

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF AUGUST 3, 2015

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of August 3, 2015 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of July 20, 2015, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Ms. Pamela Lake – stated she had a concern about the Ethics Board and their meeting schedule. She stated the Chairperson is not appropriately scheduling meetings so that all of the community that wishes to come can come and take part and know what's going on. She also stated board members are also excluded.

Bruce Robinson - thanked Ms. Lord for her help Saturday during their School Supply give away.

Maureen Scott – addressed the Council concerning the property at the end of Stillwood Cove and North Avenue. She stated it was sold to ARKO Company, previously owned by the City. She stated neither one of these owners took measures to kill mosquitoes. She

said the property is overgrown and mosquito infested. She stated also the tire company in this area cannot store tires outside without mosquitoes breeding. She stated, when Arko bought this land, he promised to make this eyesore disappear. She stated the trees promised to knock out the noise and smell have not been addressed. She stated the house at 4747 Stillwood Cove is vacant and a tree has fallen on the house. She said this is an eyesore also and should be taken care of. She asked Council to please do something.

Presentation: Mr. Jeff Eady and Mayor Lockhart presented Mr. Albert Rose, a retired employee of 17 years, a watch from the City.

Presentation: Ms. Edie Yongue of Keep Forest Park Beautiful presented Commercial Technique on Astor Avenue with the Business Beautification Award and presented Ben and Elaine Lawrence with the Residential Beautification Award.

Resolution: Request was made to consider a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, designating the dates for qualifying as candidates for the 2015 Municipal Election.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution - Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council 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.

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

City Manager Position: Mayor Lockhart stated the contract for the City Manager is scheduled to expire on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Smith made a motion to permit the Mayor to execute a contract with Mr. Brandon for the position for two years, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion were Ms. Lord and Mr. Smith. Voting against the motion were Ms. Akins, Ms. McCord and Mr. Antoine. The motion failed.

Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Ms. Angela Redding as the Interim City Manager, effective immediately, seconded by Ms. McCord.

Mayor Lockhart stated recognizing that we have a City Manager under contract, we can't have an interim until there is a lapse.

Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Ms. Angela Redding as the Interim City Manager effective August 7, 2015, seconded by Ms. McCord.

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

Mr. Antoine made a motion that the interim City Manager serve on all Boards and appointments whereby the City Manager is currently sitting.

Mayor Lockhart stated without knowing the qualifications for the board members and terms of the boards on which Mr. Brandon currently sits, he does not know if that is immediately possible. He stated he does not know if any of his board appointments are in ex-officio capacity in which case she would already take them, or if he is appointed as Mr. Brandon as opposed to the City Manager. If so, he would have to be removed from those boards first.

Mr. Antoine withdrew his motion.

Settlement  
Agreement:

Request was made to consider a settlement agreement in the Vision Outdoor Media v. Forest Park et al., Case No. 1:14 cv-02620-ODE.

Mayor Lockhart stated this settlement agreement was discussed in the Executive Session.

Ms. Lord made a motion to permit the Mayor to execute this settlement agreement on behalf of the City, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

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