



**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at **7:00 p.m.** with Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present: Council Members Damian Dalcour, Lyndia Thomas, Gerald Joubert, Dulani Masimini, Andrew Sanders, City Manager Sheyi I. Ipaye, Acting City Secretary Grace Edwards, Interim Police Chief Robert Herbert, Public Works Field Supervisor Albert Harris, Acting City Attorney Alicia Johnson. Absent Mayor James Gosey.

**Opening Agenda:**

**A. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Sami called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Invocation**

Invocation was delivered by Council Member Joubert. A brief moment of silence was taken to honor the memory of former City Council Member Robert Davis.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags**

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

**D. City Manager's Report:**

**1. Council Members recognition for training**

The City Manager, Mr. Sheyi Ipaye, recognized Council Member Dulani Masimini, on his Region 8 Certified Municipal Official Designation. Council Member Masimini, was one of three individuals that were appointed to serve on Region 8, as a Certified Municipal Official. Council Member Masimini has completed seventy two (72) hours, with two (2) hours of open government training. Mr. Walter Bowen, Mayor of Lake Worth, and Mr. Brett Shannon, City Manager of Decatur, were also chosen to represent Region 8 as Certified Municipal Official Designees. Council Member Damian Dalcour, also received recognition as a Certified Municipal Official; He has also completed seventy two (72) hours, with two (2) hours of open government training. Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami was recognized and received the Certificate of Outstanding Accomplishment Award. He has completed seventy two (72) hours of training. Council Member Lyndia Thomas was recognized and received the Certificate of Achievement Award. She has completed fifty four (54) hours of training. Mayor James Gosey was recognized and received the Certificate of Achievement Award. Mayor Gosey has completed fifty four (54) hours of

training, as well. The City Manager congratulated all the recipients on their achievements. The City Manager asked each Council Member to please look over the training schedule that was included in their council packets, and please choose which type of training each individual would like to obtain for the upcoming 2010-2011 fiscal year.

## **2. Texas Beautiful Affiliate Program**

The City Manager, Mr. Ipaye, stated that the *Who Keeps Texas Beautiful Affiliate Program's* mission and vision is designed to educate, and encourage Texans to take responsibility for improving their communities, and environments. It is a statewide association of grassroots individuals that implement and support litter prevention and waste management. *The Who Keeps Texas Beautiful Affiliate Program* is a beautification program, and the application fee is \$75.00. The City Manager feels that this program will move the city forward. He also gives a friendly reminder about the upcoming City Wide Clean Up scheduled for June 12, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon, located at the Super One Grocery Store Parking lot.

## **3. Police Department – 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)**

The City Manager, Mr. Ipaye, stated that the City of Forest Hill Police Department has qualified for JAG Funding. The funds are budgeted for two LIDAR (radars) units, and six Tasers. The Police Department will have the capability to issue a citation from the patrol car. The Forest Hill Police Department will no longer issue paper tickets. The City Manager added that LIDAR is capable of taking violators pictures simultaneously. The reason for taking pictures of the individuals stopped for traffic violations is to ensure that the individual that has broken the law is the individual who is receiving the citation.

## **4. Police Department – 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

The City Manager, Mr. Ipaye, also informed the Council of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act Grant. The funds are budgeted to be spent on a new voice logger (Dictaphone), for which the Police, and Fire Departments are currently using for safety, and security. The new voice logger (Dictaphone) will provide support for the City of Forest Hill Police Department in terms of presenting evidence and accurate information in court.

## **5. Fire Department – 2010 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG)**

The City Manager, Mr. Ipaye, stated that the City of Forest Hill Fire Department has applied for the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant, in the sum of \$26,144.40; the City of Forest Hill will match this amount with \$1,377.60, for the purchase of a Diesel Exhaust Filtration System that will capture diesel fumes.

The City Manager, Mr. Ipaye, shared current pictures of the new city hall building located at 3219 California Parkway with the City Council Members for their review. He stated that \$988,000.00 dollars has been spent on the new city hall building project so far. The projected completion date is July 2010. Everything is going as planned, stated Mr. Ipaye.

The City of Forest Hill is currently taking contractors bids for the new public works

building renovations located at 3101 Horton Road.

The City of Forest Hill will have an upcoming budget workshop scheduled for Saturday August 7, 2010. The City of Forest Hill has experienced a drop in property value, and our current tax rate is \$1.06. The City Manager is planning to reduce the tax rate for the citizens of Forest Hill. The City of Forest Hill will start the 2010-2011 fiscal year with a deficit of \$400,000.00 dollars.

**E. Citizens Presentation:**

**Anne Frost, 3708 Grady Street** – Ms. Frost stated that the City of Forest Hill should consider having a Wall of Honor for members of the Military. Mrs. Frost feels that several families could use our support.

**G. Consent Agenda:** - All consent agenda items 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 May 18, 2010 regular council meeting.

**Council Member Joubert made a motion to accept item #1 with corrections, Seconded by Council Member Sanders, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

**H. Deliberation Agenda:**

2. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the nomination of a new Mayor Pro Tem.

**Council Member Joubert made a motion to table this item until the next council meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanders, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

3. Discuss and consider possible action regarding establishing The Mayor's Youth Council of Forest Hill.

**Deliberation Item #3 was pulled.**

4. Discuss and consider possible action in regards to public transportation service for the residents of Forest Hill provided by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority the "T."

**Deliberation Item #4 was pulled.**

5. Discuss and consider possible action in regards to providing a central bulletin board for

posting City of Forest Hill Business Owners and Citizens business cards.

**Council Member Thomas, made a motion to approve a central bulletin board with pockets in the new city hall building located at 3219 California Parkway, for the City of Forest Hill Business Owners, and Citizens to post their business cards, seconded by Council Member Joubert, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

6. Discuss and consider possible action regarding city owned properties.

**Council Member Masimini, made a motion to authorize the City Manager, to proceed with accepting sealed bids for the sell of twelve (12) listed city owned vacant lots, included in the June 1, 2010 council packet, seconded by Council Member Thomas, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

7. Discuss and consider possible action authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the Street Rehabilitation Project with Tarrant County.

**Council Member Thomas, made a motion to authorize the City Manager, to proceed with the Interlocal Agreement for Street Rehabilitation Project with Tarrant County, seconded by Council Member Sanders, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

8. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a Towing Fee Ordinance.

**Council Member Thomas, made a motion to approve the Towing Fee Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Joubert, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

**Council Member Masimini, asked to see the Code Compliance and Police Department towing processes/procedures for Street, Fire Hydrant, and Private Property before the next council meeting. Council Member Masimini, asked to review the Towing Contract**

**before the final form. City Manager, Mr. Ipaye, stated that the information would be present on the monthly water statements in both English and Spanish languages.**

9. Discuss and consider possible action regarding an Abatement Administrative Fee Ordinance.

**Council Member Masimini, made a motion to approve the Abatement Administrative Fee Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Thomas, which *passed* as follows:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Mayor James Gosey**

**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.

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

a) **Destructors, Inc.**

**I. Reconvene into regular session.**

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:13 p.m.

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

No action was taken.

**K. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the Council adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Grace Edwards, Acting City Secretary

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James Gosey, Mayor