

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF APRIL 2, 2018

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of April 2, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:05 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Reverend Clinksdale followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Angelyne Butler and Councilmembers Kimberly James, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of IT Darren Duke, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Interim Director of Planning and Zoning David New, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Major Reynolds, Chief Dwayne Hobbs and City Attorney Mike Williams.

- Comment Period: Mr. Carl Evans – stated you will not find anyone in law enforcement that is for the marijuana issue on the agenda. He stated there is a reason we have the laws in place and we should not be changing them.

Mr. Roy Lunsford – asked if the City has any money invested in the places that need to be demolished as far as ownership and if not, give them to the Land Bank. He stated the Aerotropolis has provided nothing in the past, and asked once the audit is completed, will the City Council take care of what the audit reveals.

Lisa Duke - encouraged the City to participate in the Aerotropolis project and felt it would be very healthy for the City and felt we should embrace the fact we are a part of metro Atlanta and get some of that success for ourselves.

Gregory Haynes – commended the elected officials for listening to their comments, and wants to open the recreation facilities to our youth.

Dianne Lunsford - felt Judge Freeman's program should work for the City without changing the ordinance, and stated she is ashamed of our city leaders, city attorney and citizens for their actions and behavior at the Development Authority meeting last Wednesday.

Samuel Ibenez - stated we need to support our children, also businesses need to be treated fairly, and as far as the apartments, we need investors, painters, carpenters, etc. to get involved.

Felicia Davis - stated we want to be a family oriented city, and was not in favor of the alcohol sales on Sunday for adult entertainment establishments.

LaWanda Folomi - stated the marijuana issue is a roller coaster, but we should consider the safety of our officers.

Elder Wanda and Reverend Mike stated they are part of the Forest Park Ministers Association and on April 21st at Paradise Church, we are doing our community clean up and invited everyone to come out and help.

Mr. Willie Finch - commended Mr. Rashmir for doing so much for this city and his church.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Mears made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018, seconded by Ms. Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance-Possession of Marijuana:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia with respect to the Penalty for Possession of less than an ounce of Marijuana; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Dabouze made a motion to table this Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion were Mr. Dabouze, Ms. Wells and Ms. James. Voting against the motion were Mr. Mears and Ms. Bagley. The motion carried.

Resolution-Ga. Cities Week:

Request was made to consider a Resolution of the City of Forest Park Recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 22-28, 2018, and Encouraging all Citizens to support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities.

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

Ordinance -
Adult
Entertainment:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, with respect to Adult Entertainment; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Dabouze made a motion to approve this Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion were Mr. Dabouze and Ms. Wells. Voting against the motion were Mr. Mears, Ms. James and Ms. Bagley. The motion failed.

Executive
Session:

Ms. Wells made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters, seconded by Ms. James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

Ms. Bagley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

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