



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 01, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
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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

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager  
Randi Rainey, City Clerk  
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

## DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** Dr. Goldsten 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		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

John Wiggins, Finance Director; Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director; James Shelby, Project Manager; Shalonda Brown, HR Director; Diane Lewis, Deputy HR Director; Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director; Nigel Watley, Deputy Public Works Director; Fire Chief Latosha Clemons; Deputy Fire Chief David Halcomb; Geoff May; Fire Department, Josh Cox, IT Director; Rodney Virgil, Level 2 Support Engineer; Pauline Warrior, Senior Management Analyst; Kwame Marshall, Multimedia Specialist; Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director Marselles Williams, Economic Director; Brandon Criss, Police Dept.; Mayor Jones, Police Dept; Dorothy Roper-Jackson, Court Director, and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:**

It was moved to adopt the consent agenda.

The motion was made by Councilmember Antoine and seconded by Councilmember James.

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:**

It was moved to adopt the agenda as printed.

The motion was made by Councilmember Antoine and seconded by Councilmember James.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2024-** City Clerk

It was moved to approve the minutes as printed.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)**

There were seven (7) public speakers:

Dr. Miriam Gwathney

Carl Evans

Kay Holtzclaw

Frank Holtzclaw

John Randle

Chris Randle

Samuel Ibanez

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ricky L. Clark Jr., City Manager, gave a brief update on the Envoy Kiosk, City Center, and the HOME Program.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

It was moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

2. **Council Approval on the Renewal of the 4th Annual Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions-Fire and EMS Department**
3. **Council Approval on Central Square CAD/RMS Annual Renewal – IT Department /Police Department**
4. **Council Approval on Task Order 2024-03-033-R2 for Croft to Renovate an Existing Building Located at 330 Forest Parkway for a Vehicle Storage and Training Facility for the Fire Department-Planning and Community Development Department**
5. **Council Approval to Surplus Existing Playground Equipment from the Pocket Parks-Public Works Department**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

6. **Council Approval on a Vehicle Take-Home Policy – Executive Office**

It was moved to approve the Vehicle Take-Home Policy.

The motion was made by Councilmember Antoine and seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **Community Garden Request- Legislative Offices**

It was moved to approve the Community Garden using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

The motion was made by Councilmember Akins-Wells and seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

8. **Council Approval on a Fraternalization and Nepotism Policy-Human Resources Department**

It was moved to approve a Fraternalization and Nepotism Policy.

The motion was made by Councilmember Antoine and seconded by Councilmember James.

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

9. **Council Approval of Case # PP-2024-02 – Preliminary Plat for 733-0 Scott Rd-Planning and Community Development Department**

It was moved to deny Case # PP-2024-02 – Preliminary Plat for 733-0 Scott Rd.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine,

Voting Nay: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears.

After much discussion, it was noted that the motion was voided because the subject matter was outside the jurisdiction of the City Council. City Attorney Matricardi clarified that only the Planning Commission approves all Preliminary Plats.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

**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 8:12 p.m. for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate matters.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

It was moved to approve the easement of 954 Main Street-Georgia Power.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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

It was moved to approve the separation and settlement agreement for J.P.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

It was moved to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session Meeting at 8:25 pm.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

The motion was made by Councilmember Akins-Wells and seconded by Councilmember James.

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

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