



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of November 4, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:03 p.m.

Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Minister Cook followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Mayor Angelyne Butler
Councilmembers: Dabouze Antoine, Kimberly James, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears

Also present were City Manager Angela Redding, Director of Finance Ken Thompson, Director of Public Works Jeff Eady, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Chief Nathaniel Clark, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director Recreation and Leisure Services Tarik Maxwell, Interim Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Mike Tuttle, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams and Management Analyst LaShawn Gardiner.

Comment Period:

Lois Wright – stated everyone in the City needs to come out and vote. She stated there were only 100 people vote on that question which is highly important. She stated she sent a flyer out for everyone to understand and it is not only for Wards 3, 4, and 5, but citywide. She stated Saturday vote was pretty successful, 30 people voted. She stated there are 11,000 registered voters in this city, the largest election was in 2017, and that was the Mayor and 2 wards. There were a total of 1558 votes for all. We can't get people to come and vote and everyone wants to complain. She stated it is critical that people vote on the referendum. She stated tomorrow is Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and come out to vote.



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Carl Evans – wanted to give the Public Works department praise for all of this. He stated every time he talks to Jeff about something, they jump right on it. There have been issues with dangerous sidewalks and they were taken care of in just a couple of days. The walkway outside looks great. He stated we have the best crew anywhere in the world. He said the Christmas parade is the first Monday and hopes they move the meeting to that Tuesday so it doesn't conflict.

Sharon Lawson - stated she has lived in Forest Park for 15 years and had the benefit of using the indoor pool. She stated every year it closes in August and usually opens 30 days later, except for this year. She stated she has tried to find out from the rec center staff what the problem is and when it will re-open but they seem to know nothing which is very frustrating. She asked what is going on and most of all when it will reopen.

Jermaine Gray - stated the issue is the kudzu by Fountain Elementary school is growing and they can't get any help on Perkins. His mother's property is surrounded by it and is grown up. His main concern is for his mom, and the overgrowth around her property.

Samuel Ibanez – stated there are a lot of issues as to why we have so few voters. We are going to make changes on the situation. There are a lot of questions that we have. We need to make a change and people are going to speak out.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Bagley stated she had several changes to the minutes: October 21st Work Session, Page 9. The request for an update on the Baker Tilly Forensic Audit was a request and was supposed to be on the agenda for discussion.



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Page 10 – work session minutes, second paragraph, - *she advised him to advise him of our expectations.* Take out the duplicate advise.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 21st with those corrections. It was seconded by Councilwoman James.

Mayor Butler stated there is one more change, page 9 of the Work Session, second paragraph: *Councilwoman Bagley asked Mr. Thompson* and it cut off his name as a duplicate, and that needs to be deleted.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 21st with those corrections. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance – Control of Noise:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance, City of Forest Park with respect to the Control of Noise within the City; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilwoman James made a motion to table this Ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

2020 Census:

Request was made to consider a request for the Governing Body to support and participate in helping ensure a complete count in the 2020 United States Census.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve this request. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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**Motorola Agreement
with Fire/EMS:**

Request was made to ratify the Motorola Agreement with Fire/EMS.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to ratify this Agreement. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman James wanted to highlight some of the positives in the City: Food Truck Tuesdays, Fun Friday in the Park, the partnership we have businesses doing business in our park, partnership with schools, employees receiving raises. She thanked everyone for coming out and looked forward to continued success in our City and moving forward and vote tomorrow.

Councilman Antoine stated he will be giving out turkeys this year and to e-mail him. He stated he will take care of the gentleman's concern earlier.

Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for coming out and stated she liked the new council chambers. She thanked everyone during the long and sometimes lengthy meetings, and election day is tomorrow. She encouraged everyone to come out and vote.

Councilwoman Wells thanked Ms. Virginia Ford and her neighbors for doing such an amazing job for the lunch at Public Works. Also, she will also be giving out turkeys again, for Thanksgiving as well as Christmas. If you know a family in Ward 4 that is need, please let her know. She also recognized Willie Freeman from the Senior Center. They were listening to music and were interrupted by Mr. Freeman's cell phone. She would like to get a tablet or iPad to help them continue to do their activities without



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interruption from a cell phone. The Fun Fridays will not take place in November due to lack of funds.

Councilman Mears thanked Jeff and his crew for the beautiful council chambers. He encouraged everyone to come out and vote. He stated today is he and his wife's 53rd wedding anniversary.

Mayor Butler thanked everyone for coming out and hoped to see them in two weeks.

Executive Session:

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to recess the Regular meeting and enter into Executive Session. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The governing entered into Executive Session @ 7:20 p.m.

Councilman Mears made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session @ 8:09 p.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment:

Councilman Mears made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. It was second by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.