



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00 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 Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager
Michelle Hood, Interim City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Free Gifts at the Park Recognitions** - Legislative Offices

Background/History:

Summer 2023 has turned a bit brighter for families in Forest Park, thanks to an event which was coordinated by The City of Forest Park in partnership with Helping Hands Ending Hunger INC. (HHEH). A truckload of donated goods from Good360 was gifted to residents at a summer fun shopping day on June 23, 2023, at the Forest Park High School Gym at an event aptly named: "Free Gifts at the Park."

Kimberly James, Councilwoman Ward 1, Carla Harward, CEO of HHEH, and Arvis Walker, Clayton County Council of PTAs spent the past several months planning and broadening efforts to maximize the impact of this fun event.

2. **Proclamation in recognition of Muslim Heritage Month – Legislative Offices**

Background/History:

“Muslim American Heritage Month” celebrates the contributions of Americans of Muslim heritage to the United States from its founding through the present. The national month’s observance spotlights Muslims embracing freedom to pursue the American Dream and celebrates Muslim contributions to American society.

Forest Park has significant numbers of Muslims, and such Proclamation will continue to make Forest Park an inclusive and diverse city. 25 other cities across Georgia are expected to do a Proclamation/Resolution regarding Muslim American Heritage Month. HB 360 - a bill re: Muslim American Heritage Month is a bipartisan bill currently in the House’s “Special Rules Committee.”

3. **Proclamation in recognition of City of Forest Park 811 Day - Executive Offices**

Background/History:

The Clayton County UCC has partnered with Georgia 811 to promote 811 Day each August for the past total 2 years to coincide with the onset of peak digging season. The initiative was designed to heighten contractor and homeowner awareness of the national 811 notification system. By calling 811, Clayton County residents notify area utility operators, including City of Forest Park of their intent to dig so that the utilities can be located ahead of the project. The 811-notification system is paramount to the prevention of damage to underground utilities and the safety of Forest Park, Clayton County residents.

4. **Presentation of Forest Park Police Departmental Logo/Seal - Police Department**

Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department recently completed a rebranding project for both the agency’s logo and seal in order to better improve brand awareness and overall communication with citizens, businesses, and community stakeholders.

Strong branding is extremely necessary to establish any law enforcement agency as credible, reliable and – above all – trustworthy.

The color palettes used in the new logo help emphasize the department’s commitment to SERVICE, INTEGRITY, and RESPECT through quality policing.

5. **Recognition of Officer of the Month**

Background/History:

Officer of the Month is a newly implemented program that recognizes officers of the Forest Park Police Department for outstanding service to the citizens and businesses of Forest Park. This program was implemented to boost moral and acknowledge our police officers that has gone above and beyond the call of service.

During the Month of June 2023, Officer Akin Frederick and Detective Marvin Malone were the most productive and active officers within the agency.

Officer Frederick excelled in the following areas: citizen contacts, traffic enforcement, law enforcement, and written reports. Officer Frederick overall work performance led him to be selected and recognized as Officer of the Month.

Detective Malone responded to and investigated a call for service where there was a loss of life. Detective Malone worked long hours without complaint and was able to identify the suspect involved, charge the suspect with the appropriate charge, locate the weapon used during the crime, and take the suspect into custody. His exceptional work ethic and dedication make him stand out among his peers.

6. **Recognition of Employees – Legislative Offices**

Background/History:

In an effort to further our commitment to an employee-first environment, as part of Councilwoman Akins-Wells initiatives, she has selected a group of employees in which she wishes to recognize. This initiative will occur quarterly. Councilwoman Akins-Wells will recognize the following employees for the first group who have received recent recognitions: Sgt. Brittney Sparks, Officer Sharaya Bailey, Officer Paris Thomas, Officer Renoldo Pope, Officer Eric Ellis, Officer Skydot Das, Officer Sheena Shelton, Joseph Kidd, Takuya Gatlin, Randell Boone & Kyle Grace.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. **Council Approval on Conditional Use Permit for Self-Storage- 4140 Jonesboro Road – Planning & Community Development**
8. **Council Approval on Rezoning from RS to GC - 4233 Thurman Rd. – Planning & Community Development**
9. **Council Approval on Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2023-04)- 5370 Ash Street – Planning & Community Development**
10. **Council Approval on Rezoning from RS to RM - Scott Rd. (RZ-2023-02) – Planning & Community Development**
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PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2023 and Special Called Meeting Minutes from June 22 & 29, 2023 - City Clerk**

OLD BUSINESS:

13. **Council Approval of Request to Reconsider Previous Vote on Redistricting** – Legislative Offices

NEW BUSINESS:

14. **Council Approval of City of Forest Park Accident Review Committee** – Executive Offices
15. **Council Approval of CDBG Funds Reallocation** – Executive Offices
16. **Council Approval of Revision to Personnel Manual With Respect to Employee Terminations** – Executive Offices
17. **Council Approval of Revised Resignation and Paid Leave Policy** – Executive Offices
18. **Council Approval of Request for Ratification Purchase of Ford Interceptors** - Police Department
19. **Council Approval of Reorganization of the Police Department** - Police Department
20. **Council Approval of Forest Park Fire Department Employee Referral Program** – Executive Offices
21. **Council Approval of Forest Park Fire Department Sign - On Bonus** – Executive Offices

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

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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