



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, July 05, 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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The Council Meetings will be livestream and available on the City's

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 UPDATE:** EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion regarding Forest Park Police Department Accounts – Chief Executive Offices**

**Background/History:**

The City of Forest Park Police Department has multiple accounts for cash taken from people who have been targeted in criminal investigations. Once taken through the forfeiture process, if the department is allowed to keep these funds they may be used as supplements to the department's budget.

The City of Forest Park conducted an operational and performance audit with an outside auditor during a period of 2020 – 2021. Per the April 15, 2021, report "year over year, there is a significant amount of unspent funds." And it goes on to further state that "With proactive awareness and active planning, the unspent funds could have been utilized to increase hiring each year, the completion of projects or purchase of equipment for the Police Department and/or E-911 Communications". As of June 3, 2022, there is approximately \$1.2 million dollars in combined funds that can be used by police for training and equipment.

There are several needs of the Forest Park Police Department for equipment and training that these funds should be utilized to address.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2. Discussion regarding the creation of Mural Arts Committee – Chief Executive Offices**

#### **Background/History:**

A Mural is defined as a large-scale artwork done directly on the wall of a structure in a residential and/or commercial zone, with the permission of the city. The aim is to beautify and enhance the community with images that reflect and depict culture, history, or visions of artistic expression in a tasteful and positive manner. The mural art shall not discriminate or incite any other person to infringe upon any person's human rights, race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or disability.

It is recommended that the City Council form a voluntary arts committee of no more than seven members to operate under specific guidelines to develop the artist concepts further. The committee would serve, and schedule meetings with the artist for no more than 60-90 days. The committee would approve the complete concept to be forward to Mayor and City Council for approval and commissioned.

### **3. Discussion of HVAC maintenance contract for all city buildings – Public Works**

#### **Background/History:**

Renewal of the HVAC maintenance contract for all departments starting Aug. 1 through ABM

### **4. Council Discussion on Approving To Participate In Statewide Community Showcase Video Program – Public Information Office**

#### **Background/History:**

The city was recently contacted by a video/integrated marketing agency regarding a no-cost community showcase video program, which is an initiative supported by both the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The national program has been used by other cities, including Dalton, Georgia, Lansing, Michigan and St. George, Utah, to promote local initiatives and community-based programs.

By participating in the program, the city would develop a total of four videos that can be used to showcase a welcome from the mayor and council, ongoing public safety recruitment efforts and diversity throughout

the community. Staff believes this project will not only help market citywide initiatives, but is a great way to develop more video content for social media exposure and publicity at no cost

The agreement would be between CGI Communications and the City of Forest Park and remain in effect from the date it is signed until the third anniversary of the date all videos are completed. Once the agreement has been approved, the production company will work with city staff to for script writing, video content consultation and filming dates. There is no cost to city to participate in the program. Staff is seeking approval by council to accept the agreement in order to proceed with next steps.

**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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