



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

Tuesday, July 06, 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

DRAFT 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 Butler.

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Bobby Jinks, Director Public Works, Tarik Maxwell, Director of Parks and Recreation, Nathaniel Clark, Police Chief, and David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:**

- **DATED CHANGED** – The Forest Park Ministers Association presents the Ministers for Healthy Communities Project. The new date for this town hall will be Saturday, July 31, 2021, starting at 4:00pm at Starr Park, 5031 Park Avenue, Forest Park, GA 30237. You can visit www.forestparkministersassociation.org for more information.
- *2021 Forest Park Flag Football League* – For Girls and Boys ages 4-5 – registration dates are July 1st – July 31st. Registration fee is \$80 per participant.
- *2021 Forest Park Fall Soccer League* – Registration opens July 1st – fee is \$80 per participant.
- *2021 Fall Baseball ages 7-12* – Registration opens July 1st; Fee is \$80 per participant.
- *2021 Youth Co-Ed Kickball League* – Registration July 1, 2021, Fee is \$80 per participant – Girls and Boys ages 12-14.
- For more information regarding all Recreation and Leisure activities please visit www.forestparkga.gov/parskrec page or contact Recreation and Leisure at 404-363-2908 or via email at RecreationLeisure@forestparkga.gov

CITY OPERATIONS:

- Thank you, City Council we are officially working our FY22 Budget. City operations have been funded, and we are moving forward with working to improve services and make the City of Forest Park, GA a great place to work, live and play.
- City Hall is open from 8:00am – 5:00pm daily, except official city holidays.
- We have provided a link for live streaming, and it will be on all agendas moving forward for those who wish to live stream meetings via YouTube.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:**Public Works**

- Thank you, Mr. Jacques Wells, for taking the initiative to cut a strip of City owned grass that was disregarded from Pine Road (Alder & Glenwood). The resident called to offer her thank you and praise for all you do, and I wanted to ensure as city management we do the same.

Emergency Service (Fire Department)

- Emergency Personnel Mr. Ed Taylor and Mr. Enrique Barlow for aiding one of our own City of Forest Park Employees during a medical emergency. They responded and according to the employee took “great care of her and her little one-to-be”. I personally want to echo this employees’ sentiment and say we cannot thank Mr. Ed. Taylor and Mr. Enrique Barlow and all the men and woman of the Forest Park Fire and Police Departments enough for their professionalism and expertise in saving lives every day.

Executive Offices

- Congratulations to Ms. S. Diane White appointed by the City Council as the new City Clerk for the City of Forest Park, GA.
- Congratulate our own Councilman Dabouze Antoine for successfully completing all course work and project requirements for the Downtown Development Authority Basic Training through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government in partnership with the Georgia Municipal Association. **CONGRATULATIONS COUNCILMAN ANTOINE GREAT JOB!**

COVID-19 UPDATE: Deputy Fire Chief Clemons

As of July 4, 2021, there has been over 24,685 cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) and 496 confirmed deaths. There were 41 new positive Covid-19 tests reported in Clayton County between June 28-July 4th. Clayton County continues to account for 2.7% of the total cases in Georgia, and Forest Park representing 9.4% of cumulative Cases.

- 97,654 Clayton County residents (28%) have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and 85,095 (30%) have been fully vaccinated.
- 5.9% of the positive cases in Clayton County have been hospitalized and 2.0% of positive cases in Clayton County have died.
- The average percent of Positive PCR tests in Clayton County over the last 7 days is 4.6%.
- The total number of cases per 100,000 people in Clayton County is 9,036 with two (2) new cases from June 28 to date in Forest Park.
- In Clayton County 97,654 residents (34%) have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine and 85,095 (30%) have been fully vaccinated.

African Americans still represents the highest number of Covid cases varying roughly 55%

OLD BUSINESS:**1. Intact Consulting Services - Marcia Ridley**

Councilmember Gutierrez thank you for the presentation, ma'am; just to be clear you will consult, but our city will run the elections.

Marcia Ridley yes, the City Clerk (*Elections Superintendent*), Diane White will hire the staff.

Councilmember Gutierrez who will hire the staff?

Mayor Butler Ms. Diane.

Councilmember Gutierrez perfect, I just do not want to overwhelm

Marcia Ridley yes and one thing I recommend is your poll workers do come from Forest Park and your vote review and duplication team as well.

Councilmember Gutierrez who will hire the staff.

Marcia Ridley the City Clerk, Diane White.

Councilmember Gutierrez let's make sure we get a bi-lingual person.

Mayor Butler a Vietnamese person too.

NEW BUSINESS:**2. Council Discussion on Approving to Continue the Stipends for First Responders during COVID-19 Crisis - City Manager**

Councilmember Gutierrez I do not have a problem with it, but do we have any other employees that are exposed to the public such as our first responders, and firefighters? Just to make sure we are compensating everyone.

