

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL JANUARY 17, 2017

6:00 P.M. Work Session

- City Managers report
- Discussion of calendar and cost for Saturday voting
- Discussion of MARTA High Capacity Transit Initiative meeting at 696 Main Street City Manager
- Executive Session to discuss real estate matter

I. Call to Order – 6:10 p.m. Mayor Lockhart

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Comment Period

VI. Approval of Minutes

1. Work Session of Mayor and Council of January 3, 2016
2. Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 3, 2016

VII. Agenda Items

1. Swearing in of Judge Freeman
2. Presentation of 2016 Servant Leadership Award to Mrs. Edith Yongue. Mrs. Yongue was nominated by Representative Valencia Stovall for the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus.
3. Consider approval of signage for Councilman Smith's Ward 1- Most Beautiful Yard program.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY: Councilman Smith has proposed to institute a program to acknowledge property owners in Ward 1 who have taken exceptional care of their property by placing a personalized 'Most Beautiful Yard' sign on display of the front lawn of willing participants. The overall goal is to encourage property maintenance and improvements in a manner that promote community pride throughout the entire Ward 1

Community. The awardees will be selected on a quarterly basis by Councilman Smith.

4. Consider a Resolution to set and publish qualification fees for the 2017 General Election for the Office of Mayor and Council Wards 1 and 2.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY: Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia requires that qualification fees for public offices are fixed and published no later than February 1.

5. Report of Audit Results for June 30, 2016 – Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA's.
6. Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Lefko Development, Inc., DBA Lefko Construction for renovation of the P B & Z Office.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY: The City of Forest Park advertised an RFP (Request for Proposals) for interior renovation of existing office space in the P B & Z Office located at 785 Forest Parkway. The scope of work for the renovation includes enlarging and renovating the lobby/reception area, creating an open office space with cubicles, reconfiguring main offices and relocating the breakroom. Lefko Development, Inc., DBA Lefko Construction, was the lowest qualified bidder on the project. The resolution is requesting authorization for the Mayor to execute the contract with Lefko Development, Inc., DBA Lefko Construction for the building improvements of the P B & Z Office.

7. Consider an Ordinance by the governing body of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, amending the budget for the 2015 SPLOST Capital Project Fund for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY: The proposed Ordinance is a revision to the previously adopted ordinance establishing estimated revenues and expenditures for the SPLOST Capital Project Fund for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

8. Consider an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance by the City of Forest Park, Georgia, of title to a donated tract of real property; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

9. Consider honorary naming of the Main Street Community Center located at 696 Main Street.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY: Councilwoman Wells has requested that the Mayor and Council consider naming the Main Street Community Center in honor of longtime Forest Park resident, the late Leonard Hartsfield, Sr.

VIII. Legal Matters

IX. Comments by Governing Body

X. Adjournment

MINUTES

WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 3, 2017

Call to Order: The Work Session of Mayor and Council of January 3, 2016 called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lockhart and Councilmembers, Tommy Smith, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

Also present were Al Wiggins, City Manager; Mike Blandenburg, Director Finance; Jonathan Jones, Director Planning, Building and Zoning; Angela Redding, Management Analyst; Jeff Eady, Director Public Works; Deputy Chief Matt Jackson, Fire; Elaine Corley, Director Recreation & Leisure Services; Sharon Smith, Deputy Director Recreation & Leisure Services; Chief Eddie Buckholts, Fire; Christine Terrell, Director Support Services; and City Attorney Winston Denmark.

Agenda Items: *Consider the minutes from the Work Session and the Regular meeting of the Mayor & Council of December 5, 2016.*

Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Forest Park to allow date and time of meetings to be set by Resolution.

Resolution to establish the dates, times, and locations of regular meetings. Mayor Lockhart asked for any discussion. Councilwoman Wells stated that she didn't think it was necessary to take away the time the citizens have to interact with Mayor & Council. Mayor Lockhart stated that we do still have the comment period in place. Councilman Antoine stated that he didn't think it was neither fair nor transparent to you the citizens. Mayor Lockhart asked that Councilman Antoine please direct his comments to the Chair. Councilman Antoine stated that it's a disservice to you all that are in here. Mayor Lockhart asked that Councilman Antoine please direct his comments to the Chair. The Mayor warned Councilman Antoine about speaking out of order. Councilman Antoine asked for a point of order. Attorney Winston Denmark stated that yes, as a point of order, all

comments are to be directed to the Chair. Councilman Mears stated that as he understands it, it is not set in stone, but will fluctuate with the time frame. Councilman Mears also stated that he doesn't want his people in his Ward to wait to the last minute to come to him with problems. Mayor Lockhart stated that for those who do wait, we will always maintain that public comment period so they can speak to us directly and publicly. Councilwoman Wells asked for the Mayor and Council to consider what the citizens want in regard to this change. Councilwoman Bagley stated that, as she understands it, we are not eliminating the public comment period. Mayor Lockhart stated no, we are not taking away the public comment period. Councilman Smith stated that we lose some of our senior citizens during the long duration in between meetings and we would like to prevent that.

