



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, April 01, 2024 at 6:00 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 Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells

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

AGENDA

VIRTUAL NOTICE

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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:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Council Discussion and Approval on the Renewal of the GEMA/Homeland Security Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement-Executive Offices**

Background/History: Pre-existing agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies help to ensure the timely provision of mutual aid assistance and reimbursement of costs incurred by those parties who render such assistance. This agreement also provides the framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster occurring within any political subdivision that is a Participating Party, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, human caused disaster, civil emergency, community disorders, or other significant events or homeland security activities.

The City of Forest Park has been a Participating Party of this agreement, with the most recent renewal in 2020. This agreement asks to be renewed/approved every 4 years.

GEMA/HS Area 7 Field Coordinator Sheri Russo is available to help further explain and/or answer additional questions.

2. **Council Discussion and Approval of an Emergency Requisition Associated with the Public Safety Building** – Planning and Community Development Department

Background/History:

This emergency requisition is a proposal and recommendation from Grounded Engineering Services based on a geotechnical investigation of undeveloped portions of property associated with the Gillem Public Safety Building, specifically the concrete trash dumpster located at the edge of the parking lot. The geotechnical investigation was in response to the appearance of subsidence / sinkholes on the property in areas that were outside the limits of construction and disturbance for the project. Site Mix Pressure Grouting LLC will inject cement – based, high mobility geotechnical grout through driven injections pipes and into the soils surrounding the concrete trash dumpster pad at the edge of the parking lot to protect it from sinking.

3. **Council Discussion and Approval of the City Center Boundary Topographic and Utility Survey-** Planning and Community Development Department/Capital Projects

Background/History:

Precision Planning Inc. (PPI) is working with the City to design and prepare plans for the City Center project to include City Hall, Municipal Court, Police Headquarters and Recreation Facility. The new facility will be based on Preliminary Design drawings completed by Precision Planning, Inc. in December 2023. Falcon Design Consultants, LLC (FDC) has prepared a Task Order (TO) to assist the City of Forest Park with a boundary/topographic survey and underground utility locate for the future City Center location.

4. **Council Discussion and Approval to upfit seventeen (17) Police Vehicles-** Police Department

Background/History:

Due to an aging fleet, Mayor and Council approved for the police department to purchase new patrol vehicles. Once the aforementioned vehicles were acquired, the vehicles were in need of being upfitted with equipment. The equipment installed on the vehicles will include, but not limited to: emergency lights, emergency sirens, storage racks, computer mounts, etc.

The Forest Park Police Department intends to proceed with HG2, a vendor already serving the city of Forest Park, to carry out the installation. The funding for this upfit, totaling \$241,043.00, has already been approved as part of the Capital Improvements Vehicles budget.

5. **Council Discussion and Approval to Purchase seven (7) portable Radios for the Police Department-**Police Department

Background/History:

The Forest Park Police Department has 95 sworn positions allocated to it. When the portable radios were initially ordered a few years ago, the order did not cover all the sworn positions, nor did it factor in potential losses or damages to equipment. With all allotted positions now spoken for, the police department needs additional radios for incoming police officers and radios to keep as a spare.

Therefore, the department requests approval to purchase seven (7) extra portable radios to meet its equipment requirements.

6. **Council Discussion and Approval to purchase one (1) Police Vehicle**-Police Department

Background/History:

Historically, vehicle acquisitions were tailored to meet staffing needs, but due to the recent decrease in vacancies and the recent loss of a vehicle, the existing fleet does not align with the current requirements. At present, all positions (excluding the deputy chief position) are spoken for in the Police Department.

The Forest Park Police Department is aiming to procure 1 Dodge Challenger at a total cost of \$47,140. The funds for this purchase has already been approved via Capital Improvements. This investment is intended to address immediate vehicle needs, align with the current staffing levels, and contribute to the overarching mission of the police department.

7. **Council Discussion and Approval for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Pocket Parks**-Public Works Department

Background/History:

In line with our ongoing efforts to enhance the parks throughout the City, staff is presenting a proposal for the purchase of new playground equipment for the pocket parks located in Wards 3, 4, and 5. The details of the proposal are outlined below:

Proposal Details:

Total Cost: \$275,271.25

Allocation by Ward:

Ward #3 – Theater Park: \$68,817.81

Ward #4 – Perkins Park: \$68,817.81

Ward #4 – Second St Park: \$68,817.81

Ward #5 – Alder Park: \$68,817.81

Components of Playground Equipment: Each playground equipment consists of over 13 unique components directly attached to the main playground structure, offering various play experiences for children.

Additional Equipment: ADA compliant Single Spigot water fountain (except Alder Park, due to lack of water source).

Recycled 6' plastic bench.

Plastic border timbers and 1 ADA border half ramp for each site (this holds mulch in place).

Loose fill rubber mulch (to be installed on top of existing mulch, providing cost savings to the City).

Contract Details: The proposed purchasing agreement is with PlaySouth Playground Creator, under the following contract:

Burke Sourcewell Contract #010521-BUR

Forest Park member #77837

Funding: The funding for this proposal will be drawn from each Ward's Project line item to cover the total cost.

Conclusion: This proposal includes all materials and labor, excluding the water fountains, which will be replaced by Public Works upon delivery. The initiative aims to provide safe and engaging play spaces for children across the City.

8. **Council Discussion and Approval - CPRG Grant Agreement with Clayton County-Public Works Department**

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is committed to fostering cleaner air and a healthier environment for our residents. As part of this commitment, we are exploring the possibility of participating in a project with Clayton County to apply for grant funds through the EPA Climate Pollution Grant program. This grant would enable us to acquire EV vehicles and establish charging infrastructure within our community.

Project Objectives:

Phasing out aging government vehicles with zero-emissions electric vehicles.

Installing charger stations.

Building out utilities and power infrastructure to support EV usage.

Purchasing electric vehicles to replace traditional combustion engine vehicles.

Grant Details:

No local match is required for this grant, making it a financially advantageous opportunity for the City.

The project will involve a collaboration with 9 localities across the Atlanta metropolitan region to collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector. Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and approve our participation in entering into a grant agreement with Clayton County for the Climate Pollution Grant program to build a greener and more sustainable future for Forest Park.

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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