Councilmember Akins-Wells that is a good question councilman. I know previously we talked about Public Works being included in it because they work in such hazardous situations, but that has not been brought back up. The Public Works employees are being held accountable for what Waste Management is supposed to do. When people put furniture and other items outside, and Waste Management is supposed to pick it up, but our Public Works guys must pick it up. They work in hazardous situations, so the employees that deal with those situations should be compensated as well; they are also first responders.

Councilmember Gutierrez City Manager if you can look at who else is exposed to the public, but I do not mind approving this.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager we can look at this councilman; just remember when this was approved the COVID funds could only be used for emergency first responders with police, fire, and everyone. If that is the case, I will bring back another authorization to include those individuals.

Councilmember James I know we received information on approving a bonus from the funds that will be coming for all employees to receive a one-time bonus and I think all of us are in favor of. So, I am concerned that we will continue the stipend in knowing we are going to be given a one-time bonus as well.

Councilmember Akins-Wells I agree with that too; I am not opposed to it because I know the firefighters and police officers are out there and exposed, but that is a lot of money to budget for as well as the employee bonus. If I had to choose, I would choose the employee bonus because it would be for everyone.

Councilmember Gutierrez this does not come from our general budget this will come from funds strictly allocated for this?

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager the COVID money that we are looking at and we receive currently. The Treasury Department does not have any restrictions on those that is why I proposed a bonus, however that money would have to be spent. It can not be saved or placed in reserve.

Councilmember Gutierrez or we lose it.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager we would have to pay it back; this is just the first installment. This is money that the city was not expecting to get this was passed under the American Rescue Plan. The total amount is a little over \$7M that we received in (2) two years to be used to basically help reinvigorate and re-energize the economy, so the money must be spent.

Councilmember Akins-Wells so it can only be spent in police and fire?

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager the first round yes, this round that is coming out as unrestricted and that is why I asked for the bonus for all city employees.

Councilmember James the funds that we are talking about are the restricted funds?

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager the first batch of this you all received before that was coming directly out of COVID reimbursement under the new American Rescue Plan that has been approved. That is why I stated if the Treasury does not change their rules on it those funds are technically unrestricted, we can use it to pay for the bonus and reimburse for this; this money is not coming out of the General Fund.

Councilmember James is there a possibility to increase the bonus so employees can get more money than we spoke about before or is there a cap we can give to all employees?

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager that I do not know. I would have to read further into the Treasury and the information. It is basically up to council how we would allocate it through resolution and based on the recommendation brought forth.

Councilmember James I am not against it, but I do want to recognize all staff because everyone must come back to work full time and this is nothing against police and fire, please do not think that. I know in the March 2020 in the midst of the pandemic police and fire had to work when other staff was off. We pulled back from the other staff, and they were just out there, and we approved them getting the extra stipend for that purpose. Since everyone is back, I would be more in favor of increasing the one-time bonus for all employees if there is no cap to it.

Mayor Butler so with the one-time bonus once the funds have been received, we can bring it back before council. So, we do have some time to play with those numbers, correct.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager yes, we do. The only reason why I brought this forth is because although we have lifted the restrictions, the state has lifted restrictions and various areas our first responders are constantly in the face of the COVID and variant. That is why I brought this forward because they are directly on the front line dealing with that. We are going to find out if the vaccine is effective with our first responders that have been vaccinated. We are hoping they do not get infected. Without forgetting the rest of the staff, we wanted to give them the one-time bonus as a thank you. We do have time to play with the numbers. If this is not approved this will go away this coming pay period, but we do still have time.

Councilmember Akins-Wells I agree with Councilmember James because now that we are opened to the public and I love our fire fighters and police officers everyone is exposed. It is not just our first responders. It should be across the board stipend or bonus.

Councilmember James I just want to get clarity it reads fire fighters, police, EMS, and dispatchers so we are not talking about the entire department? Are we talking about specific employees in those departments? Or the administrative staff?

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager I think it was the front line.

Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director the administrative staff is not receiving the \$75.00 stipend.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager I am open to the entire staff our staff does have some staff has certain areas where they are coming in direct contact with it. If it is not approved, it will go away as of this pay period. We will move forward once we get the funds in and bring the resolution back to council for the one-time bonus that can be changed.

Councilmember Gutierrez I do not think we have to choose we have funds allocated from the government the American Rescue Funds where we can do both things. I think we have an opportunity here to show our appreciation. It is not limited, but it is limited to \$7M, but it is enough to do both things.

