



# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED

Wednesday, March 01, 2023, at 5:30 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 5:30pm by Mayor Butler who read the Mission Statement.

**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                                   |        | ✓       |
| Latresa Akins-Wells  | Council Member, Ward 4 – via telephone arrived at 5:36pm |        | ✓       |
| Allan Mears          | Council Member, Ward 5                                   |        | ✓       |

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council Discussion and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement & Resolution with DDA – Legal

**Background/History:**

The Downtown Development Authority proposes to issue \$6.18 million in bonds to finance the acquisition of property and certain infrastructure in the downtown area to spur the development of mixed-use facilities and other desirable improvements. The DDA is pursuing the rapid implementation of many of the development concepts set forth in the City's Livable Center Initiative Study which was adopted by the City on September 7, 2021.

In order to obtain the best possible interest rate, it is proposed that the bonds be secured in part by a pledge of the City to make debt service on the bonds if necessary. The bonds will first be paid through funds of the DDA, revenues from the project and land sales by the DDA. The goal is that the City will not have to make any payments under this agreement.

**Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:** There were no comments or discussions from Council.

It was moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement & Resolution with the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember James

**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 5:34pm for Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

Councilmembers Gutierrez and Akins-Wells left at 6:14pm

It was moved to reconvene back into the Special Called Meeting at 6:19pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 6:19pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

Councilmember Gutierrez and Akins-Wells were not present, they left at 6:14pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

APPROVED