



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Monday, April 07, 2025 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 Delores A. Gunn
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears

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

DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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		•
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		•
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		•
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		•

John Wiggins, Finance Director, Diane Lewis; Deputy HR Director, Javon Lloyd, PIO; Talisa Adams, Procurement Manager; David Halcomb, Deputy Fire Chief; Joshua Cox; IT Director; Pauline Warrior, Chief of Staff; Rodney Virgil; Level 2 Support Engineer, Nigel Wattley; Deputy Director Public Works, Alton Matthews, Public Works Director, Rochelle Dennis Interim Economic Dev. Director; Nicole Dozier, Planning Community Director; Brandon Criss, Police Chief; Michelle Hood, Deputy City Clerk; and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS: none

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It was motioned to remove item # 7, Telecommunications Week, from the agenda, and they will present it at the next meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**1. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2025 -
City Clerk**

It was motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 17, 2025, with the recommended change to spelling the spelling of Director Maxwell's name.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were four (4) Public Comment Speakers.

Minister White talked about how she helps the homeless and is concerned about them and the seniors. She noted that many seniors take care of their grandchildren, and there is very little help for them and the homeless. She said that she is concerned about how the apartments out here are not fixing things but charging a lot of money and steadily going up.

Dr. Falomi thanked Captain Lester and the PD Department for helping with the basketball event, for having the mascot, and for gifts. She noted that it is volleyball season for them, and she is trying to bring some professionals out. She congratulated Councilmember Gunn on her seat and told Councilmember Gutierrez that she was proud of him. She thanked her friend from Clayton County library for coming out to share with the community about Chromebooks. She congratulated the city for being in unity.

Dr. Ozoh thanked the city for allowing the library to speak on the resources that can change the people in the community's lives. She noted many parents talk about \$250.00 a month. She said the library has Georgia curriculum-certified teachers who can tutor the children for free. She said there is something called the Wonder Book that reads to children. She also stated the Learning Express Library has hundreds of tests to help anyone with SAT, GED, MCAT to be a physician, etc. She said there are adult resources, universal classes that have over 600 online continuing education classes that are free, self-paced pace, and you receive a certification once complete.

Zack Parker noted he does not know why Roberts Rules are read because they are not followed or known because the previous person's time could have been extended. He said that the city is being run by Butler's rules of disorder, who is not a truthful person. He noted Officer Morgan had stalked him at his home with spotlights on several occasions without being called, and he filed a complaint. He said he reported it here and reported it to Captain Delk, who was promoted, and Morgan was promoted to Internal Affairs. He said Officer Sparks falsely arrested a woman for DUI even after she blew a 0.0, and Sparks was promoted to sergeant of the traffic division. He stated he follows all appropriate paths to address things and has been retaliated against on most occasions. He noted he does not know who he can trust in the community after almost a decade of abuse of power.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**CEREMONIAL:****2. Official Swearing-In of Councilmember Delores A. Gunn for Ward 2-** Legislative Offices**Background/History:**

The Official Swearing-In for Ward 2 Council Elect Delores A. Gunn will be administered by the Honorable Judge Robert Mack of the Clayton County Superior Court.

3. Recognition of Ward 4 Yard of the Quarter- Councilmember Akins-Wells**Background/History:**

The Yard of the Quarter program celebrates community pride by recognizing Forest Park Ward 4 residents who go above and beyond in maintaining their homes and yards. Their efforts contribute to the beauty and spirit of our neighborhood.

This quarter, we're proud to present the award to the residents of 645 Glenn Drive for their outstanding dedication to keeping their property looking its best. Congratulations and thank you for helping make our community shine!

PRESENTATIONS:**4. Presentation by Alan Owens-Waste Management Public Sector Manager-** Executive Offices**Background/History:**

A Waste Management representative will showcase and explain the new WM ASL trucks that will be servicing Forest Park residents. They will also discuss the required distance for placing carts away from mailboxes, marking a significant change in service automation.

Additionally, the Mayor and City Council will receive a \$5,000 check for Recycling Education, followed by a photo opportunity.

5. Forest Park Fire & EMS – 2024 Annual Report (Slideshow & handouts) – Fire Chief Latosha Clemons

The Forest Park Fire & EMS will present its 2024 Annual report:

- Strategic Goals
- Finance
- Operations
- Emergency Medical Services
- Office of Professional Standards
- Community Risk Reduction

- Emergency Management
- Highlights and Accomplishments
- Employee Recognition and Awards

A Slideshow will be shown as well as handouts for the Mayor and Council. Presenter: Fire Chief Latosha Clemons

6. Procurement Division Update Presentation-Procurement Division

Background/History:

Mrs. Adams will present a procurement presentation update to Mayor and Council.

7. Recognizing our Telecommunication Operators for Telecommunicators Week- Police Department

Background and History:

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW) is celebrated annually during the second week of April (April 13, 2025 - April 19, 2025), to honor public safety telecommunicators for their crucial role in public safety.

NPSTW is a time to celebrate and thank telecommunications personnel across the nation but more specifically in the City of Forest Park who serve our communities, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Telecommunicators are the "first, first responders," often serving as the crucial link between the public and emergency services, handling thousands of 911 calls annually.

CONSENT AGENDA: none

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Council Approval to Approve Clayton County pocket/skate park on 851 Alpine Way and authorize city funding to continue sidewalk improvements from the daycare center on the corner of Jonesboro Road and Alpine Way to the park property- Planning and Community Development Department

It was motioned to approve Clayton County pocket/skate park on 851 Alpine Way and authorize city funding to continue sidewalk improvements from the daycare center on the corner of Jonesboro Road and Alpine Way to the park property.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Gunns, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears.

It was motioned to authorize the City Manager to coordinate with Wards 1, 3, and 5 and allocate \$10,333 from their discretionary funds to support the construction of sidewalks for the Clayton County Skate Park.

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

The motion was rescinded.

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

It was motioned to authorize the City Manager to coordinate with the governing body to allocate \$60,000 from their discretionary funds to support the construction of sidewalks for the Clayton County Skate Park. Ward 1 funds would be exhausted, and the rest would be divided amongst the governing body.

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

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

7. Council Approval to End Service with Shotspotter- Police Department

It was motioned to End Service with Shotspotter.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

8. Council Approval to Decommission K-9 Krypto and to accept the Donation of another Bloodhound-Police Department

It was motioned to approve the Decommission of K-9 Krypto and to accept the Donation of another Bloodhound.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

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

It was moved to recess into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate matters.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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

It was moved to reconvene the regular session at 10:18 p.m.

The motion was made by Councilmember Akins-Wells and seconded by Councilmember James.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

It was motioned to direct staff to run ads for an increase of salary for the Mayor and Council for a 50 percent increase.

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gunns, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

Voting Nay: Councilmember James

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Butler adjourned the meeting at 10:20 pm.

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