



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, September 02, 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

Latosha Clemons, Interim City Manager
Randi Rainey, City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:011 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Dr. Goldson led the invocation and pledge.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		X
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		X
Councilmember Gunn	Council Member, Ward 2		X
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		X
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		X
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5	X	

Pauline Warrior, Chief of Staff; Josh Cox, IT Director; Rodney Virgil, Level 2 Support Engineer; Kwame Marshall Multimedia Specialist; John Wiggins, Finance Director; Shalonda Brown, HR Director; Beverly Moultrie, Risk Management; Nicole Dozier, PCD Director; Rochelle Dennis, Economic Development Director; Dorthy Roper-Jackson, Municipal Court Director; Tarik Maxwell, Director of Rec and Leisure; Alton Matthews, Public Works Director; Nigel Whatley, Deputy Public Works Director; Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief; David Halcome, Deputy Fire Derry Walker, Code Compliance Director; Ricky Clark, City Manager, and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to amend the Consent Agenda to include the Municipal Court City Solicitor Contract.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gunn.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to amend the agenda to include the Interim City Manager's Contract.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2025 -**
City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2025.
The motion was made by Councilmember Akins-Wells and seconded by Councilmember Gunn.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There was one (1) Public Comment Speaker.

Elder Cook, a Forest Park Ministers Association representative, addressed the Mayor and Council to share upcoming events. He announced the annual "Pray and Clean" event scheduled for next Saturday at Paradise Church, where participants will clean up the south side of Forest Park while engaging with residents. He also noted that the annual Day of Prayer will take place on September 20 at Starr Park from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., featuring prayer, worship, dance, and music. In addition, he previewed the "Living Legend" banquet planned for October, which will honor community legends.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

It was moved to close the regular meeting to open the Public Hearing.

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

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

2. **Public Hearing #1 on the Recommended Proposed Millage Rate-** Finance Department

The next two Public Hearings will be held on September 15 at noon and 7:00pm.

In Favor: None

In Opposition: None

3. **Council Approval of an Ordinance for Case # RZ-2025-02 Rezoning Request for 486 Main Street (Zoned RM – Multiple Family Residential) and 0 Burks Rd (Zoned RT – Two Family Residential) from RM and RT to GC (General Commercial District) to allow the development of a unified parking area supporting future business operations- PCD Department**

In favor: None

In Opposition: None

It was motioned to approve an Ordinance for Case # RZ-2025-02 Rezoning Request for 486 Main Street in accordance with staff recommendations and with the additional condition that no more than five (5) trucks may be parked on the property for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) consecutive hours.

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

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

4. **Council Approval of an Ordinance for Case # CUP-2025-04- Conditional Use Permit for 5000 Governors Dr to establish and operate an Assisted living facility within the Single-Family Residential District (RS) in Ward 2- PCD Department**

In favor: None

In Opposition: None

It was motioned to approve an Ordinance for Case # CUP-2025-04- Conditional Use Permit for 5000 Governors Dr to establish and operate an Assisted living facility within the Single-Family Residential District (RS) in Ward 2.

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

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

It was motioned to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gunn.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: (APPROVED)

5. **Council Approval of a Resolution for a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) for Tactical Gear Supply – Police Department**

6. **Council Approval of the Municipal Court City Solicitor Contract-** Municipal Court Department

NEW BUSINESS:

7. **Council Approval of an Ordinance on the Proposed Amendment to the Charter to Amend Section 2.15 (Inquiries and Investigations) of Article II (Governmental Structure)-** Executive Office

It was motioned to approve an Ordinance on the Proposed Amendment to the Charter to Amend Section 2.15 (Inquiries and Investigations) of Article II (Governmental Structure).

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gunn.

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

8. **Council Approval for the selection of a professional recruitment firm to complete a nationwide search for the selection of a new City Manager –** Executive Office

It was motioned to approve the selection of a professional recruitment firm to complete a nationwide search for a new City Manager by choosing Slavin.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gunn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Gunn, Councilmember Gutierrez

Voting in Abstention: Councilmember Akins-Wells.

9. **Council Approval of Massage Establishments as a business license type within the City of Forest Park-** PCD Department

It was motioned to approve the business license for the Applicant Serenity in Every Touch, LLC.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gunn.

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

10. **Council Approval of a Salary Increase for Interim Chief City Manager Latosha Clemons-** Executive Office

It was motioned to approve the Salary Increase for Interim Chief City Manager Latosha Clemons.

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

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James expressed prayers and support for the Mears family during their current situation and asked that everyone keep Mr. and Mrs. Mears and their family in their thoughts. She reminded everyone that the board meeting is available online for viewing and thanked all who attended. Councilmember James also

acknowledged that it was Mr. Clark's final day, expressing gratitude for his service and contributions to the City, and noting appreciation for all he has accomplished during his tenure.

Councilmember Gunn thanked the community for its participation in recent events and praised Public Works for its continued efforts. She announced upcoming activities, including Senior Month with a fellowship outing on September 17 and Forest Park Safety Day on September 20, featuring public safety partners and Ring camera giveaways for seniors. She thanked staff and council aides for their support and said, "We are One Forest Park."

Councilmember Gutierrez expressed that he was not feeling like himself due to the recent loss of a family member, noting that his uncle had been like a father figure. He extended prayers to the Mears family and his own and shared that while it was challenging to attend, he wanted to participate in the meeting. He encouraged everyone to take care of their families and loved ones, reminding everyone that life is uncertain and that it is essential to let people know they are loved.

Councilmember Akins-Wells extended condolences to Councilmember Gutierrez, thanked Mr. Clark for his service and contributions to the City, and highlighted recent community initiatives, including distributing over 140 laptops and the Scott Rashmeer Scholarship event. She also announced that the next Fun Friday will be held on September 19 at Starr Park and thanked everyone for their hard work.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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City Clerk Signature

Mayor's Signature