

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of February 20, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Corine Deyton at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilwoman Linda Lord followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Corine Deyton, Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams, Councilwomen Linda Lord, Maudie McCord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still, Major Chris Matson, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Chief Eddie Buckholts and City Attorneys Joe Harris and Robert Mack.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 6, 2012, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comments: Carl Evans – stated Council should recognize the Dance Teams at Babb Middle School and Forest Park High School. He stated both teams received awards at the Dance Competition on Saturday.

Dennis Williams – stated on January 16, 2012, Pink Pony and Crazy Horse closed their doors. He stated they were not granted their business license renewals for 2012 based on certain conduct issues. He stated on February 6th, a license was accepted on another establishment and renewed since the cases have not been adjudicated in court. He stated they had issues and their license was not issued based on cases that were not adjudicated and there was no evidence produced, just allegations. He stated he had people with him for 10 to 15 years and now they are out for looking for work now. He stated there is still litigation pending. He said there are 5 lawsuits presently going on and a settlement offer has been presented. He stated if we are adjudicated and the license is granted, there is exposure for damages and collectively since the Ordinance was enacted, they will have a claim against the City in the amount of \$2,652,513.75.

Presentation: Ms. Edie Yongue, Keep Forest Park Beautiful, presented the residential “Yard of the Month” to Mr. Andy Anderson.

Proclamation: Chief Eddie Buckholts read a proclamation proclaiming February as “American Heart Month”. He then presented Ms. Patty Storey, employee of Chick- Fil –A, with a plaque for performing life saving measures on customer, Ms. Diane Owens.

Renewal of Alcohol license- B & E Bowling: Request was made to consider the renewal of an on-premises consumption alcohol license for beer and wine from B & E Bowling, Inc. Funtime Bowl/Forest Park, 4839 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the renewal of the alcohol license for B & E Bowling, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Renewal of Alcohol license - Restaurant Forest: Request was made to consider the renewal of an on-premises consumption alcohol license for liquor, beer and wine from Restaurant Forest, 5025 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the renewal of the on-premises consumption alcohol license from Restaurant Forest, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Renewal of Alcohol license - Forest Wing & Fish: Request was made to consider renewal of an on-premises consumption alcohol license for beer only from Forest Wing and Fish, 4430 Jonesboro Road, no exceptions noted.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the renewal of the on-premises consumption alcohol license for beer only from Forest Wing and Fish, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance - Annexation: Request was made to consider the Second Reading of an Ordinance by the Governing Authority of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to amend the Charter of the City, 1988 Ga. Laws 4409 Et Seq., as amended, so as to annex certain land into the Corporate Limits of the City; to repeal all Ordinances and Charter provisions in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution - Surplus property: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park declaring certain City property, listed on Exhibit A, to be surplus property and to provide for its proper disposal either by Auction or other methods pursuant to the City’s Ordinances; and for other purposes.

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

Ordinance -
Appropriation
of Funds:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to appropriate additional funds in the total amount of \$44,200.00 to cover telephone and internet services costs for several City Departments; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance -
Appropriation
of Funds:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to appropriate additional funds in the total amount of \$103,410.00 to cover vehicle insurance costs and property and liability insurance costs for several City Departments; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance -
Unlawful to
appear in public
wearing pants/skirts
more than 3
inches below top
of hips:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to amend Title 11, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, so as to provide that it shall be unlawful to appear in a public place in the City wearing pants or skirts more than three (3) inches below the top of the hips (i.e., the crest of the Ilium) exposing the skin or undergarments; to provide that persons who violate this ordinance shall be subject to certain fines, but shall not be subject to arrest or imprisonment; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Other Business:

Ms. Adams made a motion to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to request on behalf of the City, that the Georgia General Assembly amend all of the City's Charter Provisions governing how the Mayor and City Council transact the business of the City so as to make those city Charter provisions consistent with the 1997 Amendment to the City Charter, which reduced the number of members of the City Council from seven (7) to five (5); and to request the General Assembly to amend Section 5.12(b) of said Charter remove the

inconsistency therein that purports to state that Council Members are “Elected at Large,” since Council Members in the City are and have been for years elected by Ward by virtue of a prior Charter Amendment; to express the support of the City in favor of said amendments to the City Charter; to repeal all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.