



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of December 17, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Latresa Wells at 7:20 p.m.

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Dr. Wanda Miller Curry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Latresa Wells and Councilmembers Kimberly James, Sandra Bagley, and Allan Mears.

Councilman Dabouze Antoine was present via conference call
Mayor Angelyne Butler was absent

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of Finance Ken Thompson, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Fredalyn Frasier, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Interim Police Chief Armstrong, Chief Buckholts, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Abby Jones, IT Director Darren Duke, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated he wanted to discuss the picnic tables and pavilions at Ft. Gillem that a lot of the residents didn't even know existed. Mr. Evans stated now that property has been sold it doesn't benefit the residents very well. He stated there was a presentation last year about Stephen Lake and nothing has been discussed about it this year. He stated he doesn't know why they are trying to separate the sports activities. Mr. Evans questioned does the city need to pay \$70,000 for a fence that may not match the Master Plan which causes more money to be spent. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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Diane Lunsford – stated dealing with Waste Management is frustrating. She stated when she puts her garbage can out for servicing it stays there for 2-3 days after the scheduled pick-up day. They flew by on her recycle day because no one had their cans out and when they do pick up they make a mess. Mrs. Lunsford expressed her concerns about Council-member's behavior. Mrs. Lunsford stated she feels the Master Plan is great however, she doesn't see it happening in her lifetime.

Felicia Davis – stated in her Ward on Lyndale Circle water is backing up. She stated she wanted to co-sign about the two items mentioned earlier and that you have to keep in consideration balancing the Ft. Gillem side and Starr Park sides of town. She stated her hope is that they plan for those that are here presently and the ones that might come in the future. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

JoAnne Thomas – stated they had to deal with the explosion that went on at Ft. Gillem and she expressed her concerns about Holland Park Apartments and all types of wildlife in the area she lives in. She asked the governing body to look into her concerns because they are also a part of Forest Park.

Councilwoman Bagley stated to Ms. Thomas that she reached out to her along with Mrs. Redding and they are trying to address her concerns.

Dr. Beeler – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated he wanted to thank everyone who has helped out with the Christmas Baskets that they are doing for the Fire and Police Department. They have received donations from local business and some of the governing body members (Sandra Bagley and Allan Mears) and that helped them reach their goal. He stated they postponed the actually fixing of the baskets until Thursday December 20th at 4640 Beavers Road @ 9:00am. Dr. Beeler presented the governing body with a gift.



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Gregory Haynes – stated the community is divided and he wants to speak on Springdale Rd. because there are tires and trucks piled up and it has been that way for the past 5-6 years. He stated the property is an eye sore.

LaWanda Folami – expressed her concerns about a lobbyist, the fence at Kiwanis Stadium and agrees with Ms. Joanne Thomas. She requested the governing body visit the area.

Yasmin Julio – stated she wasn't able to speak during the presentation of the Master Plan, however things that need to be considered are the fees have gone up on soccer, baseball and football and the need for additional parking. Her last comment was regarding Mrs. Lunsford's reference to Waste Management. Ms. Julio stated she has no problem with them except they block the street because they park in the middle in order to get both sides.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Work Session Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2018. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items:

Yard of the Quarter Ward 5:

Councilman Mears stated the family has been in Forest Park about 20 years. He stated they own 1 or 2 houses within his Ward. Councilman Mears stated Mr. Huynh and the neighbor across the street are always in competition and they are up early in the morning in their yards doing something and they are yard fanatics. He stated he will take the Certificate and present it to him.

Appointment of Election Superintendent:

Councilwoman James made a motion to select Lois Wright as the Election Superintendent. Councilman Mears stated it was his understanding that they were waiting to get information back from the County to see if it was cheaper to allow them to handle the election



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or continue doing it ourselves. Mayor Pro-tem Latresa Wells stated in her opinion there has not been any issues, so why change it now. Councilwoman Bagley stated her concern is last time there was a local city election and county election going on and the residents didn't know where they had to go vote. She stated she would like to table the item until they get confirmation and the numbers back and until the Mayor is present to review.

It was seconded by Councilman Dabouze Antoine. Voting for the motion were: Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman James and Mayor Pro-Tem Latresa Wells. Voting against the motion were: Councilwoman Bagley and Councilman Mears. The motion carried.

Appointment of Edward Taylor to The DDA Board:

Councilwoman James made a motion to appoint Edward Taylor to the Downtown Development Authority Board. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

Ordinance to Establish budget for FY 18-19 SPLOST Capital Project Funds:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance to Establish the budgets for the 2008 and 2015 SPLOST Capital Projects Funds for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Ordinance. It was seconded by Councilwoman James.

Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

Resolution to Declare Items Surplus:

Request was made to consider a Resolution to declare certain city property to be surplus property and to provide for its proper disposal either auction or other methods.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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**Fence Project
Award Approval:**

Councilman James made a motion to accept this approval to award CFC Fence the fencing project at Kiwanis Stadium. It was seconded by Councilman Mears.

Councilman Mears asked has there been any coordination between the Park Plan and the fence to make sure they don't interfere with each other. Mr. Eady stated what's being proposed is removing the fence at the corner of Springdale around to Lake. The retaining wall going back East on Springdale will remain in place because it is a true retaining wall holding the soil. Mr. Eady stated it will be installed in panels and it can be removed at a later date. He stated it was coordinated with the Park Plan the fence itself is a black ornamental metal fence.

Mrs. Redding stated to add to Mr. Eady's comments, she along with Abby and Fredalyn met with Gary last week and those items were brought to his attention and the recommendation was to move forward based on Kiwanis Stadium being in Phase 5 which could be 5 years or more down the road.

Councilwoman James stated to make sure the residents understand this money has already been allocated for the SPLOST fund and can only be used for Kiwanis. They are not using money that can go somewhere else it can only go to Kiwanis and that is the way the SPLOST was voted on.

Mr. Eady stated in the Master Plan itself there were no changes in the curb line. The fence will still border West Street around Lake. Even 7-8 years down the road the fence is pretty generic and will go with anything that may be put in place at that time.

Councilwoman Bagley asked Mr. Eady how sturdy is the fence going to be. Mr. Eady responded it's going to be pretty sturdy, may not withstand a car. He stated it is a commercial grade fence 6 feet high with privacy slats.



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Councilman Mears stated he is in total agreement and that will improve the look of that corner significantly.

Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Authorize Request
For Economic Dev.
Director and Part-
Time Event Planner:**

Councilwoman James made a request to authorize the position of Economic Development Director and Part-time Event Planner. It was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Latresa Wells.

Councilman Mears asked were the two jobs being combined. Mrs. Redding replied they will be two separate positions.

Councilman Antoine asked were they going to be two part-time positions. Mrs. Redding stated the Economic Development Director position is full-time. Councilman Antoine asked what exactly would the Event Planner be doing for the City. Mrs. Redding stated the Event Planner would be involved in all the activities and initiatives that the governing body expressed that they would like to see to include the concerts, Fun Friday events, Food Truck Tuesdays, Health Fair, City Job Fair and any other event.

Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Governing Body
Comments:**

Councilman James wished everyone a Merry Christmas and she hopes they have a wonderful opening to their New Year. She stated she wanted to mention a few things. She stated it may look like they are separating the Starr Park from Ft. Gillem but they are looking at things holistically at the city and looking to see how they can make improvements within the entire city. She stated the feedback that is given is taken seriously and they will take a look at it to better accommodate what the citizens are suggesting. She stated there were surveys and feedback received in regards to the Master Plan initially as well.



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Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for coming. He stated there was an earthquake recently and he is glad everyone was not affected by it. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He asked for continued prayers for the governing body.

Councilwoman Bagley wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She stated there was a very beautiful CCMA Christmas Party and she thanked the staff involved in the preparation for the event. She stated she picked up some information for the GA Dept. of Labor about a hiring fair every Wednesday from 9 am - 12 noon at the Dept. of Labor office located on Phoenix Blvd. immediately off Riverdale Rd. There are full time positions, all shifts available, and production experience necessary and the starting salary range is \$7.75 - \$14.00 hr. Clayton County Dept. of Labor host Wednesday December 19th from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. They will have active interviews, so dress accordingly and bring your Resumes'. She stated her mom and dad are doing great and her day just celebrated his 88th birthday.

Mrs. Redding wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She thanked the governing body and the residents for the opportunity to serve as the City Manager. She stated she has been with the City of Forest Park for 19 years and this is a different role for her, but she has a true passion for Forest Park and the best interest of the City at heart.

Mayor Pro-Tem Latresa Wells thanked everyone for coming out and wished a Merry Christmas to all. She stated she will not respond to the negativity. She stated on Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend they are planning the city's first parade and more information will be forthcoming.

Councilman Mears thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated you may not have a lot of money but you have a lot of pride. People that have pride



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take the time out to make sure their property as pleasant as it can be.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to recess the Regular meeting and enter into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate Matters. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

Executive Session:

The governing body entered into Executive Session at 8:11pm.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.