

AN ORDINANCE TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY OF LYNWOOD
PARK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Lynwood Park, established in the early 1930's, was the first predominantly Black subdivision in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the historically Black community of Lynwood Park suffered discrimination and segregation throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, during its history, the Black citizens of Lynwood Park received unequal and disparate treatment in segregated schools with unequal resources including, but not limited to, inadequate funding, second-hand textbooks, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookhaven owes a great debt of gratitude to these citizens of Lynwood Park for their contributions to our community despite these difficult conditions; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these trailblazing citizens included their brave and pioneering actions in unifying the DeKalb County School System during its racial integration;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN HEREBY COMMITS TO THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH SHALL BE HERETOFORE KNOWN AS THE "HISTORIC LYNWOOD PARK RECOGNITION ORDINANCE," SUPPORTING THE HISTORIC COMMUNITY OF LYNWOOD IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. The City will support the Annual Lynwood Park Community Day by providing the use of Lynwood Park and Lynwood Recreation Center on that date; providing public safety services by the Brookhaven Police Department as needed; providing food and beverage funding by the Parks and Recreation Department; providing a banner to be agreed upon with the event hosts; and providing reasonable promotion of the event; and
2. The City will host the annual MLK Day Dinner with free admission for every former Lynwood Schools student, teacher or administrative personnel and up to three (3) guests, up to the occupancy limit of the facility for admission; and
3. The City will provide an historical marker on the exterior site at the Lynwood School detailing the history of the area and its role and place in Brookhaven's history. The City will work in consultation with the existing Lynwood Park School historical plaque committee in determining its wording and location; and
4. The City will install a Bronze recognition plaque inside the building listing the names of all recognized Trailblazers; and
5. The City will provide and install granite entrance monuments, consistent in appearance with other City of Brookhaven monument signage, identifying the neighborhood of

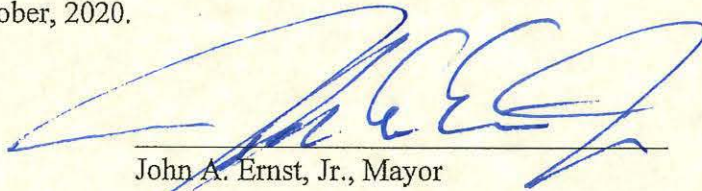
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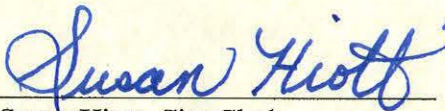
Historic Lynwood Park and its date of establishment and to be paid for out of fund balance; and

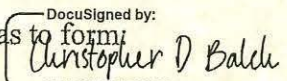
- 6. The City will provide reasonable promotion and recognition, based on materials provided, of Lynwood Park historic events such as the upcoming 100th anniversary of Little Zion Baptist Church or anniversaries of China Grove First Missionary Baptist Church or Lynwood Park United Church of God in Christ or other historic community occasions; and
- 7. The City will dedicate a room in the Lynwood Park Recreation Center to the historic Lynwood Park Community members and said room shall be available free of charge for meetings related to historic Lynwood Park, as the community has already paid the cost.

SO, ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Brookhaven, this 13th day of October, 2020.



John A. Ernst, Jr., Mayor

Attest: 
 Susan Hiott, City Clerk
 {City Seal}

Approved as to form 
 Christopher D. Balch, City Attorney

