



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, June 05, 2023, at 7:00 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
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Butler and she read the Mission Statement.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were led by Dr. Paden.

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		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

Javon Lloyd, PIO Officer, Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director; Arthur Geeter, Purchasing; LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development; Shalonda Brown, HR Director; Diane Lewis, Deputy HR Director; Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director; Nigel Wattley, Deputy Public Works Director; Bruce Abrahams, Director Economic Development; David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief; Police Chief; Brandon Criss; Tarik Maxwell, Parks and Recreation.

PRESENTATIONS:**1. Proclamation recognizing the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park – Executive Office**

Mayor Butler read the proclamation to be presented to the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park, and she and the council took photos.

2. Proclamation recognizing Elsie Cox Overton – Executive Office

Mayor Butler read the proclamation to be presented to Ms. Elsie Overton, and she and the council took photos.

3. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – Executive Offices

Mayor Butler recognized and presented certificates to businesses in the community for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and she and the council took photos.

Name of Business: South Atlanta Asian Community Center / **Name of Owner:** Phong Duong

Name of Business: GA Best Country Donuts LLZ / **Name of Owner:** Sam Phan

Name of Business: Beauty Bar & Nails / **Name of Owner:** Thu Le

Name of Organization: Truc Lam Temple at Forest Park / **Name of Volunteer:** Hue Nguyen

4. Proclamation recognizing National Immigrant Heritage Month – Executive Office

Mayor Butler, read the proclamation to be presented recognizing June as National Immigrant Heritage Month, and she and the council took photos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were two (2) Public Comment speakers:

LaWanda Folami – Wanted to acknowledge the police department. The previous Chief Nathaniel Clark said their doors will always be open. Still today with the new chief the policy does work. She was having problems with her grandson and called P.D. to do a scare tactic on him, and it worked. She gave a shoutout to Sgt. Malone, Sgt. Cantrell, and a couple of other officers. The P.D. has partnered with the library and is doing some amazing outreach.

Adriana Laguna – Has been a resident of Forest Park her whole life. She thinks the community has talent but lacks communication and discipline. This is why they are not further along as they could be. There are not a lot of Hispanics in the community and their escape is soccer, from the children to the adults. She would like it to be competitive, for kids to come out and play, express themselves and have fun. She would like people in the community to engage more and find out what one another does, to see if they would like to be around one another. Ms. Laguna thinks the community could be better if everyone stopped isolating themselves.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the agenda by adding the following additions: Item 12 Approval of the use of fund balance to finance the acquisition of 833 Forest Parkway, and Item 13 Ratification of separation agreement with Sandra Johnson.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 5. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2023 - City Clerk**

It was moved to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Minutes from May 15, 2023.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6. Council Approval of Cloud Based Camera System for Public Safety Building – IT Department**

It was moved to approve the Security Camera System for the New Public Safety Building.

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

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

- 7. Council Approval of GDOT Maintenance Contract – Legal and Police**

It was moved to approve GDOT Maintenance Agreement for Flock Cameras.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

- 8. Council Approval on Termination of Janitorial Contract – Legal and Procurement**

It was moved to approve the Termination of the Janitorial Contract with Acsential Technology and contract with Lorean Cleaning Service.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Wells – I would like clarity and would probably abstain from voting. She is one of the people who was complaining and had no idea about the other cleaning service. Where did the contract come from and when did they start cleaning in the city of Forest Park? She has always known it to be the same person, which is Mrs. Lorean, whom they are about to approve right now. She would like to know, because they are about to hire the very people who they have been complaining about.

Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director – The contract was bid out, the reason the emergency contract was called for is based on your complaints and others. She was the only one from the company that was coming to clean thoroughly as some people had recommended. So, it was decided to terminate the contract based on the complaints or lack of compliance to said contract and issue the emergency interim contract with the individual that is doing the cleaning.

Councilmember Akins-Wells -The individual that is doing the cleaning is who I have been complaining about. I thought it was her own company.

Jeremi Patterson - She is a part of a larger company.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – I love Mrs. Lorean, but I want the city to have the best services, and I need to understand what it is that I am voting for.

City Manager – This is for a period not to exceed two weeks. We are bidding the services out and will ensure that we get a qualified contract for the full term of said contract. This is just for Mrs. Lorean to perform the services until we can procure another contract.

Jeremi Patterson – Correct.

