

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of February 4, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Pro-tem Linda Lord and Councilwomen Maudie McCord and Latresa Akins.

Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Major Jamie Reynolds, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith and Joe Harris and Robert Mack, City Attorneys.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Sessions and Regular Meeting of January 22nd, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Carl Evans – stated he had a concern about the new sidewalks on North Avenue and Burks Road. He stated the sidewalks run on the north side of North Avenue and then for 2 blocks they move to the south side and then move back to the north side again. Mr. Parker stated there was some unwillingness from several homeowners to participate and this has caused a problem, but we are hoping to rectify this.

Dianne Lunsford – stated she had a concern with the upcoming election and absentee ballots. She stated this has been an issue in the past, and felt there should be some kind of control.

Donna Barkley - spoke concerning the buildings across the street that rent for \$500 and felt it was too high.

John Finch – he stated the Army Air Force Exchange Service will no longer be in Clayton County as of July 31st. He raised several issues; the Waste Station on Lamar Drive and possible environmental problems and city vehicles driving to Butts County. He also stated he will be running for the position of Mayor.

Sparkle Adams - stated if everyone works together to make a better Forest Park we can achieve our goals. She stated it's hard to stand and listen to ridicule when you don't know the other side of the story.

Resolution -
Special Election:

Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to call a Special Election for Tuesday, March 19, 2013, to fill the vacancy in the Office of the Mayor, City of Forest Park, and the vacancy in the Office of Council Member, Ward One City of Forest Park; to provide for a date for a Runoff Election if needed; to provide for a period during which candidates for the Offices may qualify to run; to set Qualifying Fees; provide a deadline by which unregistered voters may register to vote in said Special Election; to request the city Superintendent of Elections to publish a Notice of the Call of the Special Election and to submit a copy of this Resolution to the Georgia Secretary of State; to provide for Advance Voting; to repeal all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Ordinance-
Walmart
Foundation
Grant:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Walmart Foundation Award Year 2013 in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be added into the Budget of the Police Department; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

Ms. McCord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.