



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 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 by Mayor Butler at 7:25pm and she read the Mission Statement.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** Pastor Clinksdale gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance

**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, Mayor Pro-Tem |        | ✓       |
| Latresa Akins-Wells  | Council Member, Ward 4 -              |        | ✓       |
| Allan Mears          | Council Member, Ward 5 -Via Telephone |        | ✓       |

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Darquita Williams, Deputy Finance Director; Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Arthur Geeter, Purchasing, Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief, Bruce Abrahams, Director of Economic

Development, Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Javon Lloyd, PIO Officer, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst and Shalonda Brown, Director of HR

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

**Lillian Jenkins** - I just wanted to come stand before you. I attended the last meeting and that was my first meeting. I would like you all to know that the comments that I will make is not directed to anyone, but to you all as one because you all represent Forest Park. I was quite taken back by the unwelcoming manner that the citizens were handled at the meeting.

It was obvious to me that the citizens who are taxpayers were not welcomed at a meeting for a board that represented the taxpayers. Just starting off I am not saying whether you do or do not if you really are not that concerned about what I have to say then it means you are in the wrong position. Because as a taxpayer you represent what the taxpayers say and want, and you should. So, it you do not care than that is your problem.

I came to speak on two things one on Life Christian Academy and I would like to speak about the events. What I mentioned before at the last meeting was true. This weekend there was a Juneteenth celebration in the park and my mom who is eighty-four was there with her son and his son and with his son. So, there are four generations that enjoy the events number 1 number 2. I also want to say that I am a public health nurse, and hopefully you are aware that there is a mental health epidemic. Everybody is shooting up everything and with the ability for health coverages as it is everybody do not have coverage on mental health. Keep in mind that these events are the only mental health activities that some of your citizens that you represent may have.

As far as Life Christian Academy, I just want to mention that my daughter who started out in public school in Forest Park, graduated from Life Christian Academy. She went on to attend a historically Black college Allen University and got her degree in mathematics. Now I do not know a whole lot of ladies with a degree in mathematics, but my daughter does and that was because of Life Christian Academy. So please reconsider.

**LaWanda Folami** - Good evening, and I really do appreciate what hat neighbor of mine just said. We are the community as taxpayers. Every year we come to this point with waste management, or we come to this point today with Waste Pro USA. One thing I do know is when that landfill is going to get out of their backyard. We are renewing contracts and I know the heights come and the inflation goes up, but people over there want the waste out of their backyard.

I get calls where they have wild rats running around during the time, they are having family events. We been talking about this for years and years. Let us talk about veto power, let us talk about the police department. Now as I understand the police had a reserve and at the previous meeting, I asked a question to the city manager. Your response was that they did not use it, so you put it into the legislation or wherever you put it in the budget. I am going to hold it right there I will call, and we will make a conversation.

But we are going to have to figure out what we are doing, how we are doing it. We have a power struggle going on right now. It is not about us citizen's anymore it is not about us taxpayers. We are talking about waste and recycling, I work with children daily volunteering, about recycling. I work with some of you all, but it seems when we come here, we are do disrespected. It is not appropriate for you all to treat the taxpayers this way make them feel unwanted.

If we want keep Forest Park beautiful, let us have a part with our tax money, if we want fun in the park let us have something. You all are really taken everything from us. Lastly, I attended Sunday with Pastor Wheeler, and the Jubilee and the black Madonna, and it was awesome. Like she said it was generation after generation. We danced from the time I got there to the time I left; I was so tired. Again, if we do not know our staff which protect us and that is our police department. Why are we talking bout we do not know if we need a narcotic center? We need to see Mr. Cooper

or Madam Chair what we are doing not to be compatible. That is the question something is wrong if we have this many vacancies, what is wrong.

**Minister Justin Cook** - Good evening, and I am here representing the Forest Park Minister Association. I would like to invite you all out this Saturday. We will be cleaning up the north side of the city. Not only will we be cleaning, but we will also be going out praying it is going to be this Saturday from 8-12. I know it is hot so we will try to beat the heat, we have plenty of water and Powerade. We will have breakfast sponsored by Chick Fila and the minister association will be sponsoring lunch.

We just want to encourage you all to come out and join us in cleaning up the city and cover the city in prayer. We are going to be meeting at Paradise Church of God in Christ, located at 4234 Hendricks Dr, in Forest Park Georgia. Again, come out we will have breakfast, meet our neighbors, clean, pray, eat, and beat the heat.

