



**CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

APPROVED WORK SESSION MINUTES

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, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Pro Tem Dabouze Antoine.

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		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4	✓	
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

DIRECTORS PRESENT Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Diane Lewis, Deputy Human Resources Director, Lashawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager, Michael Brunson Sr., Deputy Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager**COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:**

- Run-Off Election to be conducted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, for the position of Mayor. Early Voting will begin on November 22 through November 24th at the Mary Ann Conley Senior Center, 5087 Park Ave, Forest Park, GA 30297.
- Run-off Election Day voting will be November 30, 2021, at Elaine Corley Recreation Center, 803 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297 from 7:00am – 7:00pm.
- The **LAST DAY** to submit a request for an application for an absentee ballot for this run-off election will be Friday, November 19, 2021. For additional information please contact the City of Forest Park at 678-704-4784 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.
- We are asking all candidates, except those in the run-off, to please remove all campaign signs no later than **Wednesday, November 17, 2021.**
- Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) for Tenants and Landlords funds are still available through Clayton County for those who qualify. For more information you call (404)-697-4100 or (770)-997-4511 or visit Relief.claytoncountyga.gov
- Forest Park Police Department Coat Drive is going on right now. Help us help our community. Accepting all sizes of new and clean, gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and new socks. Donations will benefit students in the Forest Park area schools. Drop off @ Forest Park PD 320 Cash Memorial Blvd, Forest Park, GA between (8am – 6pm). Additional drop off locations during school hours are Huie Elementary, 1260 Rock Cut Rd, Forest Park.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- On November 11, 2021, we held the City of Forest Park Veterans Day Celebration. It was just a small token of appreciation to all our veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice for the freedoms we all hold dear. I don't think we can ever say this enough but Thank You for your service.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Councilman Hector Gutierrez for completing Cornell University's Certification Programs in Servant Leadership and Conflict Management.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** on completing their inhouse Firefighter 1 and 2 training.
 - Elizabeth Cole
 - Kyle Grace
 - Randell Boone
 - Sylvester Ayaeze
 - Anthony Glayton
 - Nicholas Sarna
 - Brenton Lee

SHOUT OUT

- Elections Superintendent Ms. S. Diane White, for the superior job she and her elections staff did in conducting our 2021 General Elections. Thank you to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, Clayton County Election's Office, Intact Consulting Services, and all city departments that came together and helped in conducting a smooth election for our residents - Public Works, Information Technology, Recreation and Leisure, and Finance.

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **1st Quarter FY21-22 Budget Review** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

A review of the 1st Quarter of the FY21-22 Budget was given by Interim Finance Director, Darquita Williams.

There were no comments/questions from governing body.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Approval of a Judicial Appointment to serve as Judge Pro Tem on the Forest Park Court** – Executive Offices

There was no comments/discussion from the governing body.

3. **Adoption of Amending Banquet Hall Ordinance** – Police Department

Councilmember James – Is there another way for us to double check to see if they have security?

City Attorney – In their application they would have to show that they have security.

4. **Council Approval of a Public Information Office Communication Policy** – Executive Offices

There were no comments/questions from the 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 motioned by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to recess into Executive Session at 6:14pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears.
The motion carried.

It was motioned by Councilmember Antoine and seconded by Councilmember James to reconvene back into the Council Work Session at 6:59pm.

Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned to adjourn the Council's Work Session at 6:59pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

The motion carried.

APPROVED 12.6.21