Appointment of Election Superintendent. Mayor Lockhart stated that presently Lois Wright is serving and Joan Burton has been serving as the assistant. Councilwoman Wells stated that she feels that Ms. Wright has been doing a great job. Councilwoman Wells stated that she doesn't think it's a good idea to bring someone else in when we have someone who is doing a great job. Mayor Lockhart agreed. Councilwoman Wells asked what the role is of the Assistant Election Superintendent. Mayor Lockhart stated that the exact role would be dictated by the Superintendent. Councilwoman Wells stated that Ms. Wright should be able to choose who her assistant would be. Mayor Lockhart stated that Council has generally appointed the Assistant Superintendent as well. If Council gave Ms. Wright the power to choose her own, then she would have that power. Councilwoman Wells asked for it to be considered so as not to revisit the previous issues. Mayor Lockhart stated that it bears discussion, and he never did get word on resolution. Mr. Wiggins stated that we did establish there was a mishandling of an issue with no malice intent. The police department did investigate to determine if there was any criminal element and they turned the complaint over to the Board of Elections and the Secretary of State. We, including the Police Chief, have not heard anything back from the Secretary of State. Mr. Wiggins stated that the investigation is still underway.

Appointment of Chief Municipal Court Judge and appointment of Assistant Judge Environmental. Mayor Lockhart stated that Judge Ronald Freeman is presently serving for both.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem. Mayor Lockhart stated that we have been rotating on an annual basis and Council is free to choose from among yourselves any member that you would like to serve as Mayor Pro-tem. In keeping in that same rotation, Mayor Lockhart stated that it would put the Mayor Pro-tem position to Councilman Antoine. Mayor Lockhart asked Councilman Antoine if he would accept that position. Councilman Antoine accepted the position of Mayor Pro-tem.

Appointment to Urban Redevelopment Agency. Mayor Lockhart stated that he has appointed Naeem Thobhani. The Mayor will ask Council to confirm that appointment.

Proclamation to the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Connelly and to the family of Sgt. Michael H. Earles.

Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia, naming the depositories for funds of the City of Forest Park: authorizing withdrawals of said funds by check or draft: and naming the officers of said city authorized to sign checks or drafts.

Ordinance authorizing temporary loans by the City of Forest Park.

Approval of signage for Councilwoman Wells' Ward 4-Most Beautiful Yard program. Councilwoman Wells stated that we are trying to keep Ward 4 beautiful by picking out a resident quarterly who maintains their yard well. We will place a sign in their yard saying they are the winner of the Keep Ward 4 Beautiful Program. Councilwoman Wells stated that she is hoping that all Wards will participate since we don't have the Keep Forest Park Beautiful Program any longer. Councilman Mears wanted to verify that Councilwoman Wells' name will be on the sign. Mayor Lockhart stated that that is part of the approval process.

Honorary naming of the Community Recreation Building located 803 Forest Parkway. Mayor Lockhart asked Mr. Wiggins if we've ever had a longer serving Director. Mr.

Wiggins stated that he did not. Councilwoman Wells stated that she agreed but didn't want other employees to be overlooked. Councilwoman Bagley stated that The Carl Rhodenizer Center, Rex, Ga, is named as an honor and not a post honorarium. That facility has continued to thrive and to continue to grow and ours can do the same. Councilman Mears stated that he had talked to Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Wiggins stated that this is not uncommon. Councilman Mears stated that it would be an honor that the City could give Ms. Corley that she could enjoy what time she's got left knowing that she is leaving something behind that we can remember her for.

Ordinance that addresses the appointment and removal of Municipal Court Judges. Mayor Lockhart stated that per GA Legislature, we must give them a fixed term of at least a year and this ordinance will accomplish this. The Mayor stated that the assistant judges are not yet covered in this ordinance, so we will need to revisit and amend the ordinance to make it work the way Forest Park courts work.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Assistant Municipal Court Judge of Environmental Court.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the Chief Municipal Court Judge and the City of Forest Park.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract between the Development Authority and the City of Forest Park for the leasing of 696 Main Street.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a sub-lease agreement between the GA Radio Museum and Hall of Fame and the City of Forest Park. Mayor Lockhart stated that this has been revised. Mayor Lockhart stated that he does not want the GA Radio Museum and Hall of Fame to assign that lease to some stranger to us that maybe has nothing to do with the museum, radio or hall of fame. The Mayor stated that he would like to see the lease provision so that they don't have the right to assign it.

Legal
Matters: Mayor Lockhart read a letter from Attorney Steve Fincher stating that this relates to the issue of tax collection on jet fuel. Clayton County stands to lose \$11M+/year. Forest Park's portion is that we stand to lose \$1.2M based on fiscal year 2016. Mr. Fincher has suggested litigation and it is time sensitive. We need to file suit by no later than January 17th. Mr. Fincher has asked that we join with Clayton Counties and the other cities to bring that litigation. Clayton County, Riverdale, and Love Joy have already signed off on approving their shares of litigation expenses. What our share would be projected is \$14,100. That breakdown is listed on the last page of that letter. When we're looking at losing better than \$1M a year, even though litigation is never a sure thing, Mayor Lockhart stated that it's worth the risk to spend \$14k to save \$1M particularly when the county itself and the other cities are joining in that litigation. Mayor Lockhart asked if there could be a motion to amend the agenda during the regular meeting to add that for discussion and consideration.

City Manager
Report: Mr. Wiggins chose to yield his time to the next Council meeting on January 17th to include updates.

Adjournment: Councilman Mears made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JANUARY 3, 2017

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of January 3, 2017, called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Stephanie Fuller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Mayor Lockhart and Councilmembers, Tommy Smith, Dabouze Antoine, Sandra Bagley, Latresa Wells and Allan Mears.

Also present were Al Wiggins, City Manager; Mike Blandenburg, Director Finance; Jonathan Jones, Director Planning, Building and Zoning; Angela Redding, Management Analyst; Jeff Eady, Director Public Works; Deputy Chief Matt Jackson, Fire; Elaine Corley, Director Recreation & Leisure Services; Sharon Smith, Deputy Director Recreation & Leisure Services; Chief Eddie Buckholts, Fire; Christine Terrell, Director Support Services; and City Attorney Winston Denmark.

- Comment Period: Ms. Lawana Folami, 1080 Lloyd Drive, Forest Park, stated that changing the time of the Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council should have been considered to us. In regard to Executive Session, Ms. Folami stated that we, the citizens, would like to stay until you come out and discuss it. Ms. Folami stated that in regard to our seniors getting home on time, we that are here will make sure that our seniors get home. Ms. Folami stated that in regard to renaming the recreation building, we are still waiting for Mr. Leonard Hartsfield, Jr. a location for his name to be placed somewhere around our city. Ms. Folami stated that protocol is a main factor. The Bylaws are available to you and there is a language we use called Roberts Rules Layman Terms. You must conduct yourself professionally at all times. Also, Unity in the Community is going great.

Ms. Marcella Leavy, Forest Park, thanked the City Manager for addressing some of her concerns. Ms. Leavy stated that in regard to renaming a facility, would we be able to get a bio on this person? Ms. Leavy stated that it was her observation

that it seems a bit harsh in your lack of comradery in the council meetings.

Mr. Leonard Hartsfield, Jr., 883 South Avenue, Forest Park, stated that he would like to correct Ms. Folami in that she was referring to Mr. Leonard Hartsfield, Sr. He is Leonard Hartsfield, Jr. Mr. Hartsfield stated that he would like to see Saturday voting come to Forest Park.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to amend the agenda to move the two (2) Proclamations, Items 8 & 9 to precede the Consideration of the Minutes. Councilman Mears seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Presentation of Proclamations: Mayor Lockhart presented proclamations to the families of Mrs. Mary Ann Connelly and Sgt. Michael H. Earles.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2016, together. Councilman Mears seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item for consideration to direct the Superintendent to hold Saturday voting during the next election. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Councilman Antoine made a motion that the Council directs the Election Superintendent to implement Saturday voting for next election. Councilwoman Wells seconded the motion. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance: Ordinance to amend Time and Date of Meetings.
Time/Date Councilman Mears made a motion to adopt this Ordinance.
Meetings Seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. All in favor, Councilmembers Mears, Smith, and Bagley. All opposed, Councilmembers Antoine and Wells. The motion carries.

Councilman Antoine made a motion to amend the agenda by adding public comment back to the work session. (a second wasn't made) All in favor, Councilmembers Antoine and Wells. All opposed, Councilmembers Mears, Bagley, and Smith. The motion fails.

