



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

Monday, October 18, 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 MEETING MINUTES**

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James  
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine  
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells  
The Honorable Allan Mears

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager  
Stephanie Tigner, Deputy City Clerk  
Mike Williams, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Mayor Angelyne Butler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**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, Bruce Robinson, Deputy 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:**

- Early voting is going on right now! Mary Ann Connelly Senior Center, 5087 Park Avenue, Forest Park, Ga 30297 from 9:00am – 5:00pm. You may also vote two Saturdays October 16 and October 23 from 9:00am – 5:00pm. If you are in line by 5:00pm you will be allowed to vote that day. If you have any questions, you can contact our Elections Superintendent/City Clerk Ms. Diane White at 678-704-4784 or [elections@forestparkga.gov](mailto:elections@forestparkga.gov).
- **DUE TO OVERWHELMING REQUEST** – Clayton County HUD has temporarily closed applications for homeowners seeking funds for home repairs. We were informed that more funds should come available around December, and the application process will be re-open.

**CITY OPERATIONS:**

- Public Works, PD and the City Manager's office met and discussed the request for installation of speed control devices on certain side streets. We have reviewed the data and based on the criteria set for by city ordinance we will be moving forward with the installation of speed control devices in several locations.
- Clayton County will be paving 17-street totaling 7.31 miles in the City of Forest Park. The paving is set to start by the end of the month if the weather cooperates with us.

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:****Fire Department:**

- Fire Chief Clemons introduced new hire Sandra Davis, Assistant to the Fire Chief

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

- Ms. Martina Miller, Code Enforcement Officer on becoming a Certified Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector.
- Fire Fighter/Paramedic Tony Crosby for completing his Bachelor of Art's Degree from Emory University.

**SHOUT OUT**

- Forest Park Police Department's own Sgt. Alyssa Zackery was recognized on 10/13/21 by the Knights of Columbus during the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Safety Appreciation Day. Thank You, Sgt. Zackery for all you do.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Council Discussion to Consider a Request to Approve the Appointment of Fire Chief Latosha Clemons as the City of Forest Park's Emergency Management Director** – Executive Offices

There was no discussion on this item.

2. **Council Discussion ONLY on Bi-Lingual Pay Incentive** – Chief Executive Office

Dr. Marc-Antoine Cooper, City Manager this is a very important aspect to show the diversity of our city. I will have to sit down with our Interim Finance Director, Darquita Williams to come with exactly what that pay incentive would be. I would bring back to council for approval. I do think this is extremely important to communicate with everyone in our city.

There was no discussion on this item

3. **Council Approval for Twenty (20) Surplus City iPhones for Sister Cities (Haiti) initiative** – Executive Offices

There was no discussion on this item.

4. **Council Approval to Amend Maintenance List of Abandoned Cemeteries** – Executive Offices

There was no discussion on this item.

5. **Consideration for Discussion and Approval of Allocating Funds to City Edge Project to Administer Rental Assistance for the City** – Executive Offices

**Councilmember James** - what is the recommendation? Is there a recommendation?

**City Manager** - my recommendation is that we fund the program. We do have some representatives of the program here to answer any questions directly related to it. My recommendation would be to approve it, but it is up to what the council chooses.

**Councilmember James** - I thought that we already approved it.

**City Manager** - you moved, to move forward, but there was a revision. We did not move to fund it, we moved forward on the residential assistance program. This is the actual fund with the criteria attached.

6. **Council Discussion for Approval of Resolution 2021-33 Assignment of 890 Conley Road Liens to Land Bank** – PBZ

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - what is being developed?

**City Attorney** - Madam Mayor there is no new specific development. The liens would be transferred to the Land Bank along with any liens that Clayton County has in order for them to clear the title to the property and make it available for redevelopment. The intention is the sufficient proceeds coming out of the sale would be paid back to the city and the county to recoup some of the lien money.

7. **Council Approval of Resolution 2021-34 to Support the Submission of Application for State of Georgia Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** –City Manager's Office

There was no discussion on this item.

8. **Council Approval of Selecting Three On- Call Managing General Contractor Services** – Public Works/ Procurement Department

There was no discussion on this item.

9. **Council Approval on the Ordinance 2021-12 to Establish the Final Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Forest Park** – Interim Finance Director

**A Public Hearing to be held during the Regular Council Meeting for approval.**

There was no discussion on this item.

**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 James, Seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried.

It was motioned to reconvene the Work Session Meeting at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 7:00pm.

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried.