

## M I N U T E S

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2018

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of February 19, 2018, was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 6:30 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Rev. Hoyt Noel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Mayor Angelyne Butler, Councilmembers Kimberly James, Allan Mears, and Latresa Wells. Councilman Dabouze Antoine arrived at 6:22 p.m.
- Absent: Councilwoman Sandra Bagley

Also present were:

Angela Redding	City Manager
Deputy Chief Matt Jackson	Fire
Major Chris Matson	Police
Mike Blandenburg	Director Finance
Jeff Eady	Director Public Works
Christine Terrell	Director Support Services
Darren Duke	Director IT
David New	Interim Director PB & Z
Michael Williams	Attorney

Comment Period: Zack Parker – He stated he had an issue with the appointments made by City Council of January 3, 2018, specifically, Mr. Naeem Thobhani. He said these appointments were for the Urban redevelopment Agency and he failed to understand why this man was appointed to this position. He stated he and his father own about 20 houses in this city and at least 3 were boarded up and unlivable. He asked how is it that a man who has owned these homes since 2011 is now tasked with helping redevelop Fort Gillem and Main Street.

Mr. Carl Evans – addressed problems with the Council referring to the previous administration. He asked why we are here on Presidents day and the meeting should be rescheduled for tomorrow. He stated there are problems with appointments being made where Council has appointed members to the

Ethics Board that were charged and dismissed from Council for criminal activity.

Kinetha Gwinn – She stated on February 16th, her son had 5 guns drawn on him. She stated her son was mistaken for someone else and he now has post-traumatic stress and will be seeking legal action.

Lisa Dukes - stated she would like to address the pay for City Council. She stated after researching, Forest Park is paid the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the State of Georgia.

Samuel Ibenez – stated Council should be more active and answer phone calls to respond to citizens and stated there needs to be more time during these meetings to talk to Council.

Lawanda Folomi – thanked the County and the City for addressing the fuel tax. She also acknowledged Ms. Virginia Ford who is receiving the Servant Award in Forest Park.

Dr. Leon Beeler - stated he is moving into Forest Park. They decided to sell their property and buy 1000 Main Street because they wanted to be in this City.

Representative Kim Schofield – updated Council on HB719 that gives preference for homeless vets, House Resolution 941 creating transparency with minority contracts, which has been a big issue in the State. She stated we are still working on the fuel tax and will continue to fight.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to combine and approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 5<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman James seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.

Proclamations:

Councilwoman Wells presented a proclamation to Coach Josh Froneberger of the Forest Park High School Baseball Team.

Councilwoman Wells presented a proclamation to Pastor Jeremy C. Tuck of Living faith Tabernacle.

Resolution: (De-annexation Legislation)

Request was made to consider a Resolution urging the Georgia General Assembly to oppose de-annexation Legislation, to create new municipalities; providing for severability; repealing inconsistent resolutions, providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Wells made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution: Request was made to consider a Resolution regarding the (Downtown Development Authority) Downtown Development Authority of the City of Forest Park; filling certain expired terms in the offices of the Directors of the Downtown Development Authority; Designating a revised Downtown Development Area; providing for severability; repealing inconsistent resolutions; providing for an Effective Date of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

Ms. James made a motion to table this Resolution, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Legal Matters: None

Adjournment: Councilwoman James made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously in favor of the motion.