



CITY OF FOREST PARK
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Thursday, November 04, 2021, at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

MINUTES

Angelyne Butler, Chairwoman
Steve Bernard, Vice Chairman
Ed Taylor, Secretary
Nachae Jones, Member
Eric Stallings, Member
Jacklyn Faith, Member
Nancy Howard, Member

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Angelyne Butler
Steve Bernard
Ed Taylor
Nachae Jones

Absent:

Eric Stallings
Jacklyn Faith
Nancy Howard

Also Present:

Mike Williams, City Attorney
Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director
Kisha Bundridge, Economic Development Coordinator
Robinson Weeks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2021

Ed Taylor made a motion to table the minutes for the Urban Redevelopment Authority Regular Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021.

Nachae Jones seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:****Economic Development Department Update**

2. Economic Development Department Update

Ed Taylor made a motion to table the Economic Development Department Update.

Steve Bernard seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

Rateree Road Construction Update

3. Rateree Road Construction Update

Bruce Abraham explained that the Rateree Road Construction project is a \$1.3 million project expected to be finished by Thanksgiving 2021. The Rateree Road extension will allow Kroger and Amazon passage for their vehicles.

4. Traffic Study

Steve Bernard made a motion to table the Traffic Study discussion.

Ed Taylor seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

5. Veteran's Memorial

Sparkle Adams, who served 25 years in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve, shared that there are challenges veterans face. Ms. Adams will be inducted into the GA Military Veteran's Hall of Fame and feels that veterans have a hard time getting their benefits and being recognized. She said that families whose loved ones served but aren't buried in the National Cemetery, are forgotten Sparkle Adams feels there is a great opportunity in Ft. Gillem to place a veteran's cemetery and memorial.

Steve Bernard asked what specifically was being proposed- a burial plot, statue, or memorial. Sparkle Adams suggested turning one of the buildings at Ft. Gillem into a museum- an Arlington of the South that can be a tourist attraction.

Chairwoman Angelyne Butler asked if the owner's association would allow for a memorial/ graveyard. City Attorney, Mike Williams explained that zoning does not allow for burial sites, we would have to have the area rezoned, but a memorial could be figured out. Army convenience would prevent building a cemetery, but a memorial could be done.

The board would like to direct staff to see what is permissible regarding a memorial at Ft. Gillem.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *(Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)*

Ed Taylor made a motion to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session at 6:33 PM.

Steve Bernard seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

Ed Taylor made a motion to end Executive Session and go back into the Regular session of the Special Called Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Steve Bernard seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

Based on the discussion during Executive Session, Ed Taylor made a motion to approve the two letters of intent for the 59 acres of property near Steven's Lake in Ft. Gillem.

Nachae Jones seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

Based on the discussion during Executive Session, Nachae Jones made a motion to approve the project with Blue Star Studio for 14 acres of property at Ft. Gillem.

Ed Taylor seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Taylor made a motion to adjourn the special called meeting for the Urban Redevelopment Authority at 7:02 PM.

Steve Bernard seconded.

Roll call for approval. Approved unanimously.

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