



MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
January 6, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Gerald Joubert presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present. Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks, Cameron Wafer, Carlie Jones, Clara Faulkner, Malinda Miller, City Manager Sheyi I. Ipaye, City Secretary Othel Murphree, and City Attorney Warren Spencer. Council Member Michielle Benson was absent.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

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

B. Invocation

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Miller delivered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

D. Discuss and consider taking action on the effective resignation of Councilmember Benson.

The City Attorney, Warren Spencer, addressed the Council in regards to the Attorney General's Opinion requested by Councilwoman Benson at the time she took her Oath of Office on May 17, 2016. Councilwoman Benson was first sworn in as a city council member and then sworn in as a trustee of the library board at the May 17, 2016 City Council meeting.

The summary of the Attorney General's Opinion is as follows:

*Because the City of Forest Hill and the Forest Hill Library District have taxation authority in overlapping territories, one individual may not simultaneously serve as a city council member and as a library board trustee. In qualifying for the second office of library district trustee, the individual resigned from the office of city council.*

Mayor Joubert moved to accept the effective resignation of Councilmember Benson effective immediately. Councilwoman Jones made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

For: Wafer, Jones, Birks, Faulkner, and Joubert  
Abstain: Miller  
Absent: Benson

- E. Discuss and consider taking action to fill vacancy created by Councilmember Benson's effective resignation.

Mayor Joubert moved to appoint Brigette Mathis to the City Council Place (3) three position. Councilwoman Jones made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

For: Wafer, Jones, Birks, Faulkner, Miller and Joubert  
Absent: Benson

Mayor Joubert called for a recess at 6:32 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 6:38 p.m.

City Secretary Othel Murphree administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed City Council Member, Brigette Mathis.

The Executive Session and all items in regard to the Executive Session were removed from the agenda.

- F. **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.

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Attorney and Councilwoman Benson.

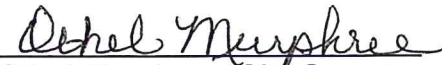
- G. Reconvene into Regular Session.

- H. Take any action necessary pursuant to executive session.

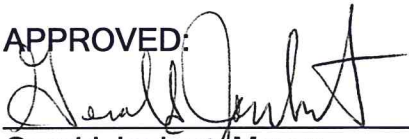
**N. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Joubert adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Othel Murphree, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Gerald Joubert, Mayor