



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 7:00 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, AND City Secretary Othel Murphree.

**Opening Agenda:**

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Invocation**

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hayes delivered the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags**

**D. Citizens Presentation:** At this time, any person with business before the City Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council, provided that a "Speaker's Request Form" has been completed and provided to the City Secretary prior to the start of the City Council meeting.

The following citizens spoke in support of Mr. Ipaye and stated under his leadership the City has seen economic growth with new commercial/retail businesses and residential growth with new housing starts. He is hard working and dedicated to the City of Forest Hill always keeping the best interest of the city first. They asked the City Council to renew his contract as City Manager.

Cynthia Crockett, 6911 Costa Del Sol Court  
Gene Pirtle, 6106 Guilford Street  
Charlotte Hogan-Price, 3600 Brambleton Place  
Loretta J. Muldrew, 3300 Valley Forge Trail  
Gerald Joubert, 7514 Zinnia

Leslie Jaspersen, 7309 Woodbridge Drive voiced her concerns with Mr. Ipaye, his high salary, not hiring key positions (Director of Finance and HR Director) and the 13 issues detailed in the audit. She asked the Council not to renew his contract or give him a new contract.

Gary Hicks, 4423 Forest Hill Drive, stated he did not want to address the contract of the City Manager but he did want to let the Council know what happened when he went to speak with Mr. Ipaye in his office. He asked Mr. Ipaye about the dollar amount of payroll and why it was higher than the median income of the City and Mr. Ipaye refused to discuss the matter with him and told him to leave his office.

## **ADDENDUM**

**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.**

- Pursuant to Section 551.074. to deliberate the contract of the City Manager.

Mayor Thomas announced the Council was going to convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074. of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the contract of the City Manager.

### **Reconvene into Regular Session.**

Mayor Thomas called the regular meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

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

The Council took no action.

## **E. Deliberation Agenda**

1. Discuss and consider offering the City Manager a new contract. (Mayor Thomas)

Councilwoman Boardingham asked the Council to consider not offering Mr. Ipaye a new contract at this time but consider a performance plan giving him an opportunity to address some or all of the 13 items mentioned in the audit and other internal matters discussed.

Councilwoman Jones moved to offer Mr. Ipaye a new contract dated May 4, 2018. Councilwoman Benson made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

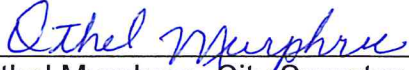
<b>6 - Ayes</b>	Wafer, Jones, Benson, Thomas, Hayes, and Faulkner
<b>1 - Nay</b>	Boardingham

## **F. Meeting:** The next scheduled Council Meeting will be May 15, 2018.

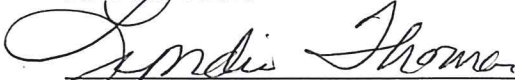
**Adjournment**

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Othel Murphree, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Lyndia Thomas, Mayor