**Juan Dimisi** - Good evening, everyone. I am Juan Dimisi and I have been in Forest Park, for almost 10 years. I own a business right here on Forest Park and Jonesboro Rd, next to the discount mall which is 4150. In 2020-2021, I spent a lot of money building units. In 2021 I had some customers that came, some tenants they joined the units and, they could not survive, and they moved out. So, in about two or three months somebody tried to open the same business and they got rejected.

So, I am complaining as a businessperson I cannot survive when the same business is trying to take over the same unit and they are not getting qualified for it. So, what is the recommendation you have for us?

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

Mayor Butler asked for a motion to adopt tonight's agenda with the addition of item number 4 – To Direct Staff to Come Up With and Present to Council with a Capital Outlay Process.

It was moved to adopt the agenda with adding an item number 4

Motion made by Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2022** - City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council meeting minutes from June 6, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

2. **Council Approval of Waste Pro Sanitation Contract** – Chief Executive Offices/Public Works

It was moved to approve the Waste Pro Sanitation Contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Second by Mears.

**Comments/Discussion from Governing body:**

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - The further discussion is if this do not get approved today, we will go back to the RFP process and that would include the recycling like we initially wanted

**Mayor** - Recycling is included in this.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - It was not in the last one.

**Mayor** - You mean if we go back out for the RFP process.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - Yes

**Mayor** - That goes back to what Mr. Geeter, was saying with looking at the scope of work. So, yes, we can.

**City Manager** - It went out this time with the recycling, but it was an option it was not a requirement. We can take it back and go out with the scope of service as a requirement.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - So when it was the bid with the recycling included only in essence came from Waste Pro and not from Waste Management.

**City Manager** - No, both parties answered with the option. So, it was not that it was included it was an option with the RFP.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - Based on the last meeting when you went back, we were in the negotiation process with Waste Pro.

**City Manager** - Yes.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears

Voting Nay- Councilmember James, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

**Mayor Butler** - With a vote of 3-2 the motion did not pass

**City-Attorney** - Madam mayor I think at this point staff needs directions on whether you follow. My recommendation is to reject all claims and reinitiate the RFP process or to proceed to negotiate with the next. We just need direction.

**Mayor** - I was going to ask the council to accept Mike's recommendation to reject all of this and start over.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - What if we do not. You say it is like an engagement, which is not against the law. What if we say let us keep Waste Management, is that something we can do? We do not have to go through the process all over again.

**City Attorney** - We still must negotiate a long-term contract with Waste Management. Right now, we have a six-month contract that begins on July 1.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - I would be in favor to opening it up with recycling included and seeing what both options are. It is not given that we are just going to go with them.

**Councilmember Antione** - Are there any legal ramifications for not following through since everything is on the table.

**City Attorney** - I believe it is cleaner and involves less risk to reject all bids and start over.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - With the recycling included in all bids nonoptional.

**City Attorney** - The will of council it can be revised scope and highlight recycling as a mandatory requirement.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - I am not a big person on recycling, I have never recycled, and I am just being transparent, I will say that. We talked about this in the last meeting. You can say I want to include recycling, but how do we know things are being recycled. We go through all of this to say well it is mandatory when things are not actually being recycled. It does not matter who it is.

How are we going to know if we are including because that is more money? We must pay them, so we need to know instead of saying we need to make that mandatory, we need to make sure there is a process for recycling.

**City Manager** - Councilwoman, which is what the RFP will state, but again we have recycling now and because of contamination rates with other countries and places that use to purchase recycling from the U.S. their contamination rates went to the point where many U.S plants cannot meet that recycling requirement. You can put all your plastic bottles in there and as soon as you put a pizza box in there everything is contaminated.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - I agree, that is why I think we should not be so stuck on the recycling, because it is not just Waste Management or Waste Pro this is going on all over. That is why I do not think we should be so adamant about putting recycling in there and paying more money when we are not sure we are going to be getting recycled.

I just do not want that since the process is not clear on this, I do not want it to hold anyone back, whether Waste Management or whom ever. To hold them back from getting the contract when there is not a real process in place. The dump is one big dump. Even the residents must be held accountable too. We have a recycling trash can and a regular trash can, and the recycling can is out when the regular can is being picked up. It is like a process. So, we cannot hold whoever get the contract accountable when we do not hold the residents accountable for recycling as well.

**Mayor** - What was the recycling portion of this new contract.

**City Manager** - We worked out, because part of the issue council made was the recycling portion, so we worked out with Waste Pro, at that time and I sent this to council in an email, is to have two bi-weekly dumps of recycling bi-weekly, where Waste Pro would staff the trucks in the area where residents could bring their recyclables directly to those trucks and get educated on if they could or could not take them.

