



MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 2009

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:03 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, Andrew Sanders, Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami, City Manager David Miller, City Secretary Debra Maness, Fire Chief Pat Ekiss, Acting Public Works Director Roberto Duenes, Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle and Finance Director Clifford Blackwell, III.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor James Gosey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Mayor Pro Tem Sami.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags were recited.

D. Presentation of Life Saving Awards

Police Chief Rex Phelps and Lieutenant Herbert presented Council Member Damian Dalcour, Police Officers Christy Dennis, Paul Carter and Jason East with the Life Saving Award.

E. 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.

Anne Frost – spoke on renaming streets. Some of the streets in Forest Hill were named for early settlers and never need to be change

Gladys Hardeman – wanted to thank the Council for their help with the lawsuit with the previous City Manager. The City is looking good and growing with the two new hotels. She added that she did not want the city to reimburse her for any additional attorney fees.

Loretta J. Muldrew – is very unhappy with her street, Valley Forge. This is the worst street going through Forest Hill.

F. 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 Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Tarrant County.

Council Member Joubert made the motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Thomas and **passed** as follows:

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

Nays: None

G. Deliberation Agenda

2. Discuss and consider action, including but not limited to, condemnation and demolition of 3407 Bisbee Street as a substandard structure. (Dylan Whitehead, Building Official)

Dylan Whitehead reported on 3407 Bisbee Street. The owner of the property Mr. Andre Tucker has not been in contact with Mr. Whitehead since March 24, 2009. The property has not been secured against unauthorized entry.

Mayor Pro Tem Sami made a motion to accept the evidence presented at the Council Meeting March 27 and to incorporate the additional pictures presented this meeting. The Council finds the property located 3407 Bisbee is in violation of the ordinance relative to substandard structures, that the City secured the location against unauthorized entry, and order the property demolished within 30 days. If it has not been demolished within 30 days, the City is to demolish it and asses the appropriate liens within the state law. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion and **passed** as follows:

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

Nays: None

3. Discuss and consider the amendment to the City of Forest Hill Personnel Policies and Procedures manual, which deleted employees education and training, not related to job seminars. (Council Member Masimini)

Council Member Masimini led the discussion on the education and training policy. There was discussion on the proper way that this item needed to be handled on the agenda.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to leave current policy in place. Council Member Joubert seconded and **passed** as follows:

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

Nays: Council Members Dalcour and Masimini

Council Member Masimini made a motion to direct the staff to bring a policy to the Council during budget workshops for college tuition reimbursement. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion and **passed** as follows:

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

Nays: None

4. Discuss and consider directing the staff to proceed with the actions necessary to rename Horton Road to Jewell Kelley Avenue. (Council Member Masimini)

Council Member Masimini pulled this item from the agenda. He had received historical information on Horton Street from several sources.

H. Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Gosey reported on the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee meeting held March 23, 2009. He stated that this is the first time that local Mayors and Cities have been involved with the Super Bowl. Mayor Gosey also gave a report on the Mayor's Council Meeting that was held April 6, 2009. They received some information on the stimulus packages.

Mayor Pro Tem Sami reported on attending the Texas Association of Black City Council Members held in Lubbock, March 21, 2009. The TABCCM is a membership organization that facilitates, advocates and educates for membership, committees and Texas Municipal League. They have meetings every quarter and he looks forward to the City of Forest Hill co-hosting a meeting.

I. 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.

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

Destructors, Inc. vs. City of Forest Hill
David Vestal vs. Gladys Hardeman

Council did not need to recess into executive session.

J. Reconvene into regular session.

K. Take any action necessary pursuant to executive session.

L. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, council adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Debra W. Maness, City Secretary

James Gosey, Mayor