



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

Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

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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, Interim City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **Update on Cemetery Initiative** - Mike Williams, City Attorney

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **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:

3. **Approval of Proposed Film Ordinance and Fee Schedule** - Economic Development Director, Bruce Abraham

Background & History:

It is proposed that the City adopt an ordinance and policy with respect to granting permits for the purpose of filming by television companies, movie companies, or other media in the City. This ordinance provides guidelines for the issuance, approval, and fees associated with obtaining a film permit from the City. The City has permitted filming for a number of years as a Special Event, however the proposed ordinance will allow for a more streamlined and efficient permitting process.

In September 2020, all filming operations for the City of Forest Park were transferred from the Finance Department to the Economic Development Department. Since then, the Economic Development Department has been focused on improving film permit process to better serve television and film companies.

4. **Discussion to approve surplus vehicle/equipment for auction on Public Surplus** – Public Works Director, Bobby Jinks

Background and Summary:

We have a list of vehicles and equipment that has been sent to the appropriate departments for Director's approval to surplus. The vehicles/equipment has outlasted the life of them, and the cost of repairs will be more the value of the vehicle/equipment. See attached document of the entire list to be surplus.

5. **Support for the Restoring Neighborhoods and Strengthening Communities Act** - Dr. Cooper, City Manager

Background/History:

The Office Congresswoman Nikema Williams is seeking the support of this City Council for legislation introduced by her called (H.R. 2859) the "Restoring Neighborhoods and Strengthening Communities Act". This legislation is being presented in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and seeks to undo the damage of "urban renewal" projects that displaced communities of color after the enactment of the Federal Aid Highway Act.

6. **Council Discussion on GEMA Grants** - Fire & EMA Departments

Background/History:

In 2018, the EMA Director 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 Forest Park Fire & Emergency Services department was awarded a total of \$54,700 for two separate projects. One project, "HazMat", was awarded \$30,500 and the other project, "GSAR", was awarded \$24,200. Prior to the State's approval and being awarded the grant, the department had to specify the exact item(s), quantity needed, and cost of items requested. The items requested are necessary to the safe functioning of our Hazardous Materials Team and Special Operations Response Team (SORT), as most, if not all, the equipment is expired. The grant period for using the funds was previously missed because prior to applying for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for fiscal year 2020 in March 2021, our department was unaware of its existence. Since its discovery, the EMA office has worked with GEMA to obtain an extension on the awarded projects, with a deadline of July 31st, 2021. Along with the project extension, we have amended the GSAR budget by changing the items previously requested, to items the department's technical rescue team requires for safe operations. As of now, GEMA still considers the City

of Forest Park as a Regional HazMat Team, however until this equipment is obtained, we do not have the proper personal protective equipment or detection tools to safely respond to such an incident. Attached, you will find the original grant applications, signed award letters, cost item details, and GEMA approved project extensions and budget amendment. 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.

Cost \$54,689 and it was not budget.

Financial Impact: The City will provide initial cost until reimbursement from the State. These Grants are 100% reimbursed by the State. No long-term financial impact to the City.

7. **Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program** - Police Department and Grants Management

Background/History:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance solicits participation in its bulletproof vests program periodically as funding is available. This BJA program has a 2-year performance period of which police departments purchase vests as needed over this time period and is reimbursed 50% of the cost of each vest, based on the data submitted to the awarding agency. The Forest Park Police Department has been a participant of this program for several years, most recently in 2019.

Cost \$18,625.00 and it was budgeted for.

Financial Impact: If selected to participate in the program, the city would be reimbursed \$9,312.50 or 50% of the cost for 25 vests.

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

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