**Planning Commission**

**Minutes**

**September 30, 2015**

**Call To Order:** Chairman Darnell Moorer called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

**Roll Call:** Darnell Moorer, Chairman, Deverick Williams, Vice-Chairman, Don Wright, Ray Goodman and Tiffanie Byrd, Secretary. Also present were Al Wiggins, Director of Planning, Building & Zoning, Jonathan Jones, Deputy Director of Planning, Building & Zoning, and Garry Felder, Planner of Planning, Building & Zoning.

**Approval of Minutes:** Don Wright made a motion to approve the Minutes for the June 10, 2015 meeting of the Planning Commission. Ray Goodman seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous.

**Old Business:** No Old Business.

**New Business:**

**Item 1: Proposed ordinance to amend Title 4, Police and Fire Services of Code of Ordinances of the City of Forest Park, Georgia by repealing prohibitions against the use and sale of fireworks; to amend Title 8, Planning and Development, Chapter 8, Zoning.**

Al Wiggins informed members this is a combination of revisions as a result of State legislation put into place. The revisions are an attempt to repeal prohibitions against the use and sale of fireworks, create definitions regarding fireworks, amend the permitted uses of the Light Industrial and Gillem Zoning Districts, prohibit the manufacture of explosives and fireworks in all Zoning Districts, and to codify the fireworks ordinance, repeal conflicting ordinances and provide for severability. Staff recommendation is to move forward with approval of the ordinance. The Fire Department and Police Department were involved with the revisions and approved the document.

Discussion was held regarding approving this revision of the ordinance. The only district fireworks will be allowed are in Gillem Zoning District. Recommendation made in reference to the manufacturing of explosives, to add the word “strictly” before prohibited.

Ray Goodman made a motion to approve the document as submitted with the exception of adding the word “strictly” prohibited to line 116. Don Wright seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to approve.

**Other Business:** Al Wiggins informed the board members of the upcoming Stakeholders Meeting to review the revisions of the Sign Ordinance and receive public comment. The meeting will be held on October 7, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Ray Goodman to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.