



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 2017 – 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 Lyndia Thomas presiding. The following Council Members and officials were present. Cameron Wafer, Carlie Jones, Beckie Duncan Hayes, Clara Faulkner, Stephanie Boardingham, City Manager Sheyi I. Ipaye, City Secretary Othel Murphree, and City Attorney Warren Spencer. Excused Absence: Michielle Benson.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

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

B. Invocation

Mr. Timey Boardingham delivered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flags

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

Mayor Thomas moved the Executive Session to the front of the agenda.

J. 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 551.071. Consultation with City Attorney to receive information regarding Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill.
- b. Pursuant to Section 551.071. Consultation with City Attorney to receive information regarding Michielle Benson v. City of Forest Hill.

Mayor Thomas announced the Council was going to convene into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.071 to consult with the City Attorney to receive information regarding Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill, and Michielle Benson v. City of Forest Hill.

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

K. Reconvene into Regular Session.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting back to order at 8:06 p.m.

L. Take any action necessary pursuant to executive session.

Councilman Wafer moved to direct the City Attorney to proceed as discussed in the executive session in reference to Michelle Benson v. City of Forest Hill. Councilwoman Jones made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Hayes moved to direct the City Attorney to proceed as discussed in the executive session in reference to Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill. Councilman Wafer made the second. The motion carried with the following vote:

- 5 - Ayes – Thomas, Wafer, Jones, Hayes, and Faulkner
- 1 - Abstain – Boardingham

D. Proclamations: None

E. 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 a summary of item(s) for discussion and any handouts to be given to the Council was provided to the City Secretary by Wednesday 12:00 p.m. (noon) before the meeting the following Tuesday.

Ozell Birks – 3300 Railfence Road, advised council to use caution awarding SUPs and make sure they are granted lawfully and fairly for each applicant.

F. Mayor’s Report:

- Report regarding Memorial Day Celebration

Mayor Thomas reported there was good attendance at the Memorial Day Celebration. O.D. Wyatt ROTC presented the colors with a group of Forest Hill youth leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Music was provided by the Maxwell Hall Community Jazz Band.

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 the minutes of May 16, 2017 regular Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Faulkner moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2017 regular Council Meeting with corrections. Councilwoman Hayes made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

H. Deliberation Agenda:

2. Discuss and consider action regarding Citizen's Presentation. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Councilwoman Boardingham moved to amend the Citizen's Presentation Form to read: *"Any person with business before the city council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the council provided that a "Speaker's Request Form" has been completed 15 minutes prior to the start of the City Council meeting"*. Councilwoman Hayes made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Discuss and consider establishing a moratorium on permit fees related to: door repairs and/or replacement, window repairs and/or replacement, roof repairs and/or replacement, changing electric providers, painting houses, repairs and/or replacement of sheds, and repairs and/or replacement and painting of fences. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Item 3 was removed from the agenda by Mayor Thomas.

4. Discuss and consider action regarding approving a forensic audit and investigation and authorize the Mayor to select the organization to conduct the audit. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Item 4 was removed from the agenda by Mayor Thomas.

5. Discuss and consider action assigning the Mayor as the President of the Community Development Corporation Board. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Item 5 was removed from the agenda by Mayor Thomas.

6. Discuss and consider action regarding election of the Mayor Pro-Tem. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Councilman Wafer moved to elect Councilwoman Faulkner Mayor as Pro Tem. Councilwoman Jones made the second. The motion failed with the following vote:

- 3 - Ayes – Wafer, Jones, and Faulkner
- 3 - Nays – Thomas, Hayes, and Boardingham

7. Discuss and consider action regarding election of the Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Councilwoman Jones moved to elect Councilman Wafer as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Faulkner made the second. The motion failed with the following vote:

- 3 - Ayes – Wafer, Jones, and Faulkner
- 3 - Nays – Thomas, Hayes, and Boardingham

8. Discuss and consider action establishing quarterly Town Hall Meetings with the Mayor. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Councilwoman Boardingham moved to have quarterly Town Hall Meetings with the Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Hayes made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

9. Discuss and consider action regarding a “Meet and Greet” with the citizens of Forest Hill. (Lyndia Thomas, Mayor)

Councilwoman Boardingham moved to have a Mayor and Council “Meet and Greet” with the date and time to be decided. Councilwoman Hayes made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

10. Discuss and consider action regarding a Council Planning Meeting for June 17th or June 24th, 2017 at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager)

Councilwoman Boardingham moved to have a Council Planning Session with the date and time to be decided. Councilwoman Jones made the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

I. City Manager’s Report:

- Report regarding Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Ipaye provided a list of all Boards and Commissions to the Council. He stated it was time to consider new appointments and reappointments to each Board and Commission.

M. Meeting: The next Council Meeting will be June 20, 2017.

N Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Othel Murphree, City Secretary

Lyndia Thomas, Mayor