3. Council Discussion on Approving a Revised Policy for City of Forest Park Proclamation Request - City Manager

Councilmember Gutierrez I agree there should establish a procedure but when I was reading procedures and I do not agree with the part "*the mayor or veto proof majority of city council shall have the right to modify or deny any proclamation requests consistent with this policy*".

Mayor Butler would you like that removed or reworded?

Councilmember Gutierrez we may not all agree on things, and I think it may get political at some point. I just want to avoid that because it is about celebrating our people. I like the categories and I think that is cool, but I want to establish a procedure, but I do not like that part. I think everyone should have the option to sign it. It should be opened to everyone because it is a city recognition. I do not think it should be where I can say "no" councilmember, I do not want you to give a proclamation to that person or the mayor.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager I do apologize councilman this ordinance was written a while ago. Between the City Attorney and I, we were trying to go back and change it because the mayor should be taken out of that I should be veto proof majority of the council that approves. So, that needs to be rewritten, that is the part that we missed, and I apologize for that.

Mayor Butler does that change your sentiments Councilman Gutierrez?

Councilmember Gutierrez what would it be then?

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager it would be a veto proof majority of the council that approves. Basically, 4 out of 5 councilmembers would have to agree.

Councilmember Akins-Wells I feel as if you all are trying to politicize the proclamation process. As an elected official, I have the right; it is within my power to give out a proclamation. You all went into detail as far as only the mayor could read a proclamation and it must be approved. I might not agree with a Councilmember Gutierrez that wants to give a proclamation to a child in his ward for saving someone life who am I to say "no" I do not agree with that; and he cannot do it. That is the power you have as an elected official. I do agree with everyone signing. I am not opposed to that, but as far as we need permission to give out a proclamation "no". Does the mayor, not just mayor Butler (mayor at the time) must get an approval. If I get a proclamation according to what is here, I must get approval from the council to do what my job is as an elected official. That does not make sense.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager when you are giving a proclamation you are proclaiming something for the city. Unfortunately, one councilperson or one mayor does not have the authority to proclaim something for the entire city. That is why we are attempting to put some procedures in place to ensure that we proclaim something for the city the governing body agrees to it. The congratulatory letter that was added is for individual councilmembers to distribute congratulatory letters. The proclamation itself is a formal process coming from the city that is proclaiming something for the city.

Councilmember Akins-Wells we are city officials that means we can give proclamations. Again, I agree with one part as far as everyone signing it. As far as having to get permission to give a proclamation or when they give a proclamation it must go to the mayor, and she is the only one that must read it; that is so political. I do agree with everyone should be able to sign.

Councilmember James I would like to piggyback off something Councilmember Gutierrez said "the mayor and or" is going to be removed, that is fine. This issue has come before us before. This does not keep us from recognizing anyone. I thank Dr. Cooper for enlightening us because there are things that we were doing that was not 100% correct. He has given us information to move us forward to get us on the right track make sure whatever we are doing we are doing according to how to do it correct. That was the one thing I highlighted as far as the procedures.

Councilmember Mears I just want the council to remember this is one of the highest awards we can give to people for outstanding efforts and a job well done. It seems to me the more you give the less it gets to be important it stands for. It should be something above and beyond. We need to come up with another way of recognizing people for what they have done. When you give a proclamation from the city and the city acknowledges it, you are given the highest honor I feel, the city can give to a person. We do not want to get to the point of giving them out that we weaken what the proclamation stands for.

Councilmember Gutierrez how will it read now?

Mike Williams, City Attorney based on the change, *a veto proof majority of the city council shall have the right to modify or deny the proclamation request consistent with the policy.* For a proclamation on behalf of the entire city the council would have to agree to it. You will need (4) as the veto proof majority. The intent was to try to make sure any proclamation had wide consensus. So, we would not have 3-2 situations, it was meant to bring you all closer.

4. Council Discussion on Approving a Code of Conduct Ordinance - City Manager

Councilmember Akins-Wells again something else political. I do not know if you all have had a chance to read the item, but they would like to control the look on their council's face. They would like to control everything a councilmember say. If someone is talking and I am writing notes, I broke the law. Our city attorney wrote this. To the residence, make sure you all read everything. This is very political. It is crazy, we can say what we want to say. We have freedom of speech. We can say what we please. If you do not like it, you do not like it. Who are you take away my rights as an elected official and as a human? You do not have that much authority.

