

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MAY 2, 2016

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 2, 2016 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Rev. Leon Beeler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

Also present were City Manager Al Wiggins, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Planning and Zoning Jonathan Jones, Major Jamie Reynolds and City Attorney Winston Denmark.

- Comment Period: Rep. Stovall gave an update of the legislative session. She stated on May 12<sup>th</sup> she will have a wrap-up legislative meeting at Clayton State University, East Campus from 6 pm to 7 pm. and afterwards school board candidates will be present.

Lawanda Folomi – asked Council to consider Workforce, off of Mt. Zion Road. They have asked the City to partner with them previously. She also questioned the PR company that the URA has contracted with and asked what this is about. She also stated there members terms expiring on the URA soon and asked they had a background in development.

Ralph Nobles- spoke about nullification of laws. He stated nullifications do exist. He said we need to start nullifying laws that are keeping jobs away from people.

Dr. Beeler - thanked everyone for their participation in the clean-up and encouraged everyone to volunteer for their next Clean-up which will held be May 21<sup>st</sup> for the north side.

Samuel Ibanez – stated their next Celebration Walk is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and is requesting the use of the stage in the park.

Kiran Simmons – stated they need approval from council to host the Celebration Walk in Starr Park.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Wells made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016, seconded by Ms. Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of Rep. Stovall’s request to conduct a job fair at the gym, seconded by Mr. Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Lockhart stated Rep. Stovall presented a request to use the gym for a job fair. Mr. Wiggins stated this would be held September 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 6 pm, with the job fair hours from 1 pm to 4 pm. He indicated there would be approximately 40 employers and 300 job seekers.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mr. Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance amending Sections 8-2-2 and 8-2-5 of Article A (“General Provisions”) of Chapter 2 (“Building Regulation and Code Enforcement”) of Title 8 (“Planning and Development”) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, to remove exemptions from the required payment of certain fees; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Wiggins stated he would like to discuss this Ordinance with the City Attorney to revise language so the City will waive our permit fees and the actual cost of conducting the inspections will be absorbed by the Church.

Mr. Smith made a motion to table this ordinance, seconded by Ms. Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution:  
Surplus:

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. Wells made a motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Other Business: Ms. Wells made a motion to add discussion of Giving Back to Forest Park Kids Program, seconded by Ms. Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wiggins stated the Giving Back to Forest Park Kids Program is requesting this event be an official city sponsored event that will allow the use of city resources without the distribution of any funds. All participation has been done on a voluntary basis and has brought city staff together.

Ms. Bagley made a motion to officially recognize "Giving Back to Forest Park Kids" as an official city sponsored event allowing the use of city resources without the disbursement of funds, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment: Ms. Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.