect to the city council and refuses to handle racial incidents and has not followed Council directions.

Mr. Smith stated Mr. Brandon has been doing an excellent job and has no problem.

Ms. McCord stated we know the Mayor has the power to appoint new members to any committee at any time. We know the council may make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any department. The Mayor and Council may individually make inquiries of any city employee concerning the operations of the City. She would like to see our employees come to work and not have to worry how they will pay the bills and take care of the needs of their family. She stated there is no excuse for this not happening. She said changes are going made in some of our departments, we will not see a massive change today but if we work together we can accomplish great things for our City, It will never happen if we cannot get together, discuss and plan and execute. She said we can move this city forward if we work on providing solutions rather than excuses. If we work together not only as a council but as a community, and we will not all agree on everything and we have that right to agree or disagree and we can do that and still respect each other. She said it is her desire to work toward creating a better relationship between city and employees to support the leadership of the city as long as the city is moving in a positive direction.

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

Mayor Lockhart explained this is effective immediately awaiting further action.

Mr. Brandon left the meeting.

Mr. Antoine asked if the Mayor has the right to veto this action. Mr. Williams stated he had answered that question in a memorandum that's attorney work product and would rather not at this point answer that publicly.

Alcohol
Renewals:

Request was made to consider the following:

RENEWAL OF RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR BEER AND WINE

- Shree Gogajikrupa LLC, Parkway Bottle Shoppe, 11 Forest Parkway, no exceptions noted
- Mou Enterprises, Forest Park Food Mart, 4193 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- GJMMA, Inc. Buddy's Food Mart, 5891-A Ash Street, no exceptions noted
- SAB Mart, Inv. Piggly Wiggly, 4769 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted
- Old Dixie "C" Store, Inc., Texaco Food Mart, 5111 Old Dixie Highway, no exceptions noted

Ms. Lord made a motion that all of the renewal of retail alcohol licenses for beer and wine presented be approved, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Krachel
Agency:

Request was made to consider Krachel Agency as the vendor for the Christmas Parade T-shirts.

Ms. Akins made a motion to accept Krachel Agency as vendor for the Christmas Parade t-shirts, seconded by Mr. Antoine.

Ms. Lord stated we have a committee that has made their decision which was unanimous and we need to let this committee do what they were designated to do. Mr. Smith agreed.

Voting for the motion were Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. Mayor Lockhart voted against the motion to break the tie. The motion failed.

Public Relations- Request was made to discuss the hiring or retaining of a public relations staff member or consultant to assist the City of Forest Park with media and public relations.

Mr. Antoine made a motion to remove this item from the agenda, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Investigation of Public Works: Request was made to authorize investigation of the Public Works Department.

Ms. Lord made a motion to remove this item from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion was Ms. Akins. The motion carried.

Appointment Of Solicitor: Mr. Antoine made a motion to appoint Ms. Kristal Holmes as our new solicitor for the City of Forest Park, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion were Ms. McCord, Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. The motion carried.

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

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
Forest Park, Georgia

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: November 20, 2014

NO: #226-2015

TO: Frank Brandon, City Manager
FROM: L. Dwayne Hobbs, Director, Dept. of Police Services
SUBJECT: Retail Alcohol License (Beer & Wine)



*****RENEWAL*****

RE: Old Dixie Food & Gas, Inc.
Quick Stop
5428 Old Dixie Highway
Forest Park, GA 30297

Parwaiz Bhai

NO EXCEPTIONS NOTED

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
Forest Park, Georgia

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: November 14, 2014
NO: #269-2015

TO: Frank Brandon, City Manager
FROM: L. Dwayne Hobbs, Director, Dept. of Police Services
SUBJECT: Retail Alcohol License (Beer & Wine)



*****RENEWAL*****

RE: Shuvo Enterprises LLC
Forest Speed Food Mart
868 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

Rokeya Rahman

NO EXCEPTIONS NOTED


DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
Forest Park, Georgia

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: November 14, 2014

NO: #265-2015

TO: Frank Brandon, City Manager

FROM: L. Dwayne Hobbs, Director, Dept. of Police Services 

SUBJECT: Retail Alcohol License (Beer & Wine)

*****RENEWAL*****

RE: Marshall Business Ventures, Inc.
Park Food Mart
4209 Jonesboro Road
Forest Park, GA 30297

Aziz Ali

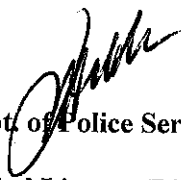
NO EXCEPTIONS NOTED

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
Forest Park, Georgia

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: November 20, 2014
CONTROL NO: CA148-2015

TO: Frank Brandon, City Manager
FROM: L. Dwayne Hobbs, Director, Dept. of Police Services
SUBJECT: On-Premises Consumption Alcohol License (Liquor, Beer & Wine)



*****RENEWAL*****

RE: First Class Ultra Lounge & Restaurant
5340 Old Dixie Rd
Forest Park, Georgia 30297

Alfonzso Daggett

NO EXCEPTIONS NOTED

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
Forest Park, Georgia

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: November 21, 2014
NO: #264-2015

TO: Frank Brandon, City Manager
FROM: L. Dwayne Hobbs, Director, Dept. of Police Services
SUBJECT: Retail Alcohol License (Beer Only)

*****RENEWAL & LOCATION CHANGE*****

RE: Mint Trader Inc
Best Food Mart
4700 Jonesboro Rd
Forest Park, GA 30297

Azim Akhtar

NO EXCEPTIONS NOTED