



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 30, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Lyndia Thomas presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present. Cameron Wafer, Carlie Jones, Michielle Benson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Beckie Duncan Hayes, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Faulkner, Stephanie Boardingham, City Manager Sheyi I. Ipaye, City Secretary Othel Murphree, and City Attorney Warren Spencer.

**Opening Agenda:**

**A. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**B. Invocation**

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hayes delivered the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags**

**D. Commissioner Roy Brooks, Tarrant County Precinct 1 – County Update**

Commissioner Brooks addressed the Council on “Serving the Underserved” – Counties addressing poverty.

- Counties serve as the ultimate safety net for the most vulnerable families
- Counties are working to create pathways out of poverty
  - 2 generational approach
- Counties cannot address the crisis of poverty without federal, state and local support
- Ensuring all children thrive
  - Zero – three years of age and three – five years of age: read to them and be consistent
- Building blocks of successful early childhood programs
  - Community Leadership
  - Quality Services that work for all young children and families
  - Neighborhoods where families can thrive
  - Policies that support and are responsive to families


**E. Adjournment**

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Othel Murphree, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Lyndia Thomas, Mayor