



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, February 17, 2025 at 7:00 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 Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager
Randi Rainey, City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

To watch the meeting via YouTube - <https://bit.ly/3c28p0A>

The Council Meetings will be livestreamed and available on the City's

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2025 -**
City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

PRESENTATIONS:

2. **IT Department Update** – IT Department

Background/History:

The IT department would like to share a presentation with the Mayor and Council. The presentation includes key IT department updates, including metrics, projects, staff updates, etc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:**3. Public Hearing #1-Opting-Out of HB 581-Executive Offices****Background/History:**

House Bill 581, passed during the 2024 legislative session and signed by Governor Kemp, introduces key changes impacting local government revenue. This bill includes procedural modifications to property tax assessments and appeals, a new statewide homestead exemption (which local governments can opt out of), and a local option sales tax to provide property tax relief.

The second Public Hearing will be on February 20, 2025, at noon, and the third Public Hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. If approved by the council, the adoption will follow.

4. Council Approval to approve Text amendment to amend such section updating Banquet Halls and adding definitions for Brown Bagging, Banquet Halls, and Brewpubs. - Planning and Community Development (public hearing in regular session).**Background/History:**

Staff have worked with the city attorney to update the ordinance for clarity. After a careful review of the ordinance, several changes were proposed to safeguard the community, prohibiting brown bagging, covering front windows in banquet halls, and updating operating hours. These items were suggested to clarify and to ensure safe business operations and practices within the City of Forest Park. If the Mayor and the Council proceed with approval of this Text Amendment, it will allow the proposed amendments to be enforced.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. Council Approval regarding the distribution of a publication to all residents via mail showcasing the happenings within the City of Forest Park. - Mayor Angelyne Butler**
- 6. Council Approval regarding use of 696 Main Street by the Downtown Development Authority – Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells**
- 7. Council Approval on the March 18, 2025, Special Election Voting Locations- Executive Offices**
- 8. Council Approval on the FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)- Finance Department**
- 9. Council Approval of Budget Amendment for General Fund- Finance Department**
- 10. Council Approval on the MAINTSTAR Upgrade – IT Department**
- 11. Council Approval on the 696 Main Street Special Usage Request – Recreation & Leisure Services Department**

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

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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