



CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL - PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers, 745 Forest Parkway

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745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

APPROVED MINUTES FOR BUDGET HEARING

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, Interim City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 5:00pm.

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, Mayor Pro-Tem <i>Via telephone</i>		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3 <i>Arrived at 5:05pm</i>		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4	✓	
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Diane Lewis, HR Department; James Shelby, Director of Planning & Zoning, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Bobby Jinks, Director Public Works, Tarik Maxwell, Director of Parks and Recreation, Nathaniel Clark, Police Chief, and Latosha Clemons, Deputy Fire Chief

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing for FY22 Proposed Budget - First Reading** - Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director

It was motioned to open the public hearing for the FY22 Budget

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the FY22 Budget.

Councilmember James – Asked for a point of order – Will the information regarding the budget be given for citizens to hear and know about the budget before approval or not approving the budget? Will there be any discussions about the budget or are we just hearing public comments?

City Manager – This meeting is not for approval it is a public hearing for the public to speak their concerns on the budget and we will have the 2nd Reading of the budget on Monday night.

Councilmember James – City Attorney, generally doing our public hearings or a statement of budget hearings, we do not hear what is in the budget or speak on it before we ask for public comments. We are expecting the public to read through the budget before coming to ask questions.

City Attorney – There is no hard and fast rule on that, but often there is a presentation or summary, like in zoning. Council has already had an overview when you had the budget retreat.

Councilmember James – I personally do not like that, I feel that we should at least give them a general overview of the budget and then give them an opportunity to speak.

Councilmember Gutierrez – I would also like to do that going forward.

City Manager – We will do that moving forward.

It was motioned to close the public hearing for the FY22 Budget.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned to adjourn the FY22 Budget Public Hearing at 5:16pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears