



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, April 21, 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

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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:

1. **Council Discussion and Approval to enter into a contract for On-Call Real Estate Appraisals and Right of Way Acquisition Consultant Services-Public Works/Procurement**

Background/History:

The Department of Public Works is requesting City Council approval of a contractual agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc.

In March of 2022, Procurement conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services to assist the City in acquiring property and easements for various projects, including those funded by the

Federal and State governments. Compliance with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Real Estate Division is required for federally and state-funded projects. Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. provides essential services to ensure that the City remains in compliance with these regulations. This contract is necessary to continue the City's sidewalk projects and maintain uninterrupted services.

SPLOST Funding: Cost is to be determined on a project-by-project basis.

2. **Council Discussion and Approval to Renew the Agreement with Flock Safety** - Police Department/Procurement Department

Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department conducted a thorough examination in 2022 to identify the most effective license plate readers, and Flock Safety emerged as the top choice. In January 2024, the Mayor and Council approved the acquisition of LPR cameras to ensure comprehensive coverage across the city. These license plate readers prove to be invaluable tools for law enforcement, particularly in the realm of investigations.

The Forest Park Police Department is seeking to continue services with Flock Safety for another year at the annual cost of \$62,500 funded by Red Speed, the automation School Zone cameras.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Council Discussion to Approve the Acquisition of Permanent Easement Rights Located at (Lot 78, 13th District) 5201 Albert Drive, Forest Park, Georgia 30297** - Executive Office

Background/History:

There is a public necessity and use for the City to acquire permanent easement rights on the property located at 5201 Albert Drive, Forest Park, Georgia 30297 (Clayton County Tax Parcel Identification No. 13078B F007). There has been a finding made that the circumstances are such that it is necessary to proceed with condemnation proceedings regarding permanent drainage easement rights by use of a method of condemnation, as authorized by O.C.G.A. §§ 22-1-1 *et seq.*

4. **Council Discussion and Approval regarding Major Medical renewal benefits package for FY' 25-26**-Executive Office

The City's Employee Benefits Program renews annually on **July 1st**. Currently, **Cigna** serves as the provider for our **Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance** plans.

In preparation for the upcoming renewal, our Benefits Broker, **MSI Benefits Group**, collaborated closely with Cigna to secure a competitive proposal. Cigna's initial underwriting analysis projected a **16.43% increase** in premiums. However, the carrier released an initial renewal offer at **+12%**, followed by a **verbal non-marketing offer of +7%**, contingent upon the City not marketing the plan to other carriers.

5. **Council Discussion and Approval to Purchase Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Cameras** - Police Department/Procurement Department

Background and History:

The Forest Park Police Department currently utilizes Versaterm for its body-worn and in-car camera systems. However, the department has encountered ongoing operational challenges with the Versaterm body-worn camera platform. Additionally, the system lacks several critical features that are considered standard in today's law enforcement technology landscape.

Due to these concerns, the department is requesting to transition to Axon body-worn and in-car camera systems. Axon is widely recognized for its reliability, advanced features, and seamless integration capabilities. The Axon platform offers automatic camera activation, real-time access to video footage, and secure cloud-based storage providing a more effective, dependable, and legally compliant solution to meet the department's operational needs.

The Forest Park Police Department requests approval to piggyback from the Sourcewell cooperative contract #101223-AXN with Axon. The 60-month period total cost is \$969,071.05 – Body Cameras: \$388,931.05 and in-car camera system: \$580,140.00, which will be expensed in annual installments. The initial payment starting in June 2025 totals \$9,690.69 to be funded from Department of Treasury account: 214-31-3210-53-1105. The 2025/2026 annual total cost is \$87,216.40.

6. **Council Discussion and Approval of a Fee Waiver for the Use of Starr Park Amphitheater – Recreation and Leisure Services**

Background/History:

The 3rd annual “Jam for Peace” festival is looking to return to the City of Forest Park on Saturday May 10th. This event will feature performances by local artists, church and school choirs. This event will also provide the community with an educational, job and health fair.

7. **Council Discussion and Approval of a Fee Waiver for the Use of 696 Main Street – Recreation and Leisure Services**

Background/History:

The Clayton County Department of Children Services is looking to use 696 Main Street on the 22nd of May for their Employee Appreciation Day. The event will take place on a Thursday between 10am – 4pm.

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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