



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 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 James Gosey presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present: Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami, Damian Dalcour, Lyndia Thomas, Gerald Joubert, Dulani Masimini, Andrew Sanders, City Manager Sheyi I. Ipaye, Acting City Secretary Grace Edwards, Director of Economic Development & Community Relations Venus Wehle, Acting City Attorney Alicia Johnson.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Gosey called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M.

B. Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Mrs. Ruby McEwing.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

D. Mayor's Report:

• **Tarrant County Mayor's Council Meeting**

Mayor Gosey attended the Tarrant County Mayor's Meeting June 7, 2010. Mayor Gosey shared information regarding the Tarrant County Re-Entry Program. This Program is offering educational opportunities to municipal employees. Mayor Gosey encouraged the City of Forest Hill employee's to take advantage of this program. Likewise, Mayor Gosey supports the Summer Youth Employment Program, and the Summer Internship Program. He would like for the City of Forest Hill to support the youth of Forest Hill in the area of summer jobs. Mayor Gosey would like to form a relationship with Tarrant County in regard to programs designed to help individuals that have been incarcerated find employment. Mayor Gosey and Mr. Ipaye both agree that the City of Forest Hill employees will have the opportunity to further their education.

E. Mayor Pro Tem Report:

• **Texas Association of Black City Council Members Board Meeting**

Mayor Pro Tem Sami attended the Texas Association of Black City Council Members Meeting June 12, 2010, at Tyler College located in Tyler, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Sami stated that the Texas Association of Black City Council Members is totally supported by

Texas Municipal League (TML). A master plan was discussed in the board meeting workshop. Mayor Pro Tem Sami believes that master plans are very important for long term planning and growth. Mayor Pro Tem Sami also toured two predominately black colleges Texas College and Jarvis College; both campuses were beautiful and very well kept. Texas College was founded in 1894 by a group of ministers interested in quality education for African American youth. Jarvis College was incorporated in 1928, and a governing body was established in 1929.

F. City Manager's Report:

- **Report on the City Wide Clean-Up**

City Manager Mr. Sheyi Ipaye gave a report on the City Wide Clean-Up project; he commended the Director of Economic Development & Community Relations, Venus Wehle for a job well done. Mr. Ipaye stated that we were able to remove a lot of garbage from the City of Forest Hill. He was very impressed with the citizens, volunteers and employees working this event. Mr. Ipaye invited the Director of Economic Development & Community Relations to say a few words regarding the City Wide Clean-Up. Ms. Venus Wehle stated that this was the third year for the City of Forest Hill's City Wide Clean-Up. There were seven hundred sixteen (716) tires collected, and twenty five (25) tons of garbage collected from this event. Ms. Wehle personally thanked all forty six (46) volunteers. The volunteer list is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Norrell, Lanice Gundrafte, Lisa Buchannon, Jean Cooks, Phyllis Wiley, Anita Taylor, Arei Taylor, Sam Salazar, Jimmy Miller, Joyce Wright, Officer Chris Stokes, Alex Alaniz, Matthew Lopez, Avery Blake Marquindo Jones, Clayton Reed, Norm Bulaich, Bill Clark, Joe Hernandez, Bobby Hellum, Miguel Martinez, Carlos Moton, Osiel Guzman, Andres Sancez, Hugo Salinaz, Alejandro Alvarez, Francisco Perez, Raul Nuez, Lisa Cabrera, Lydia Cabrera, Lauren Cabrera, Dylan Whitehead, Henrietta Roberts, Scotty Roberts, Roberto Duenes, Cecile Yancey, Robert Hernandez, Albert Harris, Mike Aguilera, Mel Morales, Ruben Elizondo, Firefighter Darwin Lockett, Firefighter Jay White, Firefighter Robert Hall, Firefighter Keith Bryan, and a big thanks to Fire Marshall Randy Chapman for allowing the four (4) firefighters to attend. A big thank you to all the residents of Forest Hill who participated in the City Wide Clean-Up.

