



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the City of Forest Park to enhance, strengthen, and grow our city by collaborating with our community to provide the highest level of service. Striving to be recognized as a diverse community that values and respects all members. We will strive to provide fair, professional, and courteous service through transparency and open communication. As we work to achieve this mission, we will have integrity beyond reproach while employing fiscal discipline and innovation. In this work there are no praises and raises for mediocrity.

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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

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Butler and she read the Mission Statement.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Dr. Paden 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		✓
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1	✓	
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3, Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4 -		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, Darquita Williams, Deputy Finance Director; Kim Trawick, Human Resources Generalist, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of

Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works, James Shelby, Planning & Community Development Director, and Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month – Legislative Office

Background/History:

Mayor and Council to present to Asian American & Pacific Islanders of the City of Forest Park a proclamation recognizing Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Mayor and Council presented a proclamation for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

2. Proclamation Declaring May 21, 2022, as Forest Park High School Senior's Day – Legislative Office

Background/History:

Mayor and Council to present a proclamation declaring May 21, 2022, as Forest Park High School Seniors Day.

Mayor and Council presented a proclamation declaring May 21st as Forest Park High School Seniors Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There was one Public Comment Speaker:

Coco-Chanelle Williams -Building Manager for 519 Forest Parkway and 521 Forest Parkway. I would like to speak about a sound permit that Jason Cantrell has obtained. He has been a disturbance to the businesses in the Shady Oaks Parkway, and I would like you all to look at his permit to see if he is not going with the ordinance of 11 5.6. Now, it is at the point where we feel threatened and do not safe, that he is our there. I had a tenant that moved out, because she felt he was going to do something to her and her child. She is of a Muslim religion and when he realized she worked at the building, he called her a terrorist on the amplified sound and stated a terrorist now works there. He has personally attacked me and said that because I am a Black woman, I am most likely an entertainer at a strip club of some sort. He antagonizes anyone that walks down the sidewalk and say malicious things to anyone that comes in our parkway, it is verbal harassment. I am here to see if there is any help, we can have from you all, to void out the permit or to see if he can give actual notice of the vent he is doing. I see that he is supposed to give actual notice for the event he is doing to businesses within a thousand feet for the event he is permitting. We have never gotten actual notice from this year or last year. There is no address on his permit, and the one that I did receive from the records department was not signed or dated. As well, under the ordinance it says that no amplified sound can start before 8 am his starts at 7 am. So, before we get to work, he is out there. Like I said it is a safety issue now we feel like we must bring our firearms to work, because we do not know when he is going to lose it.

Mayor Butler- Ms. Williams do not leave we are going to have someone talk to you after the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as printed.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

Mears

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. Council Approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes from May 2, 2022 - City Clerk

It was moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 5, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Council Approval of the Rental Inspection Program Ordinance Amendment 22-09 – Planning and Community Development Department

It was moved to adopt the Ordinance Amendment 22-09

, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

5. Council Approval of the Transfer of Vacant Property - 954 Main Street, Forest Park, GA – Executive Office

It was moved to approve the transfer of vacant property 954 Main Street

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

6. Council Approval to Repair the Tower One Pump – Fire Department

It was moved to approve the repair of the Tower One Pump

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

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

7. Council Approval of American Rescue Fund Line-Item Reallocation – Finance/ Public Works

It was moved to approve the reallocation of the American Rescue Fund

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

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

Councilmember Mears

8. Council Approval on Hosted VoIP Phone Solution – IT Department

It was moved to approve the agreement for VoIP Phone Solution

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

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Antoine – Thanks, everyone for coming, continue to spread the good work that Forest Park is doing God bless. I encourage everyone to go out to vote. Shout out to Ms. Brown, for the brand-new shoes, which was important of her for doing that. Thank you for your hard work.

Councilmember Gutierrez -Thanks everybody for coming out again. I am excited about our city embracing our culture and having a proclamation for that month. Also, shoutout to our seniors, congratulation to them. In celebration of the month our city is having our first Asian heritage festival on the 28th. It will be at Star Park we have been working with local businesses to make sure we respect everybody, and we are as inclusive as possible. On the council we are not experts in those type of events, but we are making sure everybody is respected. So come out it will be fun, from 12 to 5pm. Food Truck Friday will be the first Friday of the month and we will have the cleanup the next day on Saturday. Typically, I would be more excited, but I have been bamboozled into doing summer school, so I will be the sweating in north Atlanta. Thanks, everybody for coming out again we had an amazing retreat with the boards of your city. You should be excited that we all are on one accord and was able to get everybody there and discussed some of the future projects, visions, and ideas that we have moving forward. This is a first step with that property being moved to the DDA, Carter's Cleaners, so be on the lookout for that. Thank you everybody again and feel free to reach out.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – I would like to send my condolences out to two forest park residents one Ms. Annie Jones, who is a 30 plus resident of the city and has been a frequent visitor of our senior center. I attended her funeral on Saturday with Mr. Willie who is no longer our coordinator, but he sung at that funeral and my God it was amazing. So, I want to send my condolences to the Jones' family and, to Rocky Renders family. He passed away on Friday 13th and everything is being worked out with his family and when his services will be held. He was one of the first entertainers to really put Forest Park on the map. He grew up here and was just at the height of his career and he tragically passed away on Friday, at the age of 24 with liver and kidney failure. His family is trying to get his remains here, he was in California when he passed away, but his brother was with him. The arrangements are being made now and I will keep everyone informed on that and hopefully, the city can give something because he did give a lot to the community, school drives, Christmas giveaways for the kids and he was just really a great guy in the city of forest park. I would just want us to do something in remembrance of him. June 9th we are having a community meeting with the residents that started Rose Town day, a long time ago before I was on the city council. They initiated Rose Town day which later became Forest Park day. The community planned this day and was very much involved, so they asked to have another meeting and it will be June 9th at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Star Park so we can hear the community voice, because this is their community. I want to make sure they are a part of the planning process and what we do so everyone feels included in this day because it is for everyone. On June 17th, our first fun Friday, will be at Star Park at 7 pm. On 5/19 this Thursday Ward 4 Town Hall meeting at 696 Main street at 6 pm, so if you live in Ward 4 or just want to come participate, or know some issues, someone that needs to be nominated for keep Ward

4 beautiful or business, or questions or concerns. Feel free to come to the meeting on Thursday at 6 pm. Thank you all so much and have a blessed night.

Councilmember Mears – I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight and to remind you that you must take care of your business. We work for you and if you do not come and guide us then we go crazy. I would like to thank the public works department; I saw a monster in my street today and I did not recognize it. It looked like a street sweeper; I think they got it running. I am glad to see we are getting our equipment back up to par, and I am glad we are going to get the fire truck fixed, because we need it out there when we have these big fires. Forest Park is not a small city anymore and sometimes you have to fight fire from the sky. Thank you very much.

Mayor Butler – The mid-terms are next week but voting is going on now. This is a County ran election and the closest voting location is 1500 Morrow City Hall on Morrow Rd. In order for there to be a polling for the November election in Forest Park they need people to run the polling site. I spoke with someone on the election board, and she said if we can get 10 people to manage the site the chances look good for the November election to have a polling place in Forest Park possibly at the library. If you know anyone interested tell them to reach out to the election board. Lil Keed, I did have the opportunity to meet him, and we did give him a proclamation and if we want to re-deliver the proclamation to his family during his service that would be awesome. My daughter spoke extremely high of him and after meeting him, he was an outstanding young man. This Saturday is going to be a busy day in the city walking with the mayor is at 9 am., then we have the senior caravan followed by the Forest Park inaugural community day, which is for all schools in Forest Park and the community in general. It is going to be a lot of fun, and I hope you all can come out and support

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:20p

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

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