So, if you came to the dumpster with a bunch of plastic and had a pizza box in there, Waste Pro would be there to tell you we cannot take this, and this is why. Next week when you bring it make sure it is all bottles and no pizza boxes. They were going to be there with educational material to educate our residence on recycling, plus they were offering the 5,000 stipends to be split with Earth Tomorrow youth that came and did the presentation for us. They also offered for them to be there with them to help educate the community as well as, offering the part for the community field day, that we decided to do annually this year and have a recycling event at the community field day to help educate the residents.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - Where will they be set up, at the Waste Management transfer station?

**City Manager** - No, they will have two trucks on different sides of the city so residents would not have to all come to one place

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - They would monitor the trash that is going into them. That is bringing more trash into the streets.

**City Manager** - Councilwoman that would be reducing it because you would know exactly what you could bring to the recycling truck.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - Now we will have trucks just sitting there and people bring trash from their homes, it just does not make sense to me.

**Councilmember James** - Point of Order, Madam Mayor.

**Mayor** -Yes, state your point.

**Councilmember James** - So, we have already rejected the contract for Waste Pro, so we do not have to continue that conversation. I will say instead of the recommendation to open it back up for RFP process, I think we should go to the next contract bidder which is Waste Management for negotiation.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - I agree

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – Mike, you said that is not recommended right. That is not recommended, but it is just a recommendation

**Mayor** - I am going to veto that, I am going to go with the recommendation of the city attorney on this one. So, we just start over. The process has already begun with Waste Pro, to a certain extent. I just do not want us to go into any potential legal issue. Waste Management has been sitting here at the last two meetings and even had conversations. If they want to rebid, then they can rebid and let us just start the process over clean. As far as we can get to zero, no.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - Mike did not you compare it to being engaged to two women, so it is not unlawful.

**Mayor** - That is one analogy.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - Right, but it is not unlawful it is just a recommendation, and he has recommended a lot of things that a lot of us has ignored.

**Councilmember Antione**- Point of Order.

**Mayor** - State your point.

**Councilmember Antione** - Should we not keep it moving.

**Mayor** - Yes. So, I am going to ask that the next item to approve, do we have to amend the agenda to add this. To direct staff to start the process.

**City Attorney** - We are on the same subject matter.

**Mayor** - I am going to make a motion to ask staff to start the RFP process all over again.

**Councilmember James** - Point of order Madam Mayor.

**Mayor** - Yes

**Councilmember James** - Does it have to be a vote to direct staff to?

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - No, she is every day, directing staff. Let her go on and tell them.

**City Attorney** - Because we are still in the RFP process even though you have rejected the first, we need a formal statement directing us to end that process to start a new one that is what you would be doing by rejecting all bids.

**Councilmember James** - If we are not rejecting all bids, we are just rejecting Waste Pro? If we asking that the negotiation process start with Waste Management, is that a vote that we must do?

**Councilmember James** - We were asking direction, because right now we are not clear on what the direction of council is.

**Councilmember James** - Is the direction a motion that we must take.

**City Attorney** - I believe it needs to be, so we have a clear indication of council.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - The mayor just mentioned she is going to veto that and two people voted no, so I just do not want to waste our time with that.

**Councilmember James** - It must be a vote, for it to be vetoed, so we must vote anyway. So, she can have something to veto.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - Give her something to veto.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** - I think it will delay the process.

**Councilmember James** - What is the other alternative Mike.

**City Attorney** - The other alternative is to direct staff to reject all bids and restart the process.

**Councilmember James** - That does not have to be voted on.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – Mike, can you be very clear, because if we direct staff it can be done without taking a vote. If three members' say this is what we want to do, then that is what we want to do. We do that even through emails.

**City Attorney** - Under these circumstances we need it to be clear.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - So it just depends on the circumstances. So, we just need to give her something to veto. That is what we need to do.

**Mayor** – If you choose to. So, I had asked for a motion to direct staff to reject all bids and start the process over.

**It was moved to direct staff to reject all sanitation bids and to start the process over.**

**Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Gutierrez**

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

### 3. Council Approval of Line-Item Veto for Police Services – Chief Executive Offices

Mayor - Council approval to overturn my police process veto.

Councilmember James - I have a point of clarity Madam Mayor.

Mayor - Yes

Councilmember James – Mike, I would like to be clear on the motion that is set forth to overturn. If the motion is made to overturn and there is not enough support, can I mention it for the next meeting.

City Attorney - You cannot do that.

Councilmember James - If I chose to table it, so we can hear from Chief Clark, next week, it can be brought back, before the council.

City Attorney - It will be live because no action has been taken on it.

