

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MARCH 19, 2018

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 6:30 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Reverend Persephone Fuller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Mayor Angelyne Butler, Councilmembers Kimberly James, Allan Mears, Latresa Wells, Sandra Bagley and Dabouze Antoine.

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of IT Darren Duke, Major Jamie Reynolds, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning David New and City Attorney Michael Williams.

- Comment Period: Mr. Zack Parker – stated he wants to see the City change, and he doesn't like seeing what has happened in the last three decades. He felt it was a change for the worst and changes need to be made. He stated we need to start with the fact there are too many renters in the City, and these people do not have a stake in the community. He also noted there are not enough code enforcement officers. He said he is willing to take part in this change.

- Approval of Minutes: Ms. Bagley made the following corrections to the minutes: Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of March 5th, *Holtsclaw* should be *Holtzclaw*. Resolution for Downtown Development Authority: change to Ms. Bagley voted *against* the motion.

Ms. James made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 5th with the corrections noted, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Proclamation: Mayor Butler presented a proclamation to the family of Brandon Gamble, a citizen that lost his life while saving his family in a house fire.

Ordinance:
Amending
Operating
Budget: Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia to amend the 2017-2018 Operating Budget to transfer funds to cover Computer Hardware and Software Expenses, to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Wells made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. James.

Mr. Antoine asked for additional information. Ms. Redding explained this will cover unexpected costs associated with software and patches. Mr. Duke explained this is due to a series of hardware security and vulnerability found on January 2nd and affects all the computers. This request is necessary to cover cost of upgrading all of the server systems to Windows Server 2016.

Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance:
Amending
Operating
Budget: Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia to amend the 2017-2018 Operating Budget to transfer funds to cover Expenses related to Starr Park Master Plan; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Antoine asked who the consultant is for this project. Ms. Redding stated the consultant is Lord Aeck Sargent. She stated this process started last year but the invoices were coded to SPLOST and this project is ineligible for SPLOST funds. She stated SPLOST Projects had to be approved by a vote of the citizens in the 2015 SPLOST. This referendum did not include the cost of the Starr Park Master Plan therefore the cost associated with this cannot be paid out of SPLOST funds. We are now requesting funds from the Contingency Fund to cover these costs.

Mr. Antoine asked if there is a drawing of the Master Plan. Ms. Redding stated everything had been put on hold due to the election and we are now moving forward, once the invoices are paid.

Ms. Bagley asked why did we just find out and what is the cost of these invoices. Ms. Redding stated the invoices were brought to her attention in February, indicating invoices from the previous year had not been paid. She said other city staff could have requested the proper documentation necessary to pay the invoices, but that was not done. The cost is \$150,000.

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

Executive
Session:

Mr. Antoine made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate matters, seconded by Ms. James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

Ms. James made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Adjournment:

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