Councilmember James I highlighted a couple of things here. There are a lot of things that I do not agree with. I think we must have some type of decorum. We do have some things we have in place in fact I went back to review our Charter to alleviate how this is coming back to us. On page 27 when it talks about legal advice before requesting research or other actions the governing body members is encouraged to consider consult with the City Manager or obtain the concurrence of the governing body to ascertain whether the request or action can be accomplished more cost effectively or by alternative means. I circled it and placed a question mark there. We pay our city attorney a flat fee. It is not costing the city any additional funds for me to contact our city attorney to ask specific advice on certain things when it comes to policies and procedures. I am always going to make sure that it will be within my legal realm of doing it; that statement, I do not agree with that statement at all being in there. Again, the whole concept of this document to me is petty with a lot of stuff that is in there. In the past when I wanted to establish a code of conduct, I wanted to establish what the consequences to certain violation. This does not speak to any consequences. It makes me look like a child, I do not have any self-control and I do not know how to respect the Chair in running a meeting. We have something in place in in my opinion in our Charter that speaks to the authority the Chair must alleviate some of the issues. I think we need to make sure we as a council understand that we have the rights and authorities to exercise without having to put all this language in place.

Mayor Butler I would concur while I would like something establishing order and in reviewing the Charter over the weekend it spells it out but again without any consequences. Well, it brought back a few incidents with when I was trying to remove an elected official. You gave the interpretation that as Chair which Robert Rules and the Charter both states if someone is ruled out of the order and repeated then the council can vote to have that person removed. I do not see where that is in the Charter or Roberts Rules, so how is it that you have that interpretation.

City Attorney, Mike Williams in Roberts Rules the Chair has the ability generally to enforce order and can remove. The ruling of the Chair can always be appealed to the body; the body then can vote to overturn the ruling of the Chair. That is the interpretation of the advice a few years back. I can pull the opinions of rules in turns of how to appeal the rules of the Chair. The policy everything beginning from the code of conduct under exhibit A was already approved by the council last April as a policy and not part of the ordinance. At the time, you adopted the model ethics ordinance from GMA you also considered this Option A-establish as *(an aspirational policy* (to expect from each other) and Option-B make it part of the actual ordinance. This is Option-B under Section 1 it says a violation of the attached Code of Conduct is actual under Sec. 2-65-5W and that is in the ethics ordinance. *Any violation of an ordinance of the city can be referred to the ethics committee for action.* Under the ethics ordinance there are only (2) consequences. If a complaint goes to the ethics board and they adjudicate it and they determine that this was a violation. There is only one but can be broken down into (2). They can recommend to the council that a censor or reprimand be made or they can recommend removal. So those are the only things the ethics committee can do, and then it is back to the council for you all to make the ultimate decision, self-regulation. Obviously, we can change this and modify this. This was meant to be the standard by which you decide in the future. A lot of these are examples; it is meant to be a guide. I have said before dealing with ethics complaint and I have said it in public, I am concerned about ethics ordinances being abused for political purposes and I would not want that to happen here at all. In terms of having some guide as to how you behave again you already approved this, and we can make changes to get it to exactly where you want it to be.

Councilmember Akins-Wells you just contradicted yourself. All of this is political every bit of it. We have an ethics board; we adopted the GMA Code of Conduct so why is this needed?

Mayor Butler it is important that we maintain decorum. I do not think anyone here can dispute that. So having something to ensure we can maintain decorum. So, I do admit this seems a little juvenile. But after going back to review the Charter I feel a lot of this is spelled out. So, it was having something to balance to Councilmember James's point there are no consequences. I do not have a poker face, at all. To have someone to look at my facial expression to determine how I am feeling is juvenile. There needs to be something concrete that can hold us accountable for our actions.

Councilmember Gutierrez honestly Mayor I think that you do a great job at regulating the meeting. I missed the altercation. I think you do an outstanding job keeping us all on track. As a vet, I am all about freedoms, I think I do not want something to regulate what Councilmember James is writing or the faces she is making or if she feels a certain way the people voted for her to be up here. She represents a section of Forest Park. If this was really interfering with business, then I would support this but at this time I do not think it is necessary.

Councilmember James I just reiterate we already have things in place at this point. This is good conversation for us to have, and I would not be in favor of this move. To highlight what Mike said about the consequences that we have already spelled out. Are you saying the item we approved before about the code of conduct is not an ordinance?

Mike Williams, City Attorney it is not a part of the ordinance; it is a policy for council to be used for guidance.

Councilmember Gutierrez if someone file an ethics complaint if they break the policy?

Mike Williams, City Attorney no because it is not listed in the ethics ordinance as something under the ethics ordinance; this would basically list it under the ethics ordinance.

Councilmember James the item we already approved to be a part of the policy that would be placed in the ordinance as opposed to all the extra rules and nuances.

Mike Williams, City Attorney this is what you all approved but you can modify this. I am not saying you cannot change it, but my point is those are examples. That does not mean if you make a funny face or something you are getting charge with an ethics violation. You must read it in context with what is going on. We can make an amendment, change it, adjust it, table it, or bring it back.

Councilmember James yes, so I would be