



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, September 19, 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: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:06pm and read the Mission Statement.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Dr. Patton led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

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 (via telephone)		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

Javon Lloyd, Public Information Officer, Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Abrahams, Economic Development Director,

Nigel Wattley, Deputy Director Public Works, Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief, James Shelby, Project Manager and Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There was one speaker:

LaWanda Folami – Gave a report on her volleyball team. They lost 25-2 on the first set on the second set it was 25-3. The best part about it is the scholars did well because they tried. Thanked Dr. Cooper for the productive meeting they had. Now let us get into the community business. It is being said that the governing body want a raise. The chair wants 55k and the council want 38k.

She is opposed to it because they will be making more than the workers. Second the city overpaid the IRS, she wants to know how that happened, and how do you pay for people that is not on the register? She was going to call Councilmember Gutierrez, but is bringing it to the governing body, because it is coming from concerned citizens.

Some of you are going out to the media on these different sites and podcast, being very disrespectful to themselves and to the city they supposed to be representing. We you go out to do interviews make sure you are representing the constituents and not just yourself. Please be careful how you represent yourself and our city. She asked Councilmember Gutierrez to check into some speed breakers, because of people speeding throughout the neighborhood.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the Council Agenda with adding the Swearing in of Development Authority Board members as Item 8.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2022 - City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council Regular Meeting minutes from September 6, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Council Approval of Pay increase Request for Forest Park Police Department – Legislative

Background/History:

The Forest Park City Council had discussion around at 15% pay increase for police and a 10% pay increase for fire personnel at the September 6 workshop meeting. Per request after the previous meetings discussion

the proposed increase request has been amended to extend a 15% increase to police only, excluding the Chief and Deputy Chief and a council vote has been requested.

It was moved to table this item until the October 3, 2022, Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

3. Council Approval of Sanitation Request for Proposal Process – Legislative

Background/History:

The Forest Park City Council had discussion around the current Request for Proposal process for Sanitation Services at the September 6 workshop meeting. Per council members request after the previous meeting's discussion, no direction had been provided, as to continuing with the current RFP process or canceling it and working to negotiate a new long-term contract with our current vendor.

The City Manager is seeking direction from the Council on how they would like for staff to proceed, and a vote has been requested.

It was moved to cancel the Sanitation RFP and continue with Waste Management.

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

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Gutierrez

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Council Approval of the Renovation to an Existing Structure for Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) – Department of Planning & Community Development/Fire and Emergency Services

It was moved to approve the renovation to an existing structure for the EMOC

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

5. Council Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Lexipol – Fire & EMS Department

It was moved to enter a service agreement with Lexipol

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

6. Discussion to Execute an Agreement with Georgia Power Company to Install Outdoor Lighting for the new Public Safety Building at Gillem– Planning and Community Development Department

It was moved to approve the agreement with GA Power to install outdoor lighting for the new Public Safety Building at Gillem

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

7. Council to approve 2nd Round of Employee Premium Pay – Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the 2nd Round of Premium Pay to include the part-time employees

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

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

It was moved to reconsider the previous vote on Item 7

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

It was moved to approve the 2nd Round of Premium Pay by giving all full-time employees \$2,500 and part-time employees \$500.00

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

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

SWEARING IN:

8. Mayor Butler administered the Oath of Office to Alvin Patten and Victoria Williams to the Development Authority Board.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James - The neighborhood meeting that she just hosted will be on the website this week. It was a very informative meeting and she wanted to encourage people to go to the website and listen to the information. Thanked everyone for coming and informed them, she will be looking into salary concerns. She is in favor starting with the Public Safety Department giving an increase and she is pushing hard for it.

Councilmember Antione – Great meeting, God bless and thank you all.

Councilmember Gutierrez - We just had a great initial Hispanic Heritage month celebration, and we are looking forward to the next celebration October 8th at Star Park. The road you are speaking on is that Old Jonesboro Rd, where the speeding is happening? Thanks for coming out and nice seeing you again Mr. Shelby.

Councilmember Wells – Thanked Mauldin & Jenkins and wants to go back and investigate what he was speaking on with the SPLOST programs that have been abandoned. She has been looking through the book and there are a lot of things that have talked about, and nothing has happened with it. Stated it is the people vote and they need to investigate it. Thanked Dr. Shelby, for all he has done, all he continues to do, and will enjoy him for as long as they can have him.

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 7:26pm for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

It was moved to reconvene back into the Regular Meeting at 8:20pm

Motion made by Councilmember Akins-Wells, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Council Regular Meeting at 8:20pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

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