



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

Monday, October 04, 2021, at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

APPROVED WORK SESSION MINUTES

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, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

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

Mayor Butler stated that our YouTube performed an update, and we are not able to stream the meeting in our normal fashion. Our apologies, we are working on trying to figure out how to work around and or return to in person meetings.

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, Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4	✓	
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Shalonda Brown, HR Director, Bobby Jinks, Director Public Works, James Shelby, PB&Z Director, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure,

Joshua Cox, IT Director, LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police and Latosha Clemmons, Fire Chief.

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:

- Clayton County Rental Assistance Program has been extended to October 3, 2021. This is for Clayton County residents needing help with rental assistance can apply for funding now. For more information contact 404-858-6147 or email – erap@claytoncountyga.gov
- Clayton County HUD Office has funds available for homeowners needing roof repairs, plumbing, etc. City residents needing such assistance should contact them at 678-632-1670. They are encouraging residents to do this ASAP. There are flyers outside of the Chambers at the table.
- Friday, October 8, 2021 – Coffee with the Chief (7:30 am – 8:30 am) @ BP Gas Station at 4950 Old Dixie Hwy (kick off – National Faith and Blue Weekend).
- Saturday, October 9, 2021 – Community Unity Day (1:30 pm – 4:30 pm) at the Forest Park Police Department (free food, prizes, employment opportunity, community resources, COVID testing/vaccinations, and family fun).
- Recreation and Leisure presents Youth Basketball for Ages 5-14. Registration is October 4th – 30th, cost of \$85 per child – to register visit www.forestparkga.gov/parksrec/page/youth-basketball or call 404-363-2908
- Fall Break Camp, October 11-15, 7am – 6pm for ages 5-14, registration fee is \$40 space is limited registration going on now. To register visit Community Recreation Building, 803 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.
- The Ultimate Tailgate Experience, Georgia v Auburn Game, October 9, 2021, festivities start @ 12 noon at Starr Park, 803 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.
- 2nd Annual Pink Panther Walk, Registration Free or registration with a T-shirt is \$5.00. Warm-up beings at 8am, and the walk starts at 9am at Starr Park, 5031 Park Ave., Forest Park, GA 30297.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- On September 21 COFP Human Resources sent out Volume 1 issue 1 of the monthly HR news Blast which is filled with important information and contacts for all city of forest park staff. Thank you, Ms. Shalonda Brown, for your leadership and commitment in keeping staff informed.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Newly Appoint Deputy Fire Chief of Operations David Halcome.
- Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper has been awarded from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) a 25-year Local Government Service Award. Announcement of this award will be on the ICMA website and Public Management magazine.

SHOUT OUT

Our Business License Team Ms. Rhonda Whitehead and Ms. Dawna Hill-Topps and the entire Finance Team. They received KUDOs for superb customer service from (Cinelease) a newly licensed business in our city. GREAT JOB TEAM!

COVID-19 UPDATE: Division Chief Joel Turner

There was no COVID-19 updates provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Employee Vacation Sellback – Chief Executive Offices

There was no discussion by the governing body.

2. Discussion for Approval of Law Firm to hear Ethics Cases (Ethics Officer) – Chief Executive

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Council Discussion Only for a Proposed Entertainment District – PBZ

James Shelby, PB&Z Director would like to have a brief discussion about a proposed entertainment district. The purpose of the district is to rejuvenate affected real estate on Main Street, increase the tax base to generate tax revenue for the city, encourage a business-friendly environment, and to encourage a pedestrian friendly atmosphere and create a sense of place to bolster a live, work, play image. The highlights of the entertainment district are name of the district will be the Forest Park Entertainment District. The boundaries all properties on Main Street to include West Street (west) to (east) on Phillips Drive. There will be a (1) cup drink limit on the street, you can only have one cup at a time limit 12oz to 16oz. Some cities are allowing size 12 ounces and others 16 ounces. We are proposing that we have a specialty cup a clear plastic cup with the city's logo, and you can only use the cup when you walk the streets within the districts. All properties that face Main Street will be affected. The City of Cartersville, Conyers, Dunwoody, Kennesaw, Atlanta, and Jonesboro all have an entertainment district. In the City of Cartersville, they have an adult beverage to go license at their bars and eatery's. The hours are 5pm -10pm Thursday through Saturday. You can only have those cup on those days and times. The City of Marietta has an entertainment district, and they are using the plastic cups. I have seen where a city may use paper cups, but I am suggesting we stick with the plastic cup. If this is something that the City Council would like for us to pursue. The City of Dunwoody have (2) new districts and you can see their boundaries.

Councilmember Gutierrez - I love the idea, I just do not like the entertainment district. Can we come up with a cool name? Or is that something that we would use internally "the Entertainment District" but we will call it something else "the Forest"?

City Manager - the council can name it whatever they would like.

Councilmember Mears - will we have enough police to foot patrol and keep it intact once we get rolling with it?

James Shelby - one of the reasons the district is not large is so that we can manage it, keep in mind the only people leave their premises are the ones that have a license to sell alcohol. We will create a sign that

will warn the patrons informing them of their responsibilities when leaving the premises. I do not think this will be a big deal, but we will get with Police Chief Clark to ensure we stay on sound ground.

City Manager - this is just to get the plans together.

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

It was motioned to recess into Executive Session at 6:16pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears.
The motion carried.

It was motioned to reconvene back into Work Session at 6:55pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears.
The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned to adjourn the October 4, 2021, Work Session at 6:55pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears.
The motion carried.