

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF AUGUST 17, 2015

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of August 17, 2015 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:10 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Mr. Glenn Barnett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor David Lockhart and Councilmembers Linda Lord, Tommy Smith, Latresa Akins, Dabouze Antoine and Maudie McCord.

Also present were Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Management Analyst Angela Redding and City Attorney Kiran Mirsa.

Mayor Lockhart asked the Council to accept the sign up book for comments.

Ms. Lord made a motion to accept the sign up book for comments, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. Lord, Mr. Dabouze and Ms. McCord. Voting against the motion was Ms. Akins. The motion carried.

Comments: Lawanda Folomi – stated we must put aside our personal politics and find some kind of unity to carry this city to the destiny we want to go. We should get on one accord so our city does not fall short.

Jasmine Hulio – stated there are a lot of issues with mosquitoes and the Department of Health has additional information to offer.

Jason Gray – stated the Mayor said he would make changes and he doesn't see any changes. When the Council makes a majority vote, it is vetoed.

Willie Finch – thanked everyone for Forest Park Day held Saturday. He referenced a flyer that was being given out and expressed concern about information on it.

Carol Williams – stated her street is full of pot holes and asked that the City resurface Skyland Drive and not just patch it.

Miriam White – stated she finds the City Manager being absent a real issue and asked if there is anything that can be done.

Agenda:

Mayor Lockhart stated bids were received for the gazebo across from the community center and that job was awarded to Superior Recreational Products. They have sent the order acknowledgement form and the City is now obligated since we have accepted their bid. He asked for a motion to put it on the table for discussion.

Ms. Lord made to put this on the table for discussion, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Akins. Voting against the motion were Ms. Akins and Mr. Antoine. Mayor Lockhart voted in favor of the motion to break the tie. The motion carried.

Mayor Lockhart stated the City awarded the bid for a gazebo to Superior and the contract has been awarded to them. Mr. Eady stated this is the low bidder, plans have been drawn, and this is the order form to move to the next step.

Mr. Antoine asked the City Attorney if there is a silent vote, is that considered a yes or no vote. Ms. Mizra stated she would need to check the charter rules about silent vote.

Mayor Lockhart stated the request from the Director of Public Works is that Council authorize the Mayor to execute the order approval form.

Ms. Lord made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the order approval form, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ms. Mizra referred to Sec. 2.13 of the Code. It says the City Manager shall arrange a list of matters according to the order of business for the agenda and shall furnish each

member of the governing body a copy of the same at least 96 hours to the meeting. She stated a lot of what is in the charter and code does not specify how to handle matters when there is no City Manager. So she said she could not direct council definitively whether or not it is proper to make a motion or action. She said the code expresses an intent that every councilmember have 96 hours notice to consider something placed on the agenda.

Mayor Lockhart stated it is routine for matters to be added to the agenda during the meeting so there are less than 96 hours.

Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. The motion failed.

Mr. Antoine made a motion that Governors Drive entrance gets paved, seconded by Ms. Akins.

Mr. Antoine asked Mr. Eady if the entrance to Governors Drive from Forest Parkway to Governors Drive is private property or public property. Mr. Eady stated it is public property down to a point and then turns into private property. Mr. Antoine stated that is the portion he would like paved.

Mr. Eady stated it is a city street and would be the city's responsibility to pave that section that belongs to the taxpayers.

Ms. Akins asked since we don't have a City Manager and would like something done in our Ward, don't we let the council decide. Ms. Mizra stated the way the charter is written, states the City council and Mayor shall designate a city administrative officer in the absence of the City Manager. She stated the charter and the code does not offer a workable solution absent having a City Manager.

Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. Lord made a motion to add to the agenda discussion that if he is willing that Chief Hobbs act as Interim City Manager so we can get things done, and then advertise for a City Manager to fill the slot, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting

for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Antoine, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins.

Ms. Lord made a motion that we have closing comments added to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith and Ms. Lord. Voting against the motion were Mr. Antoine and Ms. Akins. Mayor Lockhart voted in favor of the motion to break the tie. The motion carried.

Ms. Lord stated she will not be seeking re-election.

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