



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, November 07, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the City of Forest Park to enhance, strengthen, and grow our city by collaborating with our community to provide the highest level of service. Striving to be recognized as a diverse community that values and respects all members. We will strive to provide fair, professional, and courteous service through transparency and open communication. As we work to achieve this mission, we will have integrity beyond reproach while employing fiscal discipline and innovation. In this work there are no praises and raises for mediocrity.

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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

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL NOTICE

DISCLAIMER: For in-person attendance, all CDC requirements of Masks and Social Distancing is recommended.

To watch the meeting via YouTube - <https://bit.ly/3c28p0A>

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

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

COVID-19 / MONKEY POX UPDATE: EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **PRESENTATION - BlueStar Studio's – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

BlueStar Studio's is a \$180 million dollars investment in the City of Forest Park with construction and development continuing in phases through 2024. The Studio will preserve the charm and history of the surrounding area while also bringing new production capabilities and boosting our local economy.

2. **PRESENTATION – High-Capacity Transit – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

Discussion and request for Mayor and City Council to endorse setting aside commuter rail and advancing a Bus Rapid Transit Alternative along the State Route 54 corridor specifically for planned for High-Capacity Transit connecting the existing MARTA Rail connecting East Point, Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Forest Park, Gillem Logistics Center, Lake City, Clayton State University, Morrow, Southlake Mall, Jonesboro and Lovejoy.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Council Consideration of Certificate Allocating Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds - Legal**

Background/History:

This year, Clayton County and each of the Clayton County municipalities are due to renew the allocation of the proceeds of the local option sales tax (L.O.S.T.) proceeds. After several meetings, it has been agreed that allocation of the proceeds shall remain the same as it has been previously.

Attached is a copy of the proposed tax allocation certificate which is to be submitted to the State Commissioner of Revenue.

It is anticipated that the County will approve the certificate at its first meeting in November. Some of the other cities have already agreed to it.

4. **Information Technology Hardware Surplus - Information Technology Department**

Background/History:

As the technology department continues to complete our budgeted IT refresh projects, we will continue to accumulate hardware that is end of life or no longer provides any value to the city. We currently have an inventory of hardware ready to be approved as surplus. If this request is approved, I am recommending that the contents of this inventory be recycled. The reason for this request is that the hardware is very old and likely does not have any usable value left to donate. I have found a 3rd party organization that will recycle the hardware free of cost to the City. Should recyclable contain enough value to be profitable for the company, it could result in a small portion of the proceeds being refunded back to the city.

5. **Council Discussion on Accepting the BJA FY 2022 Bullet Proof Vest Reimbursement Program Funding – Grants/Police**

Background/History:

A resolution to accept reimbursement funding in the amount of \$7,450.00 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership for twenty (20) bulletproof vests. The reimbursement covers the 2-year program performance period.

6. **Council Discussion on Purchasing Additional Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus – Fire & EMS Department**

Background/History:

Fire & EMS is requesting to purchase 12 new SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) air packs/units. One unit consist of SCBA, spare cylinder, mask and protective bag for the mask. The cost of this purchase is \$116,844.00. This purchase is due to complete inventory of outdated SCBAs.

Per the NFPA 1981 (National Fire Protection Association) and NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health), it requires that all SCBA cylinders be hydrostatic tested every 5 years throughout the service life of 15 years.

We currently have a total of 59 SCBA cylinders. Approximately 45 were manufactured in 2010 which will reach its end of life in 2024 and the remainder manufactured in 2011 which will reach its end of life in 2025. We would like to purchase the 12 air packs this year and budget for 12 air packs for 2024 and 12 for 2025. This purchase (and the next 2 years purchases) will ensure the compliance per NFPA and NIOSH standards for the next 15 years. Any new trucks we procure will not come with air packs. This will allow the Fire Department to pass down 12 SCBAs to the Training Division and to prepare to outfit the new apparatus that will be received next year.

We are requesting to transfer funds from the Fire Hose line (100-61-3520-53-1133) to the Breathing Apparatus line (100-61-3520-53-1135) in the amount of \$116, 844.00 to make this purchase.

7. **Update from Urban Redevelopment Agency - Economic Development**

Background/History:

The URA Chair and Department of Economic Development would like to provide an update to the City Council on its activities the past several months to include the following:

An overview of recent sales of property at the Gillem Logistics Center

A report on the financial status of the URA

The URA's remaining financial obligation to the United States Army

8. **Discussion on Email Addresses for City Boards- Legislative**

Background/History:

It is proposed that the members of the various City boards be provided with email addresses for which they can conduct official business.

The IT Department has explored options for this purpose to present to the City Council.

9. **Council Discussion on Good 360 Event for June 21-24, 2023 - Legislative**

Background/History:

Councilmember James would like to discuss with mayor and council the Good 360 Event for June 21-24, 2023.

10. **Council Discussion of a Home Repair Grant Program and Guidelines** – Executive Office

Background/History:

The Final Treasury Rules around the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds which took effect April 2022 appropriated funds that local municipalities could use to aid Disproportionately Impacted Households and Communities. Per the direction of the City Council, the City Manager reviewed several programs to determine the proper criteria and use and submits for council review and prerogative the attached guidelines. Such improvements will increase the lifespan of the City's housing stock, work to address systemic housing inequities, and stabilize home values for the neighborhood and the residents.

The approved guidelines will be used to develop the Request for Proposal for an organization that could serve as the administrator of this program on behalf of the city. The City Manager is seeking direction and approval to move forward with the RFP, based on the criteria set by council and to have the program start obtaining applications by first quarter 2023.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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