



**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 5, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 7:10 p.m. with Mayor James Gosey presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present: Council Members Damian Dalcour, Lyndia Thomas, Gerald Joubert, Dulani Masimini, Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami, Interim City Manager Debra Maness, Acting City Secretary Ofilia Rueda, Interim Police Chief Robert Herbert, Acting Public Works Roberto Duenes, Finance Director Clifford Blackwell, III. Council Member Andrew Sanders - excused absence.

**Opening Agenda:**

**A. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Mayor James Gosey called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**B. Invocation**

Invocation was delivered by Pastor Mooreland.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags**

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

**D. Citizens Presentation:** At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting.

**Patricia Kennedy, 6808 Koldin Trail** – Code Enforcement, single family dwelling, horses out all the time. Ms. Kennedy spoke before the council regarding problems with horses all over her yard. She stated that she has contacted Animal Control numerous times. The horses have done damage to her property.

**Jesse C. Major, 4200 Forest Hill Circle** – Complaints directly and indirectly related to property taxes. Mr. Major stated that Forest Hill has the highest property taxes in Tarrant County. He wanted to compliment Animal Control, Police Department and Code Enforcement for doing a good job with responding to the horse problem.

**Henry Johnson, 6828 Alma** - Mr. Johnson stated that he has always tried to work with Ms. Kennedy.

**Jimmie Sanders – 7005 Stonewall Rd** – Mr. Sanders asked the Council to consider appointing Robert Herbert the Chief of Police.

**E. Consent Agenda:** - All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. Consider minutes of the December 15, 2009 regular council meeting.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to accept the consent agenda item as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sami; which **passed** as follows;

Ayes: Council Members Dalcour, Thomas, Joubert, Masimini, Mayor Pro Tem Sami and Mayor Gosey

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Sanders

**F. Deliberation Agenda**

**2. Discuss and consider possible action, second reading of Resolution 20-2009, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill granting approval of project of the Forest Hill Community Development Corporation. (Clifford Blackwell, Finance Director)**

Mayor Gosey did the second reading of Resolution 20-2009, a resolution of the City of Forest Hill granting approval of project of the Forest Hill Community Development Corporation.

No action was taken at this time.

**3. Discuss and consider possible action on Clean City Campaign. (Lyndia Thomas, Council Member)**

Council Member Thomas led discussion. She stated that she feels that citizens need to get more involved with the cleaning of the City and streets sweepers. She stated that there should be a youth competition.

No action taken at this time.

**4. Discuss and consider possible action on report of capital expenditures. (Lyndia Thomas, Council Member)**

Clifford Blackwell, Finance Director, gave a report on the capital expenditures.

There was no action taken on this item.

**5. Discuss and consider possible action for excusing Council Member Sanders absences from Council meetings in accordance with Section 3.10(2)(c) of the City Charter. (Gerald Joubert, Council Member)**

Council Member Masimini made a motion to excuse Council Member Sanders absences from the January 5, 2010, January 19, 2010 and February 2, 2010 council meetings in accordance with Section 3.10(2)(c) of the City Charter. Seconded by Council Member Thomas; which **passed** as follows;

Ayes: Council Members Dalcour, Thomas, Joubert, Masimini, Mayor Pro Tem Sami and Mayor Gosey

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Sanders

**6. Discuss and consider possible action on revision of personnel policy provision for interim or acting employees moved in a higher level position. (Lyndia Thomas, Council Member)**

After discussion among the Council Members, there was no action taken on this item.

**G. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, the Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting for any posted agenda item, to receive advice from its attorney as permitted by law.

7. Pending or Contemplated Litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071.

- a) Destructors, Inc. vs. City of Forest Hill
- b) David Miller

8. Section 551.074, Texas Government Code: Personnel Matters (a)(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, employment evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- a) Interim City Manager
- b) City Attorney

9. Section 551.074, Texas Government Code: Personnel Matters (a)(2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

- a) David Miller Grievance dated November 30, 2009

**Council recessed into executive session at 8:23 p.m.**

**H. Reconvene into regular session.**

**Council reconvened into regular session at 9:50 p.m.**

**I. Take any action necessary pursuant to executive session.**

Council Member Thomas made a motion for the City Attorney to proceed with instructions as directed during executive session. Seconded by Council Member Masimini; which **passed** as follows;

Ayes: Council Members Dalcour, Thomas, Joubert, Masimini, Mayor Pro Tem Sami and Mayor Gosey

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Sanders

**J. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, council adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approval:

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Ofilia Rueda, Acting City Secretary

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James Gosey, Mayor