



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, March 07, 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  
Mike Williams, City Attorney

### APPROVED MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Butler.

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:** A quorum was established

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		✓
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		✓
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3, Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, Darquita Williams, Deputy Finance Director; Shalonda Brown, Human Resources Director, Lashawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of

Public Works, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Director, James Shelby, Planning & Community Development Director, Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director

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

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:**

- The City of Forest Park and the Forest Park Ministers Association will be hosting its 2022 Great American Clean Up. The Southside of the city will be Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 8:00am – 12:00 noon. The Northside of the city we be Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 8:00am – 12:00 noon. Volunteers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Paradise Church of God in Chris, 4234 Hendrix Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Edie Young 770-289-4640 or Dr. Leon Beeler, 678-207-8904. Breakfast is being provided by Chick-Fila.
- MARTA and Georgia Tech are partnering on a 6-month pilot of a new on-demand rideshare service called MARTA Reach launching Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The service will connect riders in three zones across the region to MARTA bus and rail service. This pilot will test how on-demand shuttles can be used to make it easier and faster for our riders to get to-and-from their destinations using MARTA. Reach zones are West Atlanta, Belvedere and our own Gillem Logistics Center.
  - The service works via ridesharing, meaning during your trip other passengers may be picked up or dropped off.
  - The service will run from 6:00am – 7:00pm, Monday – Friday and cost the same as MARTA bus and rail service, \$2.50.
  - More information vision [www.itsmarta.com/reach](http://www.itsmarta.com/reach)
- Clayton County Chairman Jeff Turner in partnership with the Council for Quality Growth and the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce will present the State of the County Address on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. Virtual Stream is Available.
- Remember Clock Spring Forward this Saturday at mid-night so before you go to bed Saturday evening go ahead and move your clocks up one hour.

**CITY OPERATIONS:**

- On March 1, PIO Javon Lloyd releases our first edition of our monthly e-mail newsletter 'The Leaf Report'.



*From left to right: Councilwoman Kimberly James, Ward 1; Councilman Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2; City of Forest Park Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA; Councilman Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3; Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells, Ward 4; and Councilman Allan Mears, Ward 5.*

- Thank Mayor and Council for approving 7% pay increase for staff and 15% for Public Safety staff.
- The City of Forest Park is hiring within our Public Works, Police and Fire Divisions. Please visit [www.forestparkga.gov](http://www.forestparkga.gov) under departments tab and click on Human Resources and look at our open position. We offer competitive salaries and excellent benefits.

#### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:**

- City of Forest Park Welcomes New Finance Director Chiquita Barkley. Welcome and thank you for joining our team.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS –**

Congratulations to Forest Park Police Department's own Sergeant Brian Lewis on February 26 he welcomed a new addition to his family a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations Sergeant Lewis!

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE:** EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

As of March 6, 2022, Clayton County has had 56,966 cases of COVID-19 and 851 confirmed deaths. Between 2/28 – 3/6 there were 126 new positive a significant decrease from last month's 3,940 for the same week. Forest Park makes up 8.9% of the County cases which is a slight increase as overall numbers decline, from last report showing 8 new cases in the last week.

Forest Park shows a current 76% drop in total positive cases vs. last month's numbers. The 20 to 60 age group shows the highest percentage of positive cases with African Americans showing the highest positive case percentage followed by Unknown ethnicity and then Caucasian.

Cases peaked in the second week of December and are now significantly down, with Clayton County now being rated in the green for cases. With continuation of green counties, the federal government is looking in to relaxing some of the mandates in the next few months.

Fifty percent of County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine which equals 143,169 citizens and 46% are fully vaccinated equaling 129,274 citizens. 48,214 citizens have received the additional booster dose as well. 65 to 85 age group continues to show the highest vaccination rate.

The EMS and EMA Coordinators have tracked about forty-five positive cases of city employees in the last few months with minimal confirmed exposures to other employees.

The CDC continues to encourage and recommend vaccination and boosters for Covid 19 which are available through several means. The current recommendations for vaccines are anyone 5 years and older. The current recommendation for boosters is at least 6 months after receiving the final dose of the first series for Moderna and Pfizer or 2 months after receiving the single dose Johnson and Johnson. People can text their zip code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find local vaccine providers. Contacting your Primary Care Physician or local pharmacy to see if they are giving vaccines or visit vaccines.gov. The Clayton County Health District is giving vaccines based on availability and are rotating their locations to allow for easy access. They are requesting people wishing to receive the vaccine or booster to call and make an appointment at (678) 479-2223. All this information is also available on the City website under the fire department tab under COVID-19.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion to Authorize Approval to Award a Contract to Hogan Construction Group LLC to Construct a New Public Safety Building at Gillem Logistic**– Department of Planning & Community Development

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

Hogan Construction Group LLC was selected by a competitive bid process. The City of Forest Park will contract with Hogan Construction Group for the construction of a 13,206 square foot building that include a new mini-police precinct (1,559 sq. ft.) and fire station (11,647 sq. ft.). This new modern facility will include three apparatus bays with design layouts to better accommodate firefighters.

**There was no comments or discussions from Governing Body**

2. **Council Discussion on a Proposed Entertainment District Ordinance**– Department of Planning & Community Development

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

Entertainment districts are being planned or have been already established within the Atlanta Metro Area. While they vary in size, building type, and tenant mix, the collective intent of municipalities is to rejuvenate exhausted or neglected real estate, to generate much-needed tax revenues, and to bolster a live-work-play image to compete with neighboring cities for businesses and residents.

In order to encourage a more business-friendly environment, and a more pedestrian friendly atmosphere, staff is recommending the creation of an entertainment district

Only establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on-premises whose entrance is located within the district would be authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in a clear plastic cup, or other containers, as determine by the City Council, other than a can, bottle, or glass, for removal from the premises.

**There was no comments or discussions from Governing Body**

**3. Council Discussion of Resolution 22-10 in Support for the People of the Ukraine and Condemn the Russian Invasion – Legislative Office/Chief Executive Office**

**Background/History:**

The City of Forest Park, Georgia has had the high honor of hosting two Ukrainian delegation to the United Stated in the last two years. The hosting of the delegation has established a new and growing friendship between the Ukraine and the City of Forest Park, Georgia. It is requested that this council considers this resolution condemning the Russian invasion of the Ukraine and urge the work community to come together in finding a peaceful resolution to this crisis.

**There was no comments or discussions from Governing Body**

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

There was no Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Butler went over the agenda for the Regular meeting and read the procedure for the two (2) Public Hearings.

It was moved to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 6:29pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears