



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, February 07, 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 A. 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.

To watch the meeting via YouTube - <https://bit.ly/3c28p0A>

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

COVID-19 UPDATE: EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Council Discussion on Transferring Previous Year CDBG Funds to Current Year – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park was awarded 2019 CDBG funds for architecture and engineering costs for improvements to Rock Cut Road in the amount of \$64, 213 for engineering and design. All engineering and design services have been completed, leaving a balance of approximately \$29,213. If approved by Clayton County HUD Offices to transfer remaining funds to the 2021 Starr Park Improvements award, it is in the city's best interest to do so, so that the funds are not recaptured by the County.

2. **Council Discussion on Consideration and Approval for "The Leaf" Monthly Newsletter – Public Information Office**

Background/History:

"The Leaf Report" will be the City of Forest Parks way of communicating important, timely information to citizens. The newsletter will be published monthly and electronically distributed to residents and businesses. The newsletter will focus on citywide operations and will not be ward specific but will encompass all operations of the city, covering all projects and issues.

Sending an electronic newsletter is a great way to give residents and businesses "added value" in the form of interesting content, information, and valuable tips, as well as keeping them informed of upcoming matters. The City Manager is seeking approval from Council to adopt "the Leaf" as the official newsletter of the city and begin distributing it via email.

3. **Council Discussion to Reduce the Speed Limit on East Bound and West Bound Pineridge Drive – Chief Executive Offices**

Background/History:

From April 14 – 18, 2021, the City of Forest Park conducted a speed study on East Bound and West Bound Pineridge Drive to validate a request for installation of Speed Calming Devices. After review by the City Manager, Public Works, and Forest Park Police Department it was determined that the street did not meet the criteria for the devices or to a speed reduced.

The streets current speed limit is 35 mph and vehicle counts are approximately 9,372. Per city ordinance any city street with a speed limit over 30 mph or a traffic count over 4000 vehicles per day would not qualify for a speed calming device. Before a speed clammng device could be installed the speed limit would have to be reduced to 30 mph to bring it within the guideline of the City Ordinance.

However, upon a reduction in speed an independent third party is required to conduct a speed study, it could not be done by the city and that report reviewed by the State. If it cannot justify based criteria form the State's Uniform Rules of the Road a need for the devices it can be denied, and they can restore or increase the speed limit on the road.

Pineridge Road is a proposed City Park location.

The city manager is requesting council's guidance on how it would like to proceed in this matter.

4. **Main Street Streetscape Phase IIA – Relocation Agreement Between Georgia Power and City of Forest Park – Department of Planning and Community Development**

Background/History:

Main Street Streetscape Project Phase IIA from College Street to Phillips Drive requires a relocation agreement between the City of Forest Park and Georgia Power to relocate existing Georgia Power equipment and to install concrete poles to replace existing wooden poles.

5. **Council Discussion on Purchasing New City Street Light Banners** – Chief Executive Office

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park has Street Light Banners along the major thoroughfares of the city. The banners are intended to instill a sense of pride in the community, by adding a decorative element to the city's streetscape. The City Manager is seeking council approval to purchase 18 new streetlight banners.

6. **Council Discussion and Action Regarding a Councilmember's Missed Meetings and Pay Reduction** – Chief Executive Office

Background/History:

Pursuant to council meeting of January 22, 2022 discussion regarding Councilmembers missing meetings. Per the city code of ordinances sec. 2-1-33 - Compensation and expenses of members of the city council. Councilwoman Wells pay was reduced by 10% for each meeting missed which is documented as the workshop and regular meetings of November 15, 2021, and the workshop and regular meetings of December 6, 2021.

Councilwoman Wells is requesting that there be a vote regarding her pay being reinstated and will provide her reasons per the Code of Ordinances to council. The City Manager is seeking direction on how the council would like to proceed in this matter.

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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