



CITY OF FOREST PARK
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 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 September 12, 2024, to order at 5:32pm.

PRESENT:

Kimberly James
Avery Wilson
Eliot Lawrence
Yasmin Julio
Debra Patrick

ALSO PRESENT:

Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager
John Wiggins, Director of Finance
Rochelle Dennis, Main Street Manager
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: Eliot Lawrence made a motion to adopt the agenda without any additions/deletions. Yasmin Julio seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of August 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Yasmin Julio made a motion to approve the August 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:****2. Aerotropolis Atlanta Presentation**

- Shannon James, President & CEO of Aerotropolis Atlanta gave a presentation to the board on how the organization came to be, current & future plans, as well as catalytic sites throughout Clayton County.

3. Gillem Monument Installation Discussion

Rochelle Dennis delivered the update:

- The monument symbolizes the intentionality regarding the redevelopment of the base & the debt pay off. The grass area in front of the Gillem Public Safety is the proposed site for the monument.

Eliot Lawrence made a motion to approve the \$2,800 expenditure needed to construct the base of the monument.

Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. ~~Approval of Gillem Logistics Building 650 GA Power Easement~~**6. URA Financial Report**

Director Wiggins delivered the update:

- The beginning balance on the URA Army checking account is \$3,876,429. Deposits totaled \$12,710.00, leaving an ending balance of \$3,815,605. The URA Kroger checking account beginning balance was \$643,498 with \$2,138 in deposit, leaving the ending balance at \$644,136. The total operating cash was \$4,459,741.00. The ending balance as of August 31, 2024 in the Georgia Fund 1 account totaled \$34,298,687.03.

7. Discussion on Interfund Balances

Director Wiggins delivered the update:

- The interfund balance report describes the “due-to” “due-from” process for URA accounts. Rectifying these transactions will assist the auditors in the annual audit. All funds from these transactions have been passed to the appropriate accounts.

Eliot Lawrence made a motion to authorize the Finance Department to perform the interfund transfer. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Economic Development Update

Rochelle Dennis delivered the update:

- The first “Off the Rails” trolley tour was successfully hosted in August. The next trolley tour occurs within the next week. Director Williams continues to meet with retail developers about opening their businesses in Forest Park. Plans are heavily underway for “Blues on Main”, a Blues concert on Main Street being held on October 11, 2024. A ribbon cutting for Lingo Staffing was also held within the last month. The Economic Development department partnered with Clayton State’s Small Business Development Center to host “Grow Your Business”; a seminar where small businesses can receive one-on-one business coaching and development. A ribbon cutting occurred at “America’s Food Basket” the former Piggly Wiggly on Jonesboro Road.

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

Yasmin Julio made a motion to enter executive session at 6:50pm. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Avery Wilson made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:23pm. Yasmin Julio seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Yasmin Julio made a motion to approve the first amendment to the purchase and sale agreement for Project Splash subject to legal review. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Debra Patrick made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Avery Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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