



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, March 06, 2023 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
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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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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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Council Discussion to Approve a Conditional Use Permit at 721 Morrow Road - Planning & Community Development Department**

Background/History: This item was tabled at the February 6, 2023, meeting.

The applicant, Mayeto McKinzie Hylton, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to add and operate an early childcare learning center use to a present church use at 721 Morrow Road. This property is in the Single-

Family Residential District (RS). Places of Worship, a K-12 private school, and Pre-K and day care centers require conditional use permits to operate in a Single-Family Residential District. Currently the property houses a church, south of the minor arterial street Morrow Road. The street frontage for the parcel is Morrow Road; west of the parcel is a mixture of residential homes and a church, south of the parcel are residential homes, east of the parcel are residential homes and an office building, and north of the parcel are residential homes and a gas station.

Staff recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit to allow the early childcare learning center in the Single-Family Residential (RS) District with the following conditions:

The applicant must adhere to state guidelines outlined in Section 8-8-78, and provide proof (i.e. copy of application in process) and/or a copy of state certification to operate a school.

The applicant and/or his tenants may be allowed to operate a church, a school, and offices associated with those uses. However, no other offices or commercial uses will be permitted.

Storage of vehicles, trucks, and trailers is strictly prohibited.

Violation of these conditions will result in the loss of the conditional use permit and associated business licenses.

The Planning Commission voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit with Conditions.

The applicant provided a copy of the application submitted to the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. Staff also contacted the GA Department of Early Care and Learning and per the Department, the applicant's application is in Pending Status, until it receives notification of the City of Forest Park's decision of the Zoning (Conditional Use Permit approval), and also other city approvals that would be required (building and fire inspections). See attached documents in packet.

A Public Hearing will be done during the Regular Council Meeting.

Staff is requesting Council to approve the Conditional Use Permit

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Council Discussion on the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update** – Planning & Community Development Department

Background/History:

A comprehensive plan is a guide for communities to invest, develop and allocate services based on a shared vision formed through a public process. It is long-range that looks ahead 5 to 20 years. It assists communities in understanding its needs and desires, as well as strengths and weaknesses. The comprehensive plan looks across many facets of a city such as land use, housing, economic development, transportation, and other socio-economic elements. Forest Park updated its last Comprehensive Plan in 2018.

The is the first of two Public Hearings to be held at Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings.

3. **Council Discussion of Arborist Report and Tree Removal** – Public Works Department

Background/History:

At 722 Conley Rd., we observed a mature Oak, 28.5" DBH, originating in abundant Rock Springs Cemetery. The Oak is growing into the concrete roof of the Cemetery mausoleum on Forest Hills Memorial Gardens. The attached pictures show the tree has been growing into concrete for at least a couple of years, as we observed reaction wood forming around concrete. The mature Oak also is considered structurally defective with a large decay cavity, (wood of trunk rotting) weakening the trunk, increasing the risk of failure. We recommend removing the tree.

We are asking for approval to remove the tree and the pruning of dead limbs on other trees.

4. **Council Discussion to Approve Net2Atlanta Contract for new Public Safety Building – IT Department**

Background/History:

In order for the new public safety building to have internet and connectivity to City technology resources, we need to install a new circuit provided by Net2Atlanta which is the ISP that provides connectivity for all of the City's core locations. This will be an agreement for a three year term, which is the same contract length for our other circuits provided by Net2Atlanta.

It is requested that council approve this additional circuit so that we can have internet and connectivity for our new public safety building.

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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