



CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of May 20, 2019 was called to order by Mayor Angelyne Butler at 7:00 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 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, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Abbey Jones, Police Chief Nathaniel Clark, IT Director Darren Duke, Interim Director of Planning, Building and Zoning Mike Tuttle, City Clerk Shalonda Brown and City Attorney Michael Williams.

**Comment
Period:**

Brenda Bethea – stated she has been a resident in the city for 26 years and lately her neighborhood has been going downhill. There is an apartment complex behind her that has been vacant for over 10 years. She’s requesting the city take action regarding that property because she is seriously considering moving because of the conditions that she is enduring. She also had a complaint about the bus stop near her area and the amount of trash that’s being accumulated on the corner. Ms. Bethea stated it is really frustrating.

Mayor Butler advised Ms. Bethea to give her contact information to the City Clerk.

Samuel Ibanez – stated he liked the idea about updating the Animal Control Ordinance. He stated it would be a good idea to plant fruit trees in the park.



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Councilman Antoine asked what type of trees is he requesting be planted in the park. Mr. Ibanez stated coconut, orange and other trees.

Karen Johnson – stated since her last attendance at a meeting she is happy to report that she has not been awakened at 2:30 am in the morning anymore, 4:30 am has been the earliest. She stated the smell is still really bad and she is hoping for a resolution because when it was really hot outside the smell was overwhelming. Her other concern is about the Georgia Power easement and can she get a schedule of when they are supposed to cut or bush haul. Ms. Johnson stated it used to be twice a year. She stated she has cut away debris and foliage off her fence and across the ditch. Ms. Johnson asked when the governing body will address issues and concerns being made by the residents and how will the residents get updated.

Councilwoman Wells asked Mr. Tuttle can Georgia Power be fined for not keeping up their end of the bargain. Mr. Tuttle stated he will reach out to them. He stated there have never been any problems in the past in which any action had to be taken.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Mears made a motion to approve the Work Session & Regular Meeting minutes of May 6, 2019. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Councilwoman Wells made a motion to amend the agenda to include the presentation of a Proclamation for Police Week. It was seconded by Councilwoman James. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items:

Yard of the Quarter:

Councilman Antoine made a motion to table this agenda. It was seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Proclamation Presentations:



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**Public Works
Department:**

Mayor Butler and the Governing Body presented a Proclamation to the Public Works Department in Honor of National Public Works Week (May 19-23, 2019) sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Police Department:

Mayor Butler and the Governing Body presented a Proclamation to the Police Department in Honor of National Police Week (May 12-18, 2019). This recognition publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**Resolution to Declare
Items as Surplus:**

Request was made to Declare items listed in Exhibit "A" as surplus and to allow for disposal.

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

**Governing Body
Comments:**

Councilman Mears stated he had no comments.

Councilwoman Wells thanked everyone for coming out and reminded everyone about Food Truck Tuesdays. She stated in July Fun Friday will begin. She stated the 3rd Friday in July please keep it on your calendars because it is going to be huge.

Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of her father. She stated the outpouring of support has been greatly appreciated. She thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Councilwoman James thanked everyone for coming out she stated she is honored to serve the community and look forward to continued success.

Councilman Antoine thanked everyone for coming out. He stated answering the questions of the citizens is one of the things he wants to see happen. He stated



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Councilwoman Wells is doing a lot of work behind the scene to address the issues in her Ward. He stated the two of them will be working together to make sure they address the concerns because the citizens are their concerns.

Mayor Butler thanked everyone for coming out and she wanted to recognize Jeremy Stratton for coming out.

Councilwoman James made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into an Executive Session to discuss litigation, real estate and personnel matters. It was seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The governing body entered into Executive Session at 7:23 pm.

Councilman Antoine left during the Executive Session.

Councilwoman James made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:53 pm and reconvene the Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Mears. 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.