



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, February 21, 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 A. Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
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AGENDA

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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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Council Discussion of a Telecommunications and Right of Way Management agreement (TRM) –**
Chief Executive Offices

Background/History:

Currently in Georgia, franchise fees are required and telephone, cable, electric and natural gas companies pay approximately \$188 million dollars each year. Cities receive 91% of these fees and counties receive 8% of the fees. The City of Forest Park is entitled to a portion of the nearly \$171 Million dollars in fees paid to cities throughout Georgia annually.

The City Manager is seeking the City Council's approval to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to help us manage and collect our share of revenue. The Telecommunications and Right of Way Management (TRM) program through GMA will aid with all aspects of federal and state cable and video franchising, including by not limited to franchise renewals and modifications, state franchise applications process, franchise fee reviews and customer service issues.

2. **Council Discussion of the Homeland Security Grant Program SHSP FY2020 Grant from GEMA -**
Fire Department

Background/History:

The fire department and EMA division applied for a grant available through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security office, named the "State Homeland Security Program" or SHSP for short. The department was awarded a total of \$36,523 for two separate projects from SHSP FY2020 funding. One project, "HazMat", was awarded \$30,800 and the other project, "GSAR", was awarded \$5,723. This grant is 100% reimbursed by the State and will assist the department in obtaining a portion of the necessary and required equipment for safe operations in these areas.

3. **Council Discussion of the Appointments to Urban Design Review Board and Planning Commission –** Department of Planning & Community Development

Background/History:

On September 7, 2021, the City Council passed a new Zoning Ordinance. The new ordinance established the Urban Design Review Board and the Planning Commission. The Urban Design Review Board shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council (Governing Body) for terms of three (3) years each. Each member shall be a resident or working professional within Clayton County.

Qualifications of individuals considered for appointment to the Board shall meet either one (1) of the two (2) following minimum requirements:

1. He or she shall be educated and/or experienced in the field of land development, arts and culture, engineering, architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture, real estate, or similar professional field;
or
2. He or she shall be a design professional registered and licensed by the State of Georgia in one (1) of the following professional fields: architecture, engineering, or landscape architecture.

The Planning Commission shall consist of and continue as a five (5) member commission. Members shall be appointed and confirmed in accordance with Mayor and City Council approval. Planning Commission members shall be residents or property owners within the city and shall not be members of the city governing authority. Members shall be appointed for four (4) year terms and shall serve until their successor is appointed and qualified. Each successive appointment shall be for three (3) years.

4. **Council Discussion of the Reappointment of James Shelby, Director of Planning and Community Development to the Land Bank Authority** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park has appointment power over 1 seat on the Clayton County Land Bank Board. The Board Members' terms are staggered, such that some terms expire every April. Forest Park's current designee for the Land Bank Board is James Shelby. His seat is one of the ones where the term ends 4/21/22. Mr. Shelby was elected as Chairman of the Board for 2022 in the last meeting of the Land Bank Authority.

5. **Council Discussion on a City-Wide Salary Increase Proposal** – Executive Office

Background/History:

The City Manager is requesting approval for a city-wide salary increase. This increase includes a 15% increase for public safety personnel, and a 7% or greater increase to nonpublic safety personnel. The approval of this increase will provide our employees with a livable wage and allow the city to offer competitive wages that are comparable to other employers in our market.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

ADJOURNMENT:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for Council meetings should notify the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 404-366-1555.