



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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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

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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The Council Meetings will be livestreamed and available on the City's

YouTube page - "**City of Forest Park GA**"

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Dr. Beeler led the invocation and prayer.

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; 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; Rodney Virgil, Level 2 Support Engineer; Pauline Warrior, Senior Management Analyst; Javon Llyod, PIO; Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director Marselles Williams, Economic Director; Nicole Dozier, Planning Community Director; Brandon Criss, Police Dept.; Talisha Clark, Procurement Manager, Dorothy Roper-Jackson, Court Director, and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of #5 to be placed on the regular agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

There was a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of item #5.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

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 September 3, 2024 - City Clerk**

There was a motion to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were two (2) Public Comment Speakers.

Ms. Folami

Elder Cook

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2. Financial Reporting of the FY2024-2025 Monthly Financial Report-Finance Department**

Background/History:

The Finance Department is presenting FY2024-2025 Monthly Financial review of the City's financials. The purpose of the monthly financial review is to help us know how healthy the City's cash flow is and help evaluate department performance to see if the executive office needs to reallocate resources to achieve the financial goals for the City.

CEREMONIAL:

Council Introduction for newly onboarded recruits at the Forest Park Fire & EMS Department -Introductions Only

Background/History:

The Forest Park Fire & EMS Department has recently recruited four (4) new employees.

Barry Bellamy

Heaven Fagan

Janeya Davis

Tony Taylor

Division Chief Keith King will present the introductions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Public Hearing #3 and Approval for the Recommended Proposed Millage Rate-Finance Department

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park has tentatively adopted a 2024 millage rate, which will require an increase in property tax by 1.57 percent due to property values increasing. Even though the City of Forest Park proposes to keep the millage rate at 16.74 mills, the increase in property values results in a property tax increase.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 16.74 mills, an increase of 1.57 percent. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 2.6 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000.00 is approximately \$10.40.

It was motioned to close the regular meeting for the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

It was motioned to open the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

There was one (1) speaker in favor of the Proposed Millage Rate.

Ms. Folami

There were no speakers in opposition of the Proposed Millage Rate.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

It was motioned to close the public hearing

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

It was motioned to open the regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

It was motioned to approve the Proposed Millage Rate.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Council Approval on the Request for Blanket Purchase Orders-Procurement/Public Works Department

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember James.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

5. Council Approval on the purchase of firefighter uniforms from a cooperative agreement with Read's Uniforms, LLC-Fire and EMS Department

This item was moved under new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Council Approval on the purchase of firefighter uniforms from a cooperative agreement with Read's Uniforms, LLC-Fire and EMS Department

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Councilmember James asked for a point of Order to call for the vote.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

6. Council Approval on a Budget Amendment for All Funds to Conclude Year-End-Finance Department

It was motioned to approve a Budget Amendment for All Funds to Conclude Year-End.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember James.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

7. Council Approval on the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Grant Pre-Application Request- Planning and Community Development Department

It was motioned to approve the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Grant Pre-Application Request.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James

Councilmember Antione

Councilmember Gutierrez

Councilmember Akins-Wells

Councilmember Mears

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

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