



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 4 2018 7:00PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of September 4, 2018 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Councilman Antoine followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Mayor Angelyne Butler, Councilmembers Dabouze Antoine, Latresa Wells, Kimberly James, Allan Mears

Councilwoman Sandra Bagley was absent

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of Finance Ken Thompson, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Chief Hobbs, Chief Buckholts, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, IT Director Darren Duke, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams

Public Comment: Paul Cross – stated he wanted to make a few comments. He stated has lived in Forest Park approximately 18 years and owns his home and the first 2 years were horrible with thefts, etc. After that things calmed down for about 3-4 years and he was happy bragging to his friends about how great it was to live in Forest Park. In the last 12 -18 months he stated he literally fears for the safety of his wife and kids. In the last month there have been 2 homes broken into both within a block of his home, 2 vehicles stolen and last Friday at 5:00 a.m. as he is trying to leave for a trip to Florida there was someone trying to get in his van. He stated he has called the police so many times and he is not trying to say that they are not doing their jobs because he respects them for all that they do. He stated it use to be pride in homeownership in the neighborhoods, now you drive around the neighborhood and he gets sick to his stomach. He stated there use to be enforcers that drove around to write tickets and he hasn't seen anyone in his neighborhood. Mr. Cross stated he has been tempted to go out and take pictures himself, if he wasn't fearful for his life and turn them in. He stated something has to change.



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Mrs. Redding advised Mr. Cross that she would contact him tomorrow to set up a meeting to discuss his issues.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Mears made a motion to Approve the minutes for the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2018. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution Declaring City Property Surplus:

A request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park declaring certain 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.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Councilman Mears wanted to clarify about liquidating some of the items to the school. Councilwoman James stated this is just to put it as surplus and that option will still be available. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Amendment:

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to amend the agenda to appoint a member to the Development Authority Board and re-appoint Ron Dodson to the Architectural Design Review Board. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Appointment to Development Authority:

Councilman Antoine made a motion to appoint Rodney Finch to the Development Authority Board. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous. City Attorney Mike Williams stated this will fill the unexpired term of the former Mayor.

Appointment to ADR Board:

Councilman Antoine made a motion to re-appointment Ron Dodson to the Architectural Design Review Board. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Governing Body Comments:

Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for being in attendance. He stated a couple of weeks ago the president from the Haitian Chamber of Commerce shared information about their scholarship programs. He stated they choose



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about 10 Haitians from Haiti and raised money to get them scholarships because they have been accepted by Universities in the U.S. He stated they raised over \$50,000. Councilman Antoine stated he was recognized and received the Trail Blazer Award and he has the actual award here tonight for everyone to see. He thanked everyone for their support.

Councilwoman James thanked everyone that has served on any of the boards in the city and stated their service has been greatly appreciated. She wanted to introduce Alvin Patton, a resident of Forest Park and a licensed optometrist, who will be serving on the Development Authority Board.

Councilwoman Wells thanked everyone for coming out. She stated she wants to remain positive however, when you have people that are speaking negative to those who never come to the council meetings, you are giving them a negative vision. She stated they haven't seen what the council members are doing for the city and how we are trying to move the city forward. Councilwoman Wells stated they were elected to do a job and if you are a citizen try to speak more positive than negative.

Mayor Butler thanked everyone for coming out and closed with this: "Not all storms come to disrupt your life; some come to clear your path."

Adjournment: Councilman Antoine made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.