Councilmember Akins-Wells - Mrs. Lorean is just her and another person. To take on all the buildings in the city, it still will not be up to par. They cannot handle all of it by themselves and we will still be in the same situation.

Jeremi Patterson- Until the RFP has been fulfilled and we obtain another vendor.

Councilmember James – I am not sure the exact date that we contracted out the janitorial service, but that was when we hired Ascential Technologies. The temporary one right now is a subcontractor of that company. As I understand it, the company that we hired is not doing an adequate job. That is why they are asking the contract to be terminated.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells

9. Council Approval of Resolution for City of Forest Park Medical Plan Renewal – Executive Office

It was moved to approve the Resolution for City of Forest Park Medical Plan Renewal.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

10. Council Approval of Peachtree Recovery Services – Executive Office

It was moved to approve Peachtree Recovery Services by Councilmember James, contingent on the agreement of 16.5% made by the City Manager.

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

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

11. Council Approval for Amendment of City Holiday Ordinance - Executive Offices / Legal

It was moved to approve the Amendment of the City Holiday Ordinance.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

12. Council Approval to the use of fund balance to finance the acquisition of 833 Forest Parkway - Executive Offices / Legal

It was moved to approve the use of fund balance to fund the acquisition of 833 Forest Parkway.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

13. Council Approval to Ratify the Separation Agreement with Sandra Johnson - Executive Offices / Legal

It was moved to approve the Ratification of Separation Agreement with Sandra Johnson.

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

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James – Hosted a dinner at the Forest Park High School, for the parents. I would like to give a special thanks to Lieutenant Lewis, Officer Bailey, Officer Shelton, Ms. Dixon, Ms. Williams, and Adriana Laguna. She came out and volunteered to help serve our parents delicious food. Special shoutout to the class of 2023, we did host a caravan for them. Special thanks to Fusion Car Club, we will be presenting them with a certificate and the Atlanta Elite Slingshot Outlaw, who helped make things a success for our seniors.

On June 23rd, we are going to have gifts at the park. It is sponsored by Helping Hands ending hunger. They have purchased a large tractor trailer full of goods from Good 360. It includes bedding, shoes, clothing, bags, and other things. We will be giving it away, at Forest Park High School, but you do have to register. As of now there are 71 families that have registered. There is a flyer with a QR code that you can register on. We are seeking volunteers and have some great partnership with Blue Star Studio, Robinson Weeks, and Chick-fil-A. There will be T-shirts with all the sponsors' names on the back of it. We need volunteers for 4 days, starting June 21st when the truck will arrive. June 22nd we will sort the items and get it all laid out. On the 23rd the families will come in and shop and the 24th will be the cleanup day. The remaining things that are left we will donate to the Rock Church of Atlanta.

The 3rd Thursday of the month is my monthly ward meetings. If we have air, it will be at 696 Main Street. Thank you all for coming out and I echo everything that my colleagues said about our new staff and their going above and beyond. Thank you all for coming out and we appreciate you.

Councilmember Antoine – Welcome to all the new recruits, Happy Father's Day, and God Bless everyone.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Welcome to everyone and thanks to Chief Criss for sharing those brave stories. Shout out to the directors that have been helping me with Food Truck Friday. It was a success, and we celebrated with lots of dads. Thanks for helping Ms. Folami, she stays here in the ward, I appreciate you helping her. To the young lady it was very brave to come up, because public speaking is the biggest fear over death. To the lady that is turning 104

years old, that is amazing. If I make it to half of that I would be happy. Happy Birthday to you, and great job mayor for reading all of that.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Congratulations and thank you to our new paramedics. Welcome to all the new staff and thank you Chief Criss, for coming in and taking on the duties and doing an amazing job. Huge thanks to P.D. because you are here to protect and serve. Nowhere does it say you have to go above and beyond. We are glad to have you in our community and we thank you. I think we should do a little more for the employees that go above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks to Mr. Tarik, I do not think you get enough praise for what you do. You are always there and very hands on, and we thank you so much. Fun Friday is June 16th from 7p-11p, I hope you all come out, and enjoy your community.

Councilmember Mears – Thank you and congratulations to our new recruits in the fire and police department. In the last meeting I tried to get started with the recognition of the oldest participating person that lives in Forest Park, which is Mrs. Overton. Thank you for coming.

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:

It was moved to Adjourn the Council Regular meeting at 7:40pm.

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

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