



**CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, September 07, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

AGENDA

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

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

COVID-19 UPDATE: Fire Chief Clemons

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion - Sister Cities Itemized List** – Department

Background/History:

On August 02, 2021, the City Council Approved a budget of \$15,000 to participate in Sister Cities International with 3 cities in Haiti, Ghana, and Senegal. At that time, it was the direction of the council prior to any purchases being made that an itemized list be presented for approval. Submitted for council review and discretion is an itemized listing showing what could be purchased and shipped using available funding. The City Manager is seeking council direction on how they would like to proceed with this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Confirmation of the Director of Information Technology** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The City Council approved the City Manager's request for a Director of Information Technology to help enhance and build our city technology infrastructure.

3. **Mission, Vision and Values Statement** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park has several goals and initiatives that has been defined in a comprehensive plan. However, a mission and vision, and set of values is just as important to the strategic future of the city to helping the employees, and residents know the purpose of our existence and core values on which it is governed. It is an extremely important part of our city's strategy to help set priorities, allocate resources, and ensure that everyone is working towards common goals and objectives, providing a roadmap to the future. The attached Mission, Vision and set of values was crafted by city for this councils review and discretion.

4. **Title Change from Training Captain to Division Chief (Training)** – Fire Department

Background/History:

The purpose of this request is to streamline the efficiencies of Fire Department Operations and to have consistency within the Divisions of the Fire Department. Currently, this position holds the Title as Training Officer Fire Captain with duties, roles, and responsibilities higher than a Captain and equivalent to a Fire Battalion Chief and EMS Division Chief. Our Fire Department is the only fire department in the surrounding area to not have a Training Chief as the head of the Training Division. I believe that changing the position title would help streamline training that requires communications with outside agencies and within our very own Fire Department.

5. **Public Artwork (Murals)** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The City Council has discussed on several occasions wanting Public Artwork (murals) displayed in specific areas of the city. The city would like to the opportunity to promote local talent and engage the community turning empty city walls into huge public canvases that have a lasting positive effect on the community. The City Manager is seeking direction on how the council would like to proceed.

6. **American Rescue Funds Allocation Recommendation and Survey Results** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. The City of Forest Park received its first allocation of \$3,738,098.00 and posted and promoted an online survey from July 12, 2021, to August 30, 2021, requesting community input on how these funds should be allocated. Base on the community survey results, conversation regarding strategic priorities and needs of city operations the City Manager and his team has put forward the following recommendation for council review and direction.

7. **Resolution 2021-30 to Accept the City of Forest Park LCI Main Street Report** – Planning, Building, and Zoning

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park was awarded a grant by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to update the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study for the Main Street Overlay District in Downtown Forest Park. The purpose of the study was to revisit the original LCI plan and keep it relevant to the current context, and economic conditions.

The city had a robust public engagement process that included city officials, numerous public meetings, workshops, and public hearings at the Planning Commission meeting to encourage stakeholders and citizen participation in the process for shaping the report.

8. **Approval of Resolution 2021-31 to Authorize Sale of Abandoned portion of JG Glover Court** – Legislative

Background/History:

On August 2, 2021, the City Council authorized the abandonment of the northern portion of JG Glover Court which was not needed as a public road by the City of Forest Park. The City notified the abutting property owner of its right to acquire the abandoned portion of JG Glover court pursuant to authorization provided in O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4(a). The property owner has requested the purchase of the abandoned right-of-way. A resolution approving the sale is required by O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4(d).

This is the final step in the process.

9. **Ordinance to Repeal and Replace the City of Forest Park Chapter 8 Zoning and Chapter 3 Sign Ordinances** – Planning, Building, and Zoning

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is updating its zoning and sign ordinances, which will address changing conditions that have occurred within the City and re-align current and future community and economic development goals. Updates to the zoning ordinance will focus on creating a predictable use of adjacent properties, uniformity in lot development, prevention of adverse built conditions on adjacent properties, requirements of compatible land uses, and improved cityscape appearances. The Zoning Ordinance will also integrate new business uses, modernize district standards, incorporate design guidelines for the Main Street District, and address items such as building facades, landscaping, sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, and signage.

The City held numerous public meetings, workshops, and public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting to encourage stakeholders and citizen participation to help shape the new Zoning Ordinance regulations, achieve a neighborhood-friendly design, and stimulate economic development while maintaining the character of the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

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