



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, March 04, 2024 at 6:00 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
Randi Rainey, City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL NOTICE

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Council Approval to Purchase five (5) Air Packs and Cylinders for the Forest Park Fire Department** -Forest Park Fires & EMS Department

Background/History:

The Forest Park Fire Department needs to purchase five (5) air packs and cylinders. The cost is \$49,571.95 and needs council approval. The vendor is Municipal Emergency Services (MES). MES is under government contract and no comparison quotes nor request to bid is required.

The fund is fire fighting equipment 100-61-3520-53-1136

2. **Council Discussion and Approval to Purchase 2 Ambulances** -Forest Park Fire & EMS

Background/History:

The Fire Department would benefit from the purchase of 2 new ambulances in many ways. With the newest ambulances being utilized as front-line apparatus, they run most of our EMS Calls, more than 70% of the total yearly call volume. The next newest ambulance is a 2013 with over 195,000 miles on it. It has an average out-of-service percentage of 10-15%, meaning it is not able to be utilized during that time due to maintenance. This is based on a 5-year time span. The maintenance and repair costs are approximately 60%+ over the lifespan of the ambulance compared to the cost of a new one. These considerations along with the overall condition of the truck show a need for replacement. This would change us from a diesel engine to gasoline and allow for easier and cheaper routine maintenance costs (per Roscoe at Fleet Services).

3. Council Discussion and Approval of a Latin American Association Partnership – Legislative Offices**Background/History:**

Councilmembers James & Gutierrez are seeking approval of an event partnership agreement between Clayton County Public Schools and the City of Forest Park for a Latin American Association on April 27, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event will promote the vision of the Latin American Association (LAA) which is to provide “Opportunity for All,” with diversity, equity, and inclusion being a primary focus of their organization.

4. Council Discussion and Approval of an Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA) Appointment – Legislative Offices**Background/History:**

Councilmember James, Chair of the Urban Redevelopment Agency, is seeking the appointment of Yasmin Julio to fill the unexpired term of Marisol Sconiers, who recently resigned her seat. Her term is set to expire March 21, 2026.

5. Council Discussion and Approval on the Forest Parkway Median Landscape – Executive Offices**Background/History:**

Falcon Design Consultants, LLC (FDC) has prepared a Task Order (TO) to assist the City of Forest Park with a landscape plan, bid assistance, and construction management for landscape improvements along the median of Forest Parkway within the city limits of Forest Park. The total centerline distance of the project limits is approximately 9,900 L.F. or 1.875 miles.

Additionally, FDC will provide bid assistance and construction management services, as required, to provide a complete project to the City of Forest Park. Based on meetings with GDOT, FDC will prepare plans using local GIS and aerial data.

6. Council Discussion and Approval on the City of Forest Park Blight Tax Ordinance – Executive Offices**Background/History:**

Neighborhood blight and the presence of vacant and abandoned properties have profound negative impacts. Additionally, because blighted properties often demand higher government services (e.g., public safety and code enforcement services) than other properties, the higher tax allows local governments to recover some of the costs associated with this increased burden.

7. **Council Discussion and Approval of the Final Plat- Towne Manor Townhomes-** Planning and Community Development Department

Background/History:

The Towne Manor townhome development located at 437 North Avenue is nearing completion of the 16-townhome unit subdivision and is now in the final plating stage. The preliminary plat was approved by the Planning Commission on August 18, 2022. The development is located on 1.61 acres on the corner of North Avenue and Burks Road.

8. **Council Discussion and Approval of the Text Amendment-Termination of Conditional Use Permits** – Planning and Community Development Department

Background/History:

Article G. Section 8-8-190 as currently written in the code does not provide clear and formal processes of the termination or continuance of a conditional use permit. The requested text amendment provides more clarity when a conditional use permit shall no longer be authorized if construction or occupancy has not occurred within six months of the date a conditional use permit was granted. The amendment further clarifies the continuance of a conditional use permit, if the use of which the permit was granted is occurring on the property and states the discontinuance of a conditional use permit will occur if it is found that no activity has taken place for a period of 60 days.

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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