Councilmember James - So, I vote that we table this matter madam mayor

Mayor - But I already put forth the motion, for council. How do I overturn my veto?

City Attorney - You stated a motion, but no one has accepted it.

It was moved to table this item.

Motion was made by Councilmember James seconded by Councilmember Antione.

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

### 4. Council Approval to Direct Staff to come up with and present to counsel a Capital Project Outlay Process

It was moved to Direct Staff to produce and present to counsel a Capital Project Outlay Process

Motion was made by Councilwoman James, seconded by Gutierrez.

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

### CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James - I would like to thank everyone for coming out. I appreciate you spending time with us today. Believe it or not this is a democratic process, we do not always agree but I always say we still should be able to work together. Even if we are on opposite sides, we must come together for a common goal so that we can move forward in our city. I want to say congratulation to the recreation and leisure department for the awesome job they did over the weekend. I was able to make Saturday, I was not able to make Sunday or Friday.



The celebration of Juneteenth is part of my heritage, and I am very proud of the things our ancestors have accomplished for us. I am grateful we have this national holiday that we can celebrate. When the last of us received word that we were free as far as my ancestors are concerned. Thanks again for coming out we appreciate you.

**Councilmember Antoine** - Congratulations to City of Atlanta with all the metro, because the World Cup is coming to Georgia in 2026. Those that do not know the whole world will be watching, Metro Atlanta. I also, want to give a shout out to Fireman Clemmons she was named Leader of to GM made Equality and Inclusion in the advisory board.

She made it amongst a lot of other leaders within the state. First day of summer stay hydrated. Know that the city is going in the right direction. Here is my card for anybody you do not have to be in my ward, I am here to serve you. You are the reason I am here, and I love you. Keep my country in prayer, because there is a lot going on thank you and God bless you.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** -Thanks for coming out today I know it was a long meeting. Dr. Folami no update on your team so hopefully they are doing good. I just want to thank everyone for coming out and listening to us. No hard feelings against anyone up here. We truly want the best for our city we just have different perspectives, so we do not always agree on everything.

I am excited that we as a city is going to the GMA convention. This is the time I like to soak in the information gain. We get to meet other elected officials and see what problems they are facing, what solutions they have and what connections we can make. I will be representing Forest Park in Savannah and I am excited about that.

I would like to shoutout the Seniors Panthers and Action Board. They are established they got their shirts legit so, please join us and come out on the second Friday of the month. We changed it because of the Fun Friday celebrations, but usually after Fun Friday is over, we go back to the third Friday, that way our constituents can enjoy some of the things we offer in the city.

Went to the Fun Friday event it was a beautiful time just being with the community, listening to live music and getting to see some familiar faces I do not see often because I am doing summer school. The kids are amazing I am just tired. I got to vote today, it is already seven and if you did not get to vote just make sure you make it next time.

Went to the Juneteenth celebration and when you made that statement councilwoman it really gave me chills. After the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Lincoln, it did not reach everyone until 2 years after that. So, for 2 years Americans still had to be enslaved. So, make sure we teach our children that is a true day of freedom or Independence Day from the British.

The day of Juneteenth is the day of freedom in our country, so make sure we are educating our young ones to that. To the young lady that came and made that comment, I am sorry that you felt that way and that you felt our citizens are not welcome. That is not something that I want our people to feel. Congratulation to your daughter that is beautiful. Hopefully, we will do better in making our citizens feel welcome. Please feel free to reach out to anything I can do. I will miss the cleanup but thanks to the Ministry Association for doing that for our city.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - First I would like to send my condolences. We had a resident of Forest Park to pass away on yesterday morning, as well as a 19-year employee with the City of Forest Park, Mr. Albert Ross. He was with the city for 19 years, he retired and came back to the city, which is how much he loves the city. He passed away yesterday morning of a heat stroke.

I would like to make sure the city flag is half-staff in respect to him and his family, and longtime resident and employee of the city. Ms. Pellegrini brought this to my attention, she posted it on Facebook about a cooling station. We have

employees out here in the heat and some have health issues, so we need to do more for our people, our employees, and our community.

I want the city to investigate a cooling station. We have a community center, and we are not using it every day. It can be two or three times a week, we can have cold water or Gatorade to offer people that do not have a choice but to be out here in the heat. Like, the public works department and Mr. Jenks, no disrespect to you, because I know that you are working on something and just waiting to get the information. But he is a residence of Ward 4 and I know his wife and just want to send my condolences to his family. We need to investigate it and do some things that impact and help the people of Forest Park.

