



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, June 21, 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.

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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 UPDATE:** EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

**PRESENTATION(S):**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Sanitation Contract – Waste Pro Services – Chief Executive Offices/Public Works**

**Background/History:**

The City of Forest Park initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to procure contractual services for citywide, commercial, and residential sanitation. Results of the process ranked Waste Pro USA as the top vendor to which contraction negotiations were initiated. Staff presented a negotiated contract to Mayor and Council during the June 6, 2022, Meeting, where council expressed concerns over the elimination of recycling, recycling education, as well as concerns over commercial rates. At that time City Council voted to table the contract.

Staff took this direction and conversed with Waste Pro USA regarding council members' concerns. The attached document highlights how these concerns will be addressed, and the City Manager is seeking council direction as to how they would like to proceed in this matter.

2. **Discussion and Direction regarding Veto Message (Line-Item Veto – Police Services – Chief Executive Offices**

**Background/History:**

Pursuant to Section 2.32(c) of the Charter the Mayor exercised her veto authority and apply said authority to specific portions of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget approved at the June 6, 2022 meeting of the City Council of Forest Park. The specific portions are detailed below.

**Police Services**

The following line items are **reduced** by the corresponding amounts:

100-31-3210-51-1101 (Salaries)	(\$208,132.01)
100-31-3210-54-2502 (Capital Outlay)	(\$111,867.99)

The amounts above correspond to the additional appropriations requested for the Gang and Narcotics Task force. Let me be clear, in principle, I do not oppose the task force. I do, however, oppose funding five additional positions within the Police Department when as of June 6th, 2022, there are thirty-five vacant positions: ten civilian and twenty-five belonging to sworn officers. The Gang and Narcotics Task force is an assignment. The persons chosen to fill the Gang and Narcotics Task force will include one civilian Public Education Specialist and four sworn, (three officers and 1 Sergeant). Therefore, these five positions can be taken from the current ten vacant civilian and twenty-five vacant positions and assigned to work the Gang and Narcotics Task force.

If there is a special preference needed for this assignment, then Chief Clark has full autonomy to indicate such on the current job descriptions for the current vacant positions. As such, there is nothing that prevents the Police Department from first forming the task force out of existing approved positions. Going forward, once Chief Clark fills his vacant positions, I would be amenable to revisiting amending the budget to provide for additional positions, but only after the existing vacancies are filled **and** only after due and adequate consideration is paid to the funds that the Police Department already has that could be used for this purpose. More so, at the leisure of the Council, our organizational chart can be amended to clearly delineate the Gang and Narcotic Task force designation.

Attached as Exhibit A is a chart showing the balance, as of June 1, 2022, in the asset forfeiture accounts the Police Department maintains. These funds may be used for the task force, police equipment and training. It is imperative to note and understand, these funds have remained unused for years. While

it is true the Police Chief may use these funds at his/her discretion, there is no plausible or legal reason why these funds are not being utilized.

See Exhibit A -

By removing these items from the budget, it would be my desire to have the Council consider redirecting the savings resulting from this veto to other critical public safety-related purposes such as: a critically needed upgrade to the City-wide camera and surveillance systems, Omnilert, a gun detection system and a gun buy-back program to aid in removing weapons of war from our City streets. As well as to care for City maintained Cemeteries, and an environmental study of a cleaners, which is a possible catalyst site within our Downtown Entertainment District.

The City Manager is seeking City Council direction on how they would like for the administration to proceed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**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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