



**CITY OF FOREST PARK**  
**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
745 Forest Parkway  
Forest Park, GA 30297

## MINUTES

**Kimberly James, Chairwoman**  
**Avery Wilson, Vice Chairman**  
**Eliot Lawrence, Member**  
**Yasmin Julio, Member**  
**Debra Patrick, Member**

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Chairwoman James called the Urban Redevelopment Agency meeting on November 14, 2024, to order at 5:41pm.

**PRESENT:**

Kimberly James  
Avery Wilson  
Eliot Lawrence  
Yasmin Julio

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager  
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney  
John Wiggins, Director of Finance  
S.M. Williams, Director of Economic Development  
Rochelle Dennis, Main Street Manager  
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** Avery Wilson made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a public comment and agenda item "Re-appointment of Mr. Clark as the URA's representative on the POA". Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approval of September 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 17, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Eliot Lawrence made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with changes to the September 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Ms. Thomas, a resident of the *Park At Fort Gillem*. She informed the board of their current living conditions, the upkeep or lack thereof of the buildings, and also requested the board take a tour of the property to receive a full understanding of the needs of the community.

**3. POA Reappointment**

- Chairwoman James received a letter stating that the URA needed to appoint a representative from the URA to be on the POA. Previously, Mr. Clark was selected as the URA's representative on the POA.

Avery Wilson made a motion to reaffirm Mr. Clark as the URA's representative on the POA. Yasmin Julio seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**4. URA Monthly Financial Report**

Director Wiggins delivered the update:

- The beginning balance on the URA Army Checking account was \$3,794,421.00 and the ending balance was \$3,769,737.00. The beginning balance on the URA Kroger Checking account was \$250,985.00 and the ending balance was \$469,193.00. \$15,520,00.00 was budgeted for operating revenue. The budget balance for operating revenue is currently \$14,985,254.00. \$3,081,050 was budgeted for the operating expenses. Operating expense currently total \$2,999,982.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

- The Economic Development hosted the final trolley tour of the year and will restart the tours this coming spring. Blues on Main Street, a blues concert on Main Street, was a raving success. The Main Street Manager assisted a local animal shelter host Pawtober Fest on Main Street. There have been several business owners contact the department about opening businesses in the city. The department assisted the Planning & Community Development Department with the Georgia Outdoor grant. The state Economic Development team visited with the Economic Development team and was given a tour of Gillem.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *(Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)*

Avery Wilson made a motion to enter the executive session at 6:13pm. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Eliot Lawrence made a motion exit the executive session and reconvene the meeting at 7:10pm. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- Avery Wilson made a motion to purchase and sale agreement for Project Splash to grant Buyer three additional 30-day extensions of the due diligence period. Yasmin Julio seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Avery Wilson made a motion to authorize escrow agent to release escrow funds to Waken Co. in accordance with the settlement agreement. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- Yasmin Julio made a motion to extend the expiration of the design plan Oakmont Gillem's concept design plans from January 11, 2025, to April 11, 2025. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Kimberly James made a motion to approve agreement with TSW for re-development plan consulting services. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Kimerly James made a motion approve the proposal from Partnership for Southern Equity. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairwoman James adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

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