I want to talk about the events. You got up and spoke about Juneteenth which I could not make myself. My son had tournaments all weekend, I wanted to miss one Friday to be honest. The Juneteenth is some that council voted on some years ago to make it a holiday in the City of Forest Park, and parks and recreation put on the event. I heard it was an amazing event, but the events we were speaking of were the events that councilmembers had something to do with, which is Food Truck and Fun Fridays. So, we will still have events they just do not want us to have events with our name attached to it. Those are the ones that were removed from the budget, so I did not want you to be confused. They just do not want us to have anything to do with it, I just had to put that out there.

Fun Friday was the best and one of the biggest crowds that had ever come out and it was, because they heard events had been removed from our budget and placed in another budget. It was so successful; Councilmember Gutierrez, thank you so much for your contribution and Mrs. Lois Wright thank you for your contributions. The people want to keep it going without certain people being made to take over it, and the community is coming together so we can make that happen. We will make it happen up until September, with or without funds from the city, so I just wanted to put that out there.

As far as our mission statement, I was just reading it again and I hear over and over and mayor saying it and saying it, and we need to change it, we are getting up here speaking on some things and not doing it. We are not practicing what we preach, and I am just not in that line of business. Everyone know that I am transparent, I am going to be honest, and I am going to tell you thinks you do not want to hear, and it is what it is. I was not voted in this position to be quiet, but the part about grow our city by collaborating with our community, which is not happening.

I do not think we need to keep repeating it when we are pushing the community away. We are pushing the people away that put us here. We are supposed to be their voices and we do not want to allow them to get up and speak in a meeting. I thought it was very disrespectful and I am going to apologize to you two on behalf of our mayor. I think if any citizen I work for that we work for get up and speak for 10 minutes you should be able to do that. We work for you, and this is your time, and no one should be turned away.

So, if we are not going to start putting our community and citizens first then we need to change your mission statement, because it is just a statement not a mission. You all have a good night.

**Mayor** - I do want to address the school again and let me be clear once again. There are processes that are currently in place, that I like to try and follow. One of them says if you are not a residence or a business owner then there is a process that you go through to speak which was done this time around, which is why we have some of the speakers this time. Unless that change, I am going to adhere to that, it is of no disrespect it is again, we have processes and procedures put in place for a reason. So, if we do not follow them then why do we have them. Why do we have staff here that has years of expertise in subject matters that we do not, and we do not adhere to their recommendation, it just boggles me sometimes, but I digress.

The school Life Christian Academy. I stated at my last meeting after my veto that there were some representatives that came up to city hall on quite a few occasions and they were not too pleasant to say the least. At some point there

was a request to meet with me in which I did accept that request. At the end of the meeting, I asked for proof of accreditation from the school. I was told they have it no problem,

Then we get to the council meeting a week, and a half went by and nothing from this group had been heard of. The attorney for this group was present at the last meeting and there was an email between council. I was responding to an email, and I said, since this organization has an attorney, it would be best if council was removed from this process to allow for attorney and attorney to speak.

I do not know at what point my email was seen by some council members, but this organization reached out to council members and provided a piece of paper saying that they were accredited for the school year of 2021 for 2020.

So, when I looked at the paperwork and even then, I told this council person I would receive it from their attorney. Whenever there is an attorney involve, I remove myself from the process and allow our attorney to take over?

Since this was placed in my box, I saw it and looked up the accrediting institution to see if the school was listed and the school was not listed. So, I made a phone call, and I was told, since 2017 the school had not been accredited. The accreditation had been revoked several years ago and they have zero interest in renewing it. I was told this was since March 2017.

Now the entity did not tell me why, but said notification was sent to head of the organization, so they know why it was revoked. So, then I had to wonder what was presented to an elected official. I do not know what this is but based on what the organization told me, which is what I am going by this is not a valid document. So, I do not know if giving an elected official questionable document means, but it only gives me more questions.

The process is they must wait 6 months to reply. I think because of everything surrounding this organization when we had our meeting there are some names that were mentioned, and I did call to see about the school and what it offered, and I did hear some great things. So, to have a document in front of me and having to question the legitimacy of it do not rest well with me.

You did state in the meeting accreditation can come from anywhere, but me verifying what was provided says otherwise. That it was not accredited for 2021 and then I even looked up on the website today just to make sure that it was not an over site and now it is brought to the institutions attention it would be listed now. This institution is not listed as being accredited for 2021 and the 2022 school year. You can have your attorney reach back out to ours, but as of now that is where we stand.

**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 8:11 pm

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

It was moved to reconvene back into the Regular Meeting at 8:26 pm

Motion was made by Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26 pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells

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

APPROVED