



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, April 07, 2025 at 6:00 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 Delores A. Gunn
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager
Randi Rainey, City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL NOTICE

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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL:

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

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CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council Discussion to Approve Clayton County pocket/skate park on 851 Alpine Way and authorize city funding to continue sidewalk improvements from the daycare center on the corner of Jonesboro Road and Alpine Way to the park property-** Planning and Community Development Department

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park's Planning & Community Development Department, along with the Public Works Department, recently held a predevelopment meeting with representatives from Clayton County to review the specifications and scope of the proposed pocket park/skate park project. Clayton County

plans to develop a pocket/skate park at 851 Alpine Way, which will feature an open multipurpose area, restroom and maintenance facilities, a gathering and picnic pavilion, a tot lot (small playground), a parking lot, a 10-inch-wide pedestrian trail, a fenced-in skate park, and a parking pad designed for two community mobile medical units.

The mobile medical units aim to provide essential healthcare services in underserved areas with limited access to healthcare. These units will offer various services, including preventative and primary care, specialized care, health education, and cost-effective health solutions. Their presence will enhance healthcare availability, especially in regions with limited infrastructure, ensuring critical medical services are more accessible to those in need.

As part of the project, City staff have requested that Clayton County install sidewalks along the park's frontage to enhance accessibility and connectivity. Additionally, staff are seeking authorization from the Mayor and Council to allocate City funding for infrastructure improvements, including extending existing sidewalks from the daycare center at the corner of Jonesboro Road and Alpine Way to the park property.

Should the Mayor and Council approve the request for the pocket/skate park and funding for sidewalk improvements, Clayton County will proceed with the park development, while City staff will begin installing sidewalks to improve accessibility. This will help promote active transportation, ensure safe pathways, and contribute to residents' overall quality of life. By providing convenient and accessible routes, the City encourages healthier lifestyles, fosters community engagement, and ensures that all residents, regardless of mobility, can fully enjoy the park and its benefits.

2. **Council Discussion and Approval to End Services with Shotspotter- Police Department**
Background/History:

During a City Council Work Session on September 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the Forest Park Police Department presented a proposal to implement ShotSpotter, a gunshot detection system. Following the presentation, the governing body unanimously approved the initiative. Since its implementation, however, the Forest Park Police Department has observed inconsistencies in the system's performance. As a result, the department recommends terminating the current agreement and exploring alternative solutions with other service providers. The project was initially funded through ARPA funds, and there are no remaining contractual obligations.

3. **Council Discussion and Approval to Decommission K-9 Krypto and to accept the Donation of another Bloodhound- Police Department**

Background/History:

Approximately one year ago, the Jimmy Ryce Foundation donated K-9 Crypto to the City of Forest Park. Since joining our department, efforts have been made to acclimate her to the demands of police work. Unfortunately, Crypto has continued to struggle with a fear of loud noises and unfamiliar people—two critical factors for a successful working K-9.

After careful consideration and in agreement with the Jimmy Ryce Foundation, the City of Forest Park will return the K-9 Crypto to Hurricane Creek. There, she will be placed in a loving home more suitable for her needs. In her place, the city will receive a new Bloodhound trained by Hurricane Creek at no additional cost.

The Forest Park Police Department will assume all costs associated with the new bloodhound's training, equipment, and healthcare.

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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