



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, August 01, 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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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 / MONKEYPOX UPDATE:** EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion around E-911 Fund – Legislative**
2. **Council Discussion Georgia Municipal Association Conference – Legislative**

**Background/History:**

Discuss the take aways from the Georgia Municipal Association Conference members of City Council and Staff attended.

3. **Discussion and appointment of a Land Bank Authority Board Representative** – Chief Executive Offices

**Background/History:**

The City of Forest Park's Planning and Community Development Director Mr. James Shelby has submitted his resignation from the Land Bank Authority Board. Mr. Shelby was appointed to serve as the city's representative for a second term by City Council on April 21, 2022. Now with his resignation the City Manager is seeking the direction of Mayor and Council on a replacement.

The City of Forest Park has appointment power over one (1) seat on the Clayton County Land Bank Board. The Board Members' terms are staggered, such that some terms expire every April. Mr. Shelby's current term would have ended 4/21/23.

4. **Council Discussion on Budget Amendment (Increase Requested) – City's Right of Way and Parks Lawn Maintenance** – Chief Executive Offices

**Background/History:**

The City of Forest Park is not immune to the issues of labor shortages that have plagued our nation. While the Mayor and City Council has taken steps to address this matter, we still struggle to find qualified workers. More specifically within the Public Works Division we have several open positions that we hold as continuously recruiting.

Due to these shortages, we have struggled to maintain city right of way(s) maintenance and some parks. The City Manager is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 to apply toward contracted lawn service providers through the Public Works Division to assist with this maintenance for the season.

The funds requested would be taken from the City's current fund balance, and if approved, this request would increase the city's 2022-2023 budget for the Public Works Division by the requested amount to be applied for the specified purpose.

5. **Council Discussion on Adopt a Road – Beautification Initiative** – Legislative

**Background/History:**

Litter prevention efforts such as Adopt-a-Road programs can have an impact and benefit to the community at large, by helping to improve property values, foster pride in clean neighborhoods, and encourage civic involvement.

It is requested that the City Council considers amending the current 2022-2023 approved budget to include in the legislative department's expenses, a line item in the amount of \$6,000 to purchase signs, trash bags, vests, and trash pickers for each ward. Funding for this initiative would come from the City's current fund balance and allocated to increase the legislative department's budget by the same amount to be distributed evenly within each ward for this specific purpose.

6. **Council Discussion on the Transfer of City Property to the Downtown Development Authority** – Economic Development

**Background/History:**

The Economic Development Department is requesting that five lots owned by the City of Forest Park be transferred to the Forest Park Downtown Development Authority for the purposes of economic development/revitalization of Main Street. Lots are contiguous and surrounded by Hill Street, Parker Street, Summit Street and College Street. They are a total of 1.93 acres. A buffer area owned by the city next to the old water tank lot is to be included in transfer. Please refer to Exhibit A.

**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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