Resolution: Time/Date Meetings	<p>Resolution to establish the dates, times, and locations of regular meetings. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adopt this Resolution. Seconded by Councilman Mears. All in favor, Councilmembers Mears, Smith, and Bagley. All opposed, Councilmembers Antoine and Wells. The motion carries.</p> <p>Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to amend the agenda to add the appointment of an Assistant Election Superintendent. Seconded by Councilman Mears. All in favor, Councilmembers Mears, Smith, and Bagley. All opposed, Councilmembers Antoine and Wells. The motion carries.</p> <p>Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to appoint Ms. Burton as Assistant Election Superintendent. Councilman Mears seconded the motion. All in favor, Councilmembers Mears, Smith, and Bagley. All opposed, Councilmembers Antoine and Wells. The motion carries.</p>
Appointment: Election Supt.	<p>Appointment of Election Superintendent. Councilwoman Wells made a motion to appoint Ms. Lois Wright as Election Superintendent. Seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting was unanimous.</p>
Appointment: Chief MC Judge	<p>Appointment of Chief Municipal Court Judge. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to appoint Judge Freeman as Chief Municipal Court Judge. Seconded by Councilman Smith. Voting was unanimous.</p>
Appointment: Assistant EC Judge	<p>Appointment of Assistant Judge for Environmental Court. Councilman Antoine made a motion to appoint Judge Freeman as Assistant Judge for Environmental Court. Seconded by Councilwoman Wells. Voting was unanimous.</p>
Appointment: Mayor Pro-tem	<p>Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem. Councilwoman Wells made a motion to appoint Councilman Dabouze Antoine as Mayor Pro-tem. Seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting was unanimous.</p>
Appointment: URA	<p>Appointment to Urban Redevelopment Agency. Councilwoman Wells made a motion to approve Mayor's appointment of Naeem Thobhani to the URA. Seconded by Councilman Antoine. Voting was unanimous.</p>

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to amend the agenda to add for consideration Naeem Thobhani's appointment to the Development Authority. Seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting was unanimous.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to appoint Naeem Thobhani to the Development Authority. Seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting was unanimous.

Resolution:
City Funds Resolution naming the depositories for funds of the City of Forest Park: authorizing withdrawals of said funds by check or draft; and naming the officers of said city authorized to sign checks or drafts. Councilwoman Wells made a motion to adopt this resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting was unanimous.

Ordinance:
Temporary
Loans Ordinance authorizing temporary loans by the City of Forest Park. Councilman Mears made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Smith. Voting was unanimous.

Approval:
Signage Approval of signage for Councilwoman Wells' Ward 4, Most Beautiful Yard Program. Councilman Antoine made a motion to approve the signage of Councilwoman Wells' Most Beautiful Yard Program. Councilman Mears seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Honorary
Naming:
Community
Rec. Bldg. Honorary naming of the Community Recreation Building located at 803 Forest Parkway. Councilman Smith made a motion to name the Community Recreation Building for Elaine Corley. Seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. All in favor, Councilmembers Mears, Bagley, and Smith. All opposed, Councilmembers Antoine and Wells. The motion carries.

Ordinance:
Judges Appoint-
ment/Removal Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances in compliance with Georgia House Bill 691 that addresses the appointment and removal of Municipal Court Judges. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Mears. Voting was unanimous.

Resolution: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement
Assistant with the Assistant Municipal Court Judge of Environmental
MC Judge Court. Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt this
Environmental resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting was
unanimous.

Resolution: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an
Chief MC agreement between the Chief Municipal Court Judge and the
Judge City of Forest Park. Councilman Smith made a motion to
adopt this resolution. Seconded by Councilman Mears.
Voting was unanimous.

Resolution: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract
696 Main St. between the Development Authority and the City of Forest
Lease Park for the leasing of 696 Main Street. Councilwoman
Bagley made a motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman
Smith seconded. Voting was unanimous.

Resolution: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a sub-lease
Sub-lease agreement between the GA Radio Museum and Hall of Fame
Agreement and the City of Forest Park. The Mayor recommended a
motion to adopt the resolution on the condition that the
draft leased be revised such that it prohibits the sub-lessee
from assigning the lease without Council's express
permission. Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt this
resolution with condition. Councilwoman Bagley seconded.
Voting was unanimous.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to amend the agenda
to add the litigation with the FAA for discussion. Seconded by
Councilman Smith. Voting was unanimous.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve, pursuant to our
City Attorney's recommendation, joining the county and the
other cities of Clayton County in this litigation and pay our
pro rata share. Seconded by Councilwoman Bagley. Voting
was unanimous.

The next scheduled Mayor & Council meeting will be on
Tuesday, January 17, 2017, due to Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday on January 16, 2107.

Legal Matters: None

Adjournment: Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded
by Councilman Smith. Voting was unanimous.