



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, April 03, 2023 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

Ricky L. Clark Jr, 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.

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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:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Council Discussion on Entering into Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc for New/Updated Tasers - Police**

Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department is requesting the City Council's approval to enter into a five-year contract with AXON for the purchase of 60 Taser 7 Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs). The last payment for the current contract is due 2024.

An audit was conducted by Certified Axon Taser Instructor Captain Keith McGhee for functionality, battery life, and the total number of Tasers available for officer use. Captain McGhee receives regular updates from Axon indicating CEW's that are beyond the lifespan and need to be upgraded.

During the month of February 2023, an audit revealed the following: 16 weapons were nonfunctional, 31 weapons had continuous problems with extremely low batteries that are non-serviceable. Captain McGhee received a written report from Axon Representative indicating that our current weapons (X26P) exceeded their five-year useful life on April 14, 2022, The Tasers are no longer covered under warranty, or covered by Axon for repair or maintenance. Additionally, our weapons system is no longer covered by Axon Liability Insurance. Due to the less than lethal weapons, being obsolete, we are asking the City Council to approve the FPPD to enter a new contract with Axon.

2. **Council Discussion on Approving the Removal and Installation of equipment on self-support tower** - Planning & Com. Dev.

Background/History:

Authorization of the City Council to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow AT&T and its authorized agent, Providence Real Estate Consulting, to remove and install antennas, modules and cabling on an existing cell tower located at 66 Barnett Road. The applicant has housed cell technology equipment on the existing tower for several years. The Planning Commission recommended approval at its March 16, 2023 meeting.

3. **Council Discussion on Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Small Event Party Venue** – Planning & Community Dev.

Background/History:

Authorization of the City Council to approve a conditional use permit to allow an event/party venue to host small gatherings, bridal showers and banquets at 1067 Forest Parkway, Ste. A. The business will operate on the weekend, Friday through Sunday. The space was formerly a party supply store. The property is zoned Institutional Commercial (IC). The district does not allow an event venue as a permitted or conditional use but allows places of assembly as a conditional use. Examples of places of assembly uses are, assembly halls, arenas, dance halls, pool/billiard halls and similar indoor amusement or recreation uses. Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions at its March 16, 2023 meeting.

4. **Council Discussion on Approving an Agreement between COFP and Clayton County Public Schools for a Summer Food Service Program** – Recreation & Leisure Services

Background/History:

The Clayton County Public Schools has provided free breakfast and lunch meals from June through July to children (18 years of age and under) at the Forest Park Community Recreation Center. The renewal of this agreement will allow children in the community that heavily depended on school breakfast and lunch to eat during the school year the opportunity to receive meals throughout the summer months.

Requesting Council to approve the agreement between Clayton County Public Schools and the City of Forest Park

5. **Sister Cities International Discussion** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

On September 8, 2020, the Forest Park City Council Approved Resolution No. 20-21 authorizing participation in Sister Cities International. This initiative was created at President Eisenhower's 1956 White House conference on citizen diplomacy. It was envisioned as an organization that could be the hub for peace and prosperity by creating bonds between people from different cities around the world. By forming these relationships, it became the hopes of a nation that people of different cultures could celebrate and appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new conflict.

One of the key components of these Sister City relationships are Goodwill Missions, which offer opportunities to deepen friendships and cultural understanding between our sister-states. If it is the desire of the City of Forest Park to deepen commitments and relationships with Senegal, Africa it is requested that we discuss and approve sending a diplomatic goodwill delegation to the country.

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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