



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 15, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Dr. Beeler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Mayor Angelyne Butler
Councilmembers: Kimberly James, Dabouze Antoine, 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, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Deputy Director Recreation and Leisure Services Abbey Jones, Police Chief Nathaniel Clark, Battalion Chief Oliver, Interim Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Mike Tuttle, City Clerk Shalonda Brown, City Attorney Michael Williams and Management Analyst LaShawn Gardiner

Public Comments:

Carl Evans – commended the governing body for the positive things that are going on within the city. He stated he has questions that would probably need to be answered by Code Enforcement or PBZ. The problem he has is about a particular property that has not been zoned residential and has been occupied. Another concern he has is the extended stay hotel and the transition center housing long-term residents in an industrial area. Mr. Evans stated people live there months and even years. He doesn't understand how they can be zoned to operate a residence in a commercial area.

Sparkle Adams – stated she is a proud resident of the City of Forest Park for 34 years. She thanked the employees of the City of Forest Park specifically the Police Department, Fire



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Department, Recreation Center, Planning Building and Zoning, City Hall, Human Resources, and Public Works. Ms. Adams stated they all work hard and she wants to commend them for what they do. She thanked Mrs. Redding for including the information about the Bridge being named after her in her City Manager's Report. She stated the City is not recognizing her although she made history in the city. Ms. Adams stated it is the State that is recognizing her and she appreciates the State. She stated it is a shame that the City she made history in, served 2 terms as a Councilmember, and made a difference is not recognizing her. Ms. Adams stated she appreciates Mayor Butler's vision to move the City forward, all that she has done and continues to do, the decency and respect that she carries herself with is refreshing and she will be behind her with whatever she needs.

Ms. Johnson – stated she would like to thank Jeff Eady for the work he's doing and looking into the GA Power easement behind her house. Ms. Johnson asked where the information is located pertaining to the agenda. Mayor Butler advised Ms. Johnson the information is published on the website the Thursday before each Council Meeting.

Lois Wright – stated she wanted to let everyone know about the previous Assistant Election Superintendent Joan Burton. Due to personal reasons she made the decision to sit out this election. She wasn't removed it was strictly for personal reasons and her choice.

Samuel Ibanez – thanked everyone for being here. He stated he has concerns about businesses in the city. Mr. Ibanez stated his friend had an issue about a sign he removed



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from a tree and an officer confronted him. He stated the sign was removed from the tree to preserve it.

Ms. Perkins – thanked the governing body for allowing her the time to speak. She stated in the old Ft. Gillem housing area there is construction and they start at 2 a.m. to beat the heat or in the evening and when they are there it is a cloud of dust in the area. She asked why they didn't think about the residents that live in that area and put up noise barriers. She wants to know what can be done about that.

LaWanda Folami – stated she commends Ms. Corley for all she has done for the City. She stated when you're looking at putting an employee's name on the building understand the employee applied for the job, was granted the job and should do their due diligence to do that job to the best of their ability. If they go above and beyond that is because they are passionate about their job. Ms. Folami stated she commends the Election Superintendent for recommending someone as her assistant, however a position like that should be posted to allow others to apply.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Bagley stated there are 2 typos that she would like to have corrected which was on page 4 regular meeting minutes Governing Body Comments "Antoine" was misspelled and page 5 in her closing comments "Corley" was misspelled.

Councilwoman Bagley made a Motion to Approve the Work Session Minutes and Regular Meeting minutes for July 1, 2019 with the recommended changes. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.



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Agenda Items:

**Consider Honorary Naming
of the Community Rec.
Building:**

Councilman Antoine made a motion to approve the Honorary Naming of the Community Recreation Building located at 803 Forest Parkway. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells.

Councilwoman Wells stated to the governing body the Public Works and the Police Department buildings are named after an employee and if you are basing it on not putting an employee's name on a building maybe their names should be removed.

Councilwoman James stated she is newly elected, took office in 2018 and everything that happened prior to her is prior to her.

Voting for the motion were: Councilman Antoine, Councilwoman Bagley, Councilman Mears and Councilwoman Wells. Voting against the motion was Councilwoman James. The motion carried.

**Consider Re-Appointment
Of Yahya Hassan to the
ADR Board:**

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to re-appoint Yahya Hassan to the Architectural Design Review Board for a 3 year term. It was seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Consider Re-Appointment
Of Stephen Busch to the
ADR Board:**

Councilman Antoine made a motion to table this item since Stephen Busch is not present. Mrs. Redding advised Councilman Antoine that Mr. Busch attended a meeting last year and introduced himself even though his term was not up. She advised the governing body that she told Mr. Busch he did not have to attend this meeting since he came last year.

Councilman Antoine withdrew his motion.



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Councilwoman Wells made a motion to re-appoint Stephen Busch to the Architectural Design Review Board for a 3 year term. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Consider the Appointment
Of Latresa Akins-Wells to
The DA Board:**

Councilman Antoine made a motion to appoint Latresa Akins-Wells to the Development Authority Board.

Councilwoman Wells stated she would like to table this item. City Attorney Mike Williams stated if there is no second the motion dies. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wells.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to table this item. City Attorney Mike Williams advised Councilwoman Wells if she withdraw her second then it automatically dies. Councilwoman Wells withdrew her second. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Councilwoman James made a motion to have the Development Authority be reduced to 8 members.

Councilman Antoine called for point of order. He stated he made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Wells to the board. Mr. Williams stated when Councilwoman Wells withdrew her second the initial motion died. He stated now you have a motion before you to reduce the members of the board.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting for the motion were: Councilman Mears, Councilwoman Bagley and Councilwoman James. Voting against the motion were: Councilman Antoine and Councilwoman Wells. The motion carried.



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**Consider the appointment
Gloria Jewsome as Assist.
Election Superintendent:**

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to appoint Gloria Jewsome as the Assistant Election Superintendent. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Resolution to Invest funds
With Georgia Fund 1:**

Request was made authorizing the investment of funds with Georgia Fund 1, a local government investment pool.

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Resolution to Execute a
Agreement with ORDAZ
Soccer Academy:**

Request was made authorizing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement with ORDAZ Soccer Academy for the use of Forest Park Kiwanis Field for the dates specified.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman James.

Councilman Antoine asked does anyone know how much do they pay and is this a new Academy. Mr. Williams stated \$25 per hour of usage. Mrs. Redding stated all they are doing is holding practice at the stadium whereas, Forest Park Youth and Cheerleading, they hold games and more is charged.

Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Resolution to Execute a
Agreement with FPYF:**

Request was made authorizing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement with Forest Park Youth Football for the use of Kiwanis Stadium, Lopez Field, Baker Field, Burke Field, Stanford Field and Johnson Field for the dates specified.



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Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Amended Agenda Item:

Councilman Mears made a motion to add item 9 which is Consideration of a Resolution of the Mayor and Council establishing a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for certain businesses in the city. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution to Establish a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications for certain Businesses:

Councilman Antoine made a motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Councilman Mears.

Councilwoman James asked Mr. Williams to outline those businesses again. Mr. Williams stated the businesses listed are:

- Hair salons and barbershops
- Nail salons
- Tire shops
- Pawn, title lending and cash for title shops
- Vaper shops
- Thrift stores and consignment shops
- Auto shops
- Used appliances shops
- Tattoo shops
- Small box-discount stores

Councilwoman James asked if this would be for 180 days. Mr. Williams replied yes.

Councilman Antoine stated he wanted to clarify that this will not affect existing businesses in those categories mentioned. Mr. Williams this applies to new stores only.



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Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Governing Body
Comments:**

Councilman Mears – thanked everyone for coming out. He stated there’s some legal paperwork out on the scooters. Councilman Mears stated there is no place in Forest Park to ride the scooters and he thinks it will be a nuisance to the Public Works department to keep up with them.

Councilwoman Wells – thanked everyone for coming out and reminded them of the Fun Friday event that will be held Friday, July 19th from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to donate to the back to school drive.

Councilwoman Bagley – thanked everyone for coming out. She asked everyone to keep Major Reynolds in their prayers, he lost his mom. She thanked Mr. Williams for bringing forward the suggestion for the moratorium so they won’t have another incident like they did with the proposed strip mall. She stated Food Truck Tuesday will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Councilwoman Bagley stated one of her pet peeves has been the Wells Fargo Bank on Jonesboro Rd across the street from Fire Station 1 and that overgrowth. She stated she is not sure how it got cleaned up but she is going to give credit to the Public Works department. She also congratulated Mrs. Mears on another successful Peachtree Road Race.

Councilwoman James – she stated she has some initiatives that she would like to bring to the table:

- Community Service Hours – she stated she reached out to the solicitor to get a list of where community service can be done and Forest Park is not on the list. She wants to have Forest Park as an option and lists the location, days and time that



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community service will be available. She stated departments where people can serve community service hours she would like that info posted at the jail and the courts so they will know they can work in the city and possibly want to work with the city in the future. She stated she would like for the city to have something that shows these are the community service hours you can work and list the departments. Councilwoman James stated this would also be good for high school students who need community service hours. She stated this will give the city more exposure to have people come in. One of the things discussed at her town hall meeting was our demographics and how things are changing.

- Waste Management Concerns – she stated she knows there is a contract with Waste Management in place for 180 days and there have been comments from people in the community. Some of the concerns are since they are moving to a new truck that will be picking up the trash can and they no longer can put trash on the outside of the can that could possibly put more man power on Public Works. She stated those are some of the questions that she would like to get addressed and answered. She would like more information about CPI to see how it is going to affect the wallets of the residents. Another concern is are they tasking the Public Works department to do more and Waste Management is doing less and we are paying them more.
- Homecoming Parade – She reminded everyone of the Homecoming Parade that will be held on September 14th.



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Councilman Antoine – thanked everyone for coming out. He stated school is starting next month and there will be no dress code for high school students. Middle and Elementary school students there will be a dress code that will be enforced. He stated please keep Ms. Jones in prayer. Councilman Antoine stated Friday is Fun Friday and he hopes that everyone will attend.

Mayor Butler – thanked everyone for coming out and hopes to see everyone in a couple of weeks.

Councilwoman James – stated she has one more comment about Forest Park 101; it is an idea that was presented to them while in Savannah during training. The example that was given was Decatur 101 which is an 8 week program in which citizens and residents can take a class once a week for 8 weeks and learn all about Decatur. Councilwoman James stated she would like this to happen in Forest Park, so people can learn about the city. It maybe people that would like to be more engaged in the boards, run for office etc. Councilwoman James advised Mrs. Redding that Forest Park 101 is an initiative that she would like to get started. Councilwoman James also stated she would like to have Student Government Day. That is where one time out of a year a student would come to mirror each department head.

Executive Session:

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and Legal Matters.



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The governing body entered into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

Councilman Mears made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:33 p.m. 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 seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.