- **City of Forest Hill Comprehensive Master Plan**

City Manager, Mr. Sheyi Ipaye gave a report regarding the Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Forest Hill. Currently, we are working with the engineering firm Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. The first Master Plan was done in 1992; Mr. Ipaye was part of that team along with the help of the engineering firm Teague, Nall and Perkins. Mr. Ipaye feels that the current master plan that was started in 1992 by the past administration is outdated and should be revised. Mr. Ipaye states that he will be working with Tarrant County and Kimley-Horn to get the much needed streets repaired.

G. 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.

Dave Gainer, 3513 Lon Stephenson Rd., - Mr. Gainer had some ideas for increased income and reducing expenses in the City of Forest Hill. Mr. Gainer handed out information to the Mayor and Council regarding grants, and programs that would save the city money. In addition, Mr. Gainer suggested that the city establish a recycling program, a propane refilling station, and a public transportation commission. The use of solar panels to generate electricity, and the use of rainwater and air conditioning condensation capture systems would help in the areas of irrigation and water conservation.

H. 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 the minutes of June 1, 2010 regular council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Sami made a motion to accept consent item #1 with corrections, seconded by Council Member Dalcour, which passed as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The following corrections were made on page 2 of 5 located at the bottom of the page 3216 California, was changed to 3219 California. Located on page 3 of 5 located at the top of the page 3109 Horton Road was changed to 3101 Horton Road.

I. Deliberation Agenda:

2. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a Resolution canvassing the results of the June 12, 2010 Joint Runoff Election.

The Acting City Secretary read the Resolution canvassing the results of the June 12, 2010 Runoff Election.

3. Discuss and consider possible action regarding Issuing Certificates of Election to newly elected City Council Member(s).

The Acting City Secretary Issued the Certificate of Election to Newly Elected City Council Member Gerald Joubert Place 3. No action was taken on item #3.

4. Discuss and consider possible action in regard to administering the Oath of Office to newly elected City Council Member(s).

The Acting City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Council Member Gerald Joubert Place 3. No action was taken on item #3.

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

Council Member Joubert made a motion to nominate Council Member Masimini as the New Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor Pro Tem Sami seconded, which passed as follows:

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

Nays: Council Members: Sanders, and Thomas

Absent: None

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

No action was taken on item #6.

7. Discuss and consider possible action in regard to authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the additional expenses for the new city hall building located at 3219 California Parkway.

Council Member Sanders made a motion to go with the current plan, and not to add any additional expenses without the approval of the council, seconded by Council Member Thomas, which *passed* as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

8. Discuss and consider possible action in regard to changing regularly scheduled city council meetings from two (2) meetings per month, to one (1) meeting per month.

Item #8 was tabled until July 6, 2010 the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

9. Discuss and consider possible action concerning enforcement of the City of Forest Hill curfew.

No action was taken on item #9.

10. Discuss and consider possible action concerning the City of Forest Hill Recreation Center.

Council Member Sami wanted to make sure the City of Forest Hill will follow through with what we have agreed upon as a City. Council Member Sami encourages the council to get a contract for this facility and make this facility a priority.

Council Member Sanders left the council meeting at 8:54 P.M.

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.

11. **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) Interviews for City Attorney position

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

- a) Discuss possible litigation David Miller vs. City of Forest Hill

J. Reconvene into regular session.

Council Member Sami left the executive session at 9:40 P.M. Council Member Dalcour left the executive session at 10:00 P.M.

Council reconvened into regular session at 10:57 P.M.

K. Take any action necessary pursuant to executive session.

Council Member Thomas made a motion to hire Warren Spencer as our new City Attorney and Prosecutor, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Masimini, which passed as follows:

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

Nays: Council Member Joubert

Absent: Council Member Sami, Sanders, and Dalcour

L. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the Council adjourned at 10:58 P.M.

Grace Edwards, Acting City Secretary

James Gosey, Mayor