

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. J & J Homes LLC – garden (August 2024): postpone to October 2024
2. Community Recreation Center roof quotes (August 2024): Staff recommends A-1 Roofing based on bid submissions and background information
3. Golf Course dress code (August 2024): postpone to October 2024
4. Legat Architects (August 2024): postpone indefinitely

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

- a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart submitted written report with updates through emails.
- b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: Mr. Skof submitted written report and reviewed health insurance, the roof bids, bonds, Community Pass, audit and tax levy.

2. *Parks*

- a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated the ADA paths were installed at Foss Park.

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 6:06 pm

Commissioner Hawthorn asked if parks were still open. Mr. Winter stated the bathrooms are checked daily.

3. *Golf*

- a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported tournaments are still going and staff will be researching rates for next season and investigating vehicle charging stations. Commissioner Hawthorn asked for fish fry update and asked about marketing. Mr. Monroe gave update and stated he would look at boosting Facebook posts.

4. *Recreation*

- a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Hall report: Ms. Hall submitted written report and summarized a proposed training model, new rental application forms, playground designs for Angel and Vision Parks, staff realignment, fundraising and upcoming programs. Commissioner Hawthorn stated she thought the playground equipment was approved. Commissioner Wyatt stated it can be done at October meeting to meet the deadline.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Talantic Griffin: Ms. Griffin stated she would accept her job back if the Board approves it.
2. B. Ogelsby: Mr. Ogelsby thanked the Board for the work and wants to move forward and stated Ms. Hall gave the best presentation.
3. Kenneth Smith: Alderman Smith stated there are dead trees in Angel Park and discussed his fishing trip and working together.

4. Anthony Coleman: Alderman Coleman presented Ms. Griffin flowers and talked about how he grew up in Foss Park.
5. Fred Turman: Mr. Turman stated he has a construction generator he would like to donate to the Foss Park District.
6. Kristi Boyson: happy birthday to her husband.
7. Chloe Moore: Ms. Moore stated she supports Ms. Griffin and described how she is fair to the kids and loves them.
8. Gerald Coleman: Mr. Coleman questioned the Board's involvement in operations and asked about youth programs. Ms. Hall stated youth programming is being realigned.
9. Ted Wilder: Mr. Wilder was at the meeting to celebrate Ms. Griffin.
10. Keith Tate: Mr. Tate thanked Ms. Griffin.
11. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards liked the presentation, does not like what transpired with Ms. Griffin and said the Board members are not employees.
12. Cheryl Coleman: Ms. Coleman stated she was the former Business Manager and Commissioners should not be involved in daily operations and she has always had love and supports Ms. Griffin.

Executive Session

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity: staff salary increases

Commissioner King moves to go into Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Neal.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES at 6:50 pm

Commissioner Wyatt reconvenes the Committee Meeting at 7:29 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:29 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Board members absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

1. MINUTES: Commissioner King motions to approve Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting (08/21/2024).
Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (08/16/2024-09/12/2024): \$132,895.28, invoices due \$43,007.34, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$12,766.83 and first of the month bills (September) – approximate: \$21,022.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$129,007.33 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: none

5. FINANCE REPORTS & COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve finance reports and Commissioner Reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FINANCE: COMMISSIONER WYATT: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

GOLF: COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

PARKS: COMMISSIONER HAWTHORN: as presented in Committee Meeting.

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER KING: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

*see above

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Community Recreation Center roof quote (August 2024)

Commissioner King motions to approve A-1 Roofing roof bid as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: J & J Homes LLC – garden (August 2024)

Commissioner King motions to postpone items #2-#4. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Golf Course dress code (August 2024)

*see above

4. Approval: Legat Architects (August 2024)

*see above

5. Approval: Brush removal at beach (August 2024)

Commissioner King motions to approve brush removal at beach (August 2024). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Staff salary increases as discussed in Executive Session
Commissioner Neal motions to approve Staff salary increases as discussed in Executive Session with the amendment of making Department Heads equitable. No second. MOTION FAILS
Commissioner King motions to approve Staff salary increases as discussed in Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal
Absent: None MOTION CARRIES
2. Approval: Employee health insurance – BlueCross BlueShield as presented
Commissioner King motions to approve Employee health insurance – BlueCross BlueShield as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None MOTION CARRIES
3. Approval: Commissioner attendance at IAPD/IPRA annual conference: Soaring to New Heights, January 22-26, 2025 in Chicago, IL at an approximate cost of \$3,000 per participant
Commissioner King motions to approve Commissioner attendance at IAPD/IPRA annual conference: Soaring to New Heights, January 22-26, 2025 in Chicago, IL at an approximate cost of \$3,000 per participant and Staff attendance at IAPD/IPRA annual conference: Soaring to New Heights, January 22-26, 2025 in Chicago, IL. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Present: Commissioner Johnson MOTION CARRIES
4. Approval: Staff attendance at IAPD/IPRA annual conference: Soaring to New Heights, January 22-26, 2025 in Chicago, IL
*see above
5. Approval: Commissioner attendance at annual 2025 PGA Show, January 20-25, 2025 in Orlando, FL at an approximate cost of \$3,000 per participant
Commissioner King motions to postpone Commissioner attendance at annual 2025 PGA Show, January 20-25, 2025 in Orlando, FL at an approximate cost of \$3,000 per participant. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None MOTION CARRIES

6. Approval: Staff attendance at annual 2025 PGA Show, January 20-25, 2025 in Orlando, FL
Commissioner King motions to approve Staff attendance at annual 2025 PGA Show, January 20-25, 2025 in Orlando, FL. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:36 pm.

This record is not verbatim.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary