



CITY OF FOREST PARK
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 08, 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 August 8, 2024 to order at 5:36pm.

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

PRESENT:

Kimberly James
Eliot Lawrence
Yasmin Julio

ALSO PRESENT:

Danielle Matricardi, General Counsel
John Wiggins, Director of Finance
Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works
Marsellas Williams, Director of Economic Development
Rochelle Dennis, Main Street Manager
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of June 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of July 26, 2024 Strategic Retreat Minutes

Yasmin Julio made a motion to approve the June 13, 2024, July 11, 2024, and July 26, 2024, meeting minutes together. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Finance Report

Director Wiggins delivered the update:

- He gave an update on the status of recent deposits into their Georgia Fund 1 account and what the accrued interest can be spent on. He also gave a high level overview of the FY 24-25 budget that was approved at a previous meeting. The budget has been uploaded into the accounts payable system.

5. URA Investments (Discussed in Executive Session)

6. Economic Development Update

Director Williams delivered the update:

- He met with representatives from GA Power to gather current demographic information and discussed establishing a potential partnership with their marketing team. He met with Aerotropolis to discuss the catalytic site within the City. He gave a presentation about *Project Moonshot* at the Invest Clayton board meeting. Project plans are under way for *Blues on Main Street*, slated for Friday, October 11, 2024. Staff also assisted in relocation services for tenants that were in 751-771 Main Street. Our internal Public Information Office assisted the department with updates to the Economic Development webpage on the City's website. Mr. Williams met with representatives from Northfolk Southern, gave them a tour of the City, and discussed properties that are railway accessible. On September 28, in partnership with the Clayton State Small Business Development Center there will be a Business Open House for small businesses.

7. Oakmont Gillem - Sewer Easement Termination

Attorney Matricardi delivered the update:

- Oakmont gave a presentation on their plans for the site at the last URA meeting. They are under contract to purchase a portion of a property at Gillem. During the sale phase Waken granted the URA an easement to install a sanitary sewer line that was never used. City staff conducted research on the matter and concluded that the easement isn't necessary anymore. Oakmont needs the URA to terminate the easement so they can proceed with the proposed plans.

Kimberly James made a motion to terminate the water and sewer line easement on the Waken parcel. Yasmin Julio seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Yasmin Julio made a motion to enter the executive session at 5:57pm. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Yasmin Julio made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:02pm. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairwoman James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.

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the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 404-366-4720.*