



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

Tuesday, July 06, 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: Deputy Fire Chief Clemons

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Intact Consulting Services** - Marcia Ridley

Background & Summary:

Ms. Ridley was approved to conduct the City's 2021 Municipal Elections and will give Council a presentation on her company. This is for discussion only.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Council Discussion on Approving to Continue the Stipends for First Responders during COVID-19 Crisis** - City Manager

Background/History:

The City Council of Forest Park, GA approved on March 27, 2020, a stipend of an additional \$75.00 weekly for First Responders (Firefighters/EMS, Police Officers and Dispatchers) at the forefront of the coronavirus pandemic. The stipend was set to end at the lifting of the COVID restrictions for the city. While the restrictions have been lifted the COVID-19 crisis continues worldwide, and our first responders are still on the front of the pandemic. I am requesting that the Governing Body approve a continuation of this stipend until December 31, 2021.

Cost: \$90,000 weekly (\$216,000 6mos total) Budgeted for: Yes ___ No X

Financial Impact:

The funds can be use from COVID-19 and American Rescue funds to be allocated to the City.

3. **Council Discussion on Approving a Revised Policy for City of Forest Park Proclamation Request** - City Manager

Background/History:

Among the many ceremonial functions of the office of Mayor is recognizing and honoring people, events, activities, organizations, issues, etc. through the issuance of formal proclamations. A city proclamation is the highest honor bestowed from the City of Forest Park and the goal is to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary achievements of local citizens and non-profit organizations, honor occasions of importance and significance, and to increase public awareness of issues to improve the well-being of the Citizens of Forest Park.

The purpose of this item is to establish policy and procedures to formalize requests for Proclamations from the City of Forest Park and their issuance.

4. **Council Discussion on Approving a Code of Conduct Ordinance** - City Manager

Background/History:

An ordinance of the City of Forest Park, Georgia to include a code of conduct within the code of ethics for officials.

This governing body is composed of individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds, personalities, values, opinions, and goals. Despite this diversity, each governing body member has chosen to serve in public office to preserve and protect the present and the future of the city of Forest Park. This common goal should be acknowledged even as governing body members may "agree to disagree" on contentious issues.

It is for the purpose stated above that the attached Code of Conduct Ordinance is brought forth for discussion and approval of the City Council.

5. **Council Discussion on Candidates for the Development Authority Board** - Bruce Abrahams, Economic Development Director and Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

Background/History:

Candidates for consideration for appointment to the Development Authority Board (DA). There is only one (1) vacancy on this board.

The candidates are:

Felecia Davis

Blake Joiner

Jacklyn Faith

Yasmino Julio

Tyree Nunez

Bennett Joiner

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