



**CITY OF FOREST PARK**  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2018 7:00 P.M.

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**Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of December 3, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:20 p.m.

**Invocation:** The Invocation was given by Pastor Clinkscales followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Mayor Angelyne Butler and Councilmembers Dabouze Antoine, Kimberly James, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

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, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corely, IT Director Darren Duke, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams, and Management Analyst Tiffanie Robinson

**Comment** Carl Evans – stated he would like to give his condolences to Mario’s family. He stated he would like to see the Public Works Department be able to take off and attend the funeral to represent the City. Mr. Evans stated the decorations on Main Street look horrible because the bulbs are not working properly. He stated he noticed work that is being done on the walkway and it is showing progress. Mr. Evans stated the governing body needs to speak more into their microphones because he has had complaints saying they couldn’t hear them during the work session. He stated he agrees that there needs to be some type of standard set for the Proclamations.

Mattie Hartsfield – stated she is really concerned about the city. There are a lot of issues going on. She stated she would like to address Councilman Antoine. Mrs. Hartsfield stated Councilman Antoine is her councilman and he doesn’t treat the seniors on Middlebrooks Drive like he should. She stated he has



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special people that he takes care of. Mrs. Hartsfield stated there is a lot of favoritism and nepotism going on in the city and City Council. She stated she has tried to reach the City Manager multiple times and she has not returned her call. She stated she is not trying to run the city, but everyone needs to work together and do the right thing.

Ms. Mussington – stated she knows that some of the governing body is talking down the Proclamation for Ms. Lawanda Folami. She stated she has done a lot of great things within the community. People that need a place to live, they could call her up and she helped find and get them in touch with the right people. Ms. Mussington stated when the lights were out Lawanda was there to check on the seniors to make sure they had food. She stated to the governing body that they need to remember who voted them in there to work as a body not individuals. She stated she wants to warn the governing body that elections are coming up and they will take them out.

Ms. Davis – stated the last time that she was present at a meeting she was in favor of the city adopting a green renewable clean energy goal for 2030-2050. She stated the National Climate assessment has come out so all 13 agencies are in agreement. Ms. Davis stated other cities are leaning forward and since Forest Park is the largest city in the county she hopes it's considered because reaching for green renewable is the way of the future.

Dr. Beeler – stated he is representing the Forest Park Minister's Association and every year they do Christmas Baskets for the Fire and Police Department. In the past, the Councilmembers used to donate at least \$200 every year to help with cost. He stated they don't just give out baskets to the patrolling office, but to everyone within the department.



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Samuel Ibanez – stated the service in city hall has gotten better. He stated the employees go above and beyond to assist him now. Mr. Ibanez stated he agrees there should be community togetherness. He stated he would like to see in a booklet that he received from the police department codes that represent what is going on during an emergency and also for the booklet to be in other languages.

Mr. Stidwell – stated he lives across the street from Starr Park and his number one issue is about Marta. He stated the ones that have to ride the bus have to stand out in the open. Mr. Stidwell stated he couldn't go to work the other day because of the rain and it was 18 degrees. He stated it needs to have shelter and when he spoke to Marta they informed him to speak with his City Council. The other issue that he has is pit bulls' running throughout the city and it is a big problem. He stated if you call the dog catcher they want all of your information and then they rat you out and now you have an angry dog owner that doesn't like you in the neighborhood.

Representative Stovall - stated she wanted to give an update on the Legislative Session. She stated her office created a citizens task force to re-evaluate the ethics board for the county and to create one for the school system. The meeting will be Saturday @ 10:00 am at Clayton State University East Campus across from Morrow Middle School and all are invited. Rep. Stovall stated the Atlanta State Farmers Market has finalized their report and submitted it to the speaker. Now they are just waiting to hear back from the speaker as to what is the next step. Rep. Stovall stated there were 5 days of legislative session and they re-appropriated \$270 million to South Georgia due to hurricane Michael's destruction. She stated there were \$37 million loss of timber, \$550 million loss in cotton, \$2.5 billion loss within the agricultural and timber industry together, \$2 million in chickens, and \$560 million in pecans. The devastating things



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about the pecans is that it take about 12-15 years for a pecan tree to grow and the farmers are definitely going to suffer. She wanted to make sure that everyone remembers to get out and vote tomorrow for the Public Service Commissioner and Secretary of State. Rep. Stovall stated her last comment is on the CDBG proposal she would like to see in the future the request for workforce be added and requested as well. She stated that is something that they did add on and a request can be made and also for senior housing.

LaWanda Folami – stated she is praying with the governing body and something has to be done to move the city forward. It doesn't matter if we agree or disagree, like someone or dislike someone the city has to move forward. She stated she comes out and still see the city in a stagnant way and that tells her the governing body is not communicating on the same level to get things done. It's time to grow the city and the constituents voted for you for one reason only and that is for growth.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilwoman Bagley stated there are a few changes on page 2 under "Proclamation NOPI Auto Parts" she wants the following verbiage added "the family is being recognized because they have a 52 year history in the City of Forest Park and truly deserves the recognition. She also indicated that on page 3 in the last paragraph there is a typo that should be "out" instead of "our".

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to group the Work Session Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2018 with recommended changes. It was seconded by Councilwoman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Yard of the Quarter Ward 3:**

Councilwoman Bagley stated that Mr. Bright is a senior in Ward 3 that lives on Waverly Drive. Recently loss his wife, but has continued a pattern of having a really pretty yard. She stated if you get an opportunity



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to go see his yard it is beautiful year round. He is under the weather and could not accept his award, but sent a thank you for the recognition.

**Proclamation  
Presentation:**

Mayor Butler presented a Proclamation to Dr. LaWanda Folami for her many contributions to the community.

LaWanda Folami stated that she is so humbled and her heart is full. She stated she labors for the Lord. She thanked the governing body and stated she will take the Proclamation and pass it on to her granddaughter.

**Certificate of  
Recognition:**

Councilwoman James stated she would like to show recognition to Mr. Lee Boyd. Councilwoman James read the following biography of Mr. Lee Boyd: Lee was born on December 22, 1945 in Dallas, Texas. His mom raised him to treat people the way he wants to be treated and to put others before himself. He married his wife Suzanne Ruth on October 9, 1970. They enjoyed 36 years of marriage before her passing in January 2007. From this union they cared for 2 dogs, Blackie and Little Bit. They also served the community. Both Suzanne and Lee worked for the Army Air Force Exchange at Fort Gillem when they moved to Clayton County in 1977. While in Clayton County, Mr. Lee served as the Chairperson for the Taste of Clayton for 10 years. He served as (CASA) Court Appointed Special Advocates for children for 4 years. He was known in 2007 as the "Duck Man" because of his fundraising efforts in selling the most plastic ducks for a darling duck derby. In 2008, he became a member of the Kiwanis Club and he now serves as the building superintendent for Kiwanis. He is the Elf on the Kiwanis Float in the City of Forest Park Christmas Parade which as he says gives him a new appreciation for women and stockings. He has helped the Atlanta Food Bank give out food to the community at Forest Park Middle School. He helps to give out survival bags to Forest Park Middle school



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students who are less fortunate. He also supports the Builder's club in their annual Christmas Baskets for families. He helps with Fundraisers for Forest Park Middle School and Forest Park High School. He has sold over 168 cases of World Finest Chocolate which equals to over \$10,000. December 3, 2018 has been named Lee Boyd's Day by Forest Park High School and Forest Park Middle School. Mr. Lee is a consistent volunteer. He was called the "Duck Man" in 2007 but we call him "Candy Man" in 2018.

Councilwoman James presented Mr. Lee Boyd with a Certificate of Recognition.

**Resolution Authorizing an exception to the Adult Entertainment**

Request was made to consider a Resolution Authorizing a specific, limited exception to the Adult Entertainment Ordinance.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kimberly James.

Councilwoman James stated this is to approve for one day which is the Super Bowl Sunday for all to be open because there will be Millions of dollars coming through our city and want to allow any business the opportunity to be able to prosper on that day if they choose to do so and that is the reason for her vote.

Voting for the motion were: Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman James and Councilwoman Wells. Voting no for the motion was: Councilwoman Bagley. Councilman Mears Abstained. The motion carried.

Mayor Butler stated she has a VETO for that item.

**Resolution to Apply For HUD Funding:**

Request was made to consider a Resolution to apply for HUD Funding through the Community Development Block Grant.

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



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Councilwoman Bagley asked if the city is applying now or have we already received approval for this and do we have to apply every year. Mrs. Redding stated we have to apply each year and the deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Intergovernmental Agreement between GA Dept. of Agriculture and Police Services:**

Request was made to consider the Approval of an IGA between Georgia Department of Agriculture and City of Forest Park Police Services.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve this item. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Resolution to Revise Proclamation Policy:**

Request was made to Consider a Resolution to revise Proclamation Policy.

Councilwoman James made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion were: Councilman Mears, Councilwoman Bagley and Councilwoman James. Voting against the motion were: Councilman Antoine and Councilwoman Wells. The motion carried.

**Governing Body Comments:**

Councilman Mears stated he hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving and remember the reason for the season and he thanked everyone for coming.

Councilwoman Wells stated she hoped everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. She stated she was not going to address negativity, however instead of talking negatively why not sit down and talk to the governing body and get to know them better. She said regardless of skin color they are trying to work together. Councilwoman Wells stated if you have something to say about her please call her name because she is taking care of her Ward



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and her heart is in the City because she has been here all of her life. She stated she doesn't agree with Proclamations being given to everybody because that makes the officers shot in the line of duty look really bad. She stated she doesn't condone it.

Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for coming out. She wanted to say thank you to Jeff Eady on behalf of the governing body for hosting Employee Appreciation Day. She thanked everyone for coming out to the Christmas Parade. Councilwoman Bagley thanked the business owners and citizens for their support. In closing she reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

Councilwoman James stated it may not look like the city is not moving forward, but we are moving forward. There are a couple new business opening up in the city and potentially more new businesses coming to the area. She stated they take the criticism as well as the praise because that's how they grow and get better. Councilwoman James thanked the residents for their feedback.

Councilman Antoine stated he would like to thank everyone for coming out. He stated there is a quote that says "after a while a leopard will show his spots" if you know him he is about helping people. He stated he represents Ward 2 and the majority of the people know where his heart is. He stated he is for supporting businesses. The Super Bowl is coming and it is a no brainer to support a business that will be collecting money to pay taxes to the city. He stated when you don't have a city or mayor that supports businesses the businesses walk away.

Mayor Butler stated she finds that comment out of order. Councilman Antoine stated he wasn't done. Mayor Butler advised Councilman Antoine if he continues she will have him removed. She stated she will rule him out of order if he continues and ask him





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to leave. She asked that Councilman Antoine be removed.

Councilman Antoine asked the City Attorney can she do that. Mike Williams stated he can appeal the ruling with the rest of the governing body. Mayor Butler asked the members of council who finds that Councilman Antoine was out of order with his last comment. Councilman Mears and Councilwoman Bagley voted "YES". Councilwoman James voted "NO".

Mayor Butler thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Redding asked everyone to keep Mario's family in their prayers and the information regarding his funeral arrangements and visitation were displayed on the screen. She stated he was employed with the city for 20 years.

**Adjournment:**

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