



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James

The Honorable Hector Gutierrez

The Honorable Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine

The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager

Randi Rainey, City Clerk

Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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The Council Meetings will be livestream and available on the City's

YouTube page - "*City of Forest Park GA*"

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2024-City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

CEREMONIAL:

Proclamation recognizing Georgia Cities Week April 21-27, 2024

Background/History:

Georgia Cities Week is an annual event in the state of Georgia dedicated to celebrating and raising awareness about the importance of cities and local government. Typically held during a designated week in April, it aims to highlight cities' role in providing essential services, fostering community engagement, and driving economic growth.

During Georgia Cities Week, municipalities across the state organize various activities and events to engage residents and promote civic pride. These activities may include open houses at city facilities, educational programs about local government functions, community service projects, environmental initiatives, arts and cultural events, and recreational activities for residents of all ages.

Proclamation recognizing the City of Forest Park as a Purple Heart City-Legislative Offices**Background/History:**

The Purple Heart is a military decoration awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded or killed in action. Designating a city as a Purple Heart City allows communities to express gratitude and support for veterans and their families. Mayor Butler would like to present a Proclamation proclaiming the City of Forest Park as a Purple Heart City.

Proclamation in Recognition of our Communication Officers for Telecommunicators Week-Police Department**Background/History:**

The Forest Park Police Department currently employs 11 Communication Operators who handle incoming emergency and non-emergency calls from citizens 24/7, 365 days a year. These operators are responsible for dispatching calls for service to both police and fire personnel.

Each year, during the second week of April (April 14-20, 2024), the telecommunications personnel within the public safety community are honored. This week-long event, established in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California, serves as a time to recognize and express gratitude to those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It's an important week dedicated to raising awareness of their hard work and unwavering commitment.

Proclamation recognizing Steaven L. Misher as the official Poet Laureate for the City of Forest Park**Background/History:**

Mr. Steaven L. Misher is a professional poet with a passion for poetry; he is also the author of four poetry books and the founder of The Poetic Outreach that Empowers & Transforms (P.O.E.T.) Foundation and the co-founder of The Poets' Place, LLC, and has been chosen to be the City's official Poet Laureate.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. **Presentation by The Forest Park Ministers Association and Proclamation presented to The Forest Park Ministers Association on behalf of Councilwoman James-Legislative Offices**

Background/History:

The Forest Park Ministers Association is a non-profit organization that supports the City of Forest Park's vision by partnering with elected governmental officials, businesses, charities, and local and surrounding

communities. To highlight its purpose, the Forest Park Ministers Association would like to give a brief presentation. Followed by receiving a proclamation on behalf of Councilwoman James.

3. **Presentation on Autism Awareness Month 2024: Building Community Within Forest Park-Recreation and Leisure**

Background/History:

Autism Spectrum Disorder, also known as ASD, is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. Individuals with ASD often have problems with social communication and interaction or restrictive or repetitive behaviors or interests. According to studies conducted by the CDC in 2020, within Georgia, around 1 in 46 children aged 8 were identified with Autism. Studies also show that early detection can help children with Autism achieve optimum health and reach their full potential when they reach adulthood. April is Autism Awareness Month where it strives to bring social and community awareness about autism acceptance and promotes inclusion and connectedness for people with autism as cases continue to rise. On Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 9:00am in the rear parking lot of the Elaine Corley Recreation Center, the Recreation & Leisure Services Department will host its first annual Autism Awareness Walk to bring more awareness to the City of Forest Park.

4. **Presentation on the February FY23-24 Financial Report-Finance Department**

Background/History:

The Finance Department is presenting FY2023-2024 Monthly Financial review of the City's financials. The purpose of the monthly financial review is to help us know how healthy the City's cash flow is and help evaluate department performance to see if the executive office needs to reallocate resources to achieve the financial goals for the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. **Council Approval of a Property & Liability Brokerage Services – Executive Offices**
6. **Council Approval of the Budget Amendment for Special Revenue-Finance Department**
7. **Council Approval to enter into a contract with Garrard Construction to make exterior repairs to the Rite Aid Building in the amount of \$28,319.00-Planning and Community Development Department**
8. **Council Approval of certain Purchases for the Fire Department-Fire Department**
9. **Council Approval to Authorize the Police Department to Submit and Accept an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Canine Grant- Police Department**
10. **Council Approval to Accept the Donation of a Bloodhound-Police Department**
11. **Council Approval of the Special Facilities Request at Starr Park and sponsored by Legendary WIGO 1570 AM and Operation Push Too, LLC for Saturday, May 11, 2024 between 12pm-6pm-Recreation and Leisure Department**

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

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ADJOURNMENT: