



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, April 18, 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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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

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **Third Quarter Budget Update** – Chief Executive Office/Finance

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is committed to fiscal responsibility and ensuring our operations stay on track with our goals of balancing revenue collections and expenses, while ensuring we appropriate spending that

enhances the safety and well-being of our community. With these goals in mind the Department of Finance presents our 3rd quarterly budget update.

2. **Council Discussion on MARTA's Transit Supportive Land Use Study** – Department of Planning & Community Development

Background/History:

To conclude the Clayton County Transit Supportive Land Use Study, MARTA is providing each jurisdiction with zoning recommendations for better alignment with transit supportiveness, as well as additional station area planning strategies. The recommended approach for implementing transit supportive land uses in Forest Park is to integrate key components of MARTA's TOD-Core Redevelopment/ New Build model ordinance into the City's current zoning ordinance. The creation of a new residential overlay based on the Residential Support model ordinance is also recommended.

No Action Needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Council Discussion on the Appointment of a New City Solicitor to the Municipal Court** – Chief Executive Office

Background/History:

The former solicitor for the City of Forest Park's Municipal Court has been appointed a Judgeship within the Clayton County Juvenile Courts. The City Manager is requesting that Council considers the candidacy of Assistant Solicitor Andres Marierose to the position of City Solicitor.

4. **Council Discussion on On-Call Real Estate Appraisals and Right of Way Acquisition Consultant Services** – Public Works/PBZ/Procurement Division

Background/History:

The Executive Offices on behalf of the Procurement Division, Public Works and Planning, Building, and Zoning Departments is requesting approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. The Procurement Division conducted a request for proposals for On- Call Real Estate Appraisals and Right of Way Acquisition Consultant Services to assist the City with acquiring property and easements for projects including those that are Federally Funded. Projects with Federal and State funding must follow the procedures required by both GDOT and Federal Highway Administration Real Estate Division. Having this consultant firm will allow us to move forward with the City's sidewalk projects and be in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration and GDOT's requirements. The initial term of the contract will be for three (3) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods if the City wants to continue with the firm based on their performance.

5. **Council Discussion on Math Trail Memorandum of Understanding** – Chief Executive Offices

Background/History:

The Clayton County Board of Education's Mathematics Department would like to "STEMulate" a few community spaces for their new Community MathTalk Trail and is seeking support for a location in the City of Forest Park.

Clayton County Schools in collaboration with MathTalk PBC, Clayton County Parks and Recreation, and the Clayton County Community is building a community Math Trail. Clayton County will be one of only four communities in the country to feature a customized MathTalk Math Trail. Math Trail installations include math themed art, games, and structures designed by our students and community members and installed in community spaces with signage to provide game directions and conversation starters. Math Trails spark playful opportunities for open-ended math exploration and conversation. They are designed and located in places that provide natural opportunities for families to engage with math content in ways that build interest, confidence, and enthusiasm for math.

The City Manager is seeking City Councils' approval to enter into an agreement with Clayton County Schools to include Starr Park as a featured location.

6. Council Discussion on Entering an Agreement with Laron Harlem for a Forest Park Mural Project – Procurement Division

Background/History:

The Executive Offices and the Division of Procurement on behalf of the City is seeking councils' direction regarding a contractual agreement with Laron Harlem, Jr., Artist and Owner of A Bucket and A Dream. The Procurement Division conducted a request for qualifications for The Mural Project. The artist will produce a mural on three outdoor retainer walls located at Conley Rd and at the intersection on Pineridge Rd & Alder Dr. The mural project seeks to bring beauty to what would otherwise be a cold, blank wall and also celebrate the energy and diversity of the local area. Given the wide range of potential visitors and diverse cultures of the residents that travels our streets, the mural will celebrate the "coming together" of all these diverse groups and highlight Forest Park's rich cultural history while developing new expressions for the current times and enthusiasm about its future. This mural will transform these walls into vibrant, colorful and welcoming elements to Forest Park with the intent to deter graffiti. A Bucket and A Dream was the only artist to submit a proposal and their submission is within what was budgeted. We are seeking councils' direction on how they would like to proceed in this matter. The contract and project installation of the artwork would continue until artist completion.

7. Council Discussion of On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Entertainment Venues – Legal

Background/History:

It is proposed that the City amend the licensing requirements for the on-premises consumption of alcohol only to allow entertainment venues, such as concert halls, comedy clubs, dinner theaters and similar establishments to be permitted to sell alcohol during their events. The proposed ordinance would allow on-premises alcohol sales one hour before and after such events and require food to be made available during their hours of operation. Adult entertainment establishments would not be included within the definition of an entertainment venue.

8. Council Discussion of Amendment of Pay Period for Council Members – Legal

Background/History:

It is proposed that the City amend the pay period for Council Members and the Mayor so that they are paid at the same time as City employees. Currently, City Employees are paid once a week while Council Members are paid once a month. The proposed ordinance would allow Council Members to be paid once a week but would not change the amount of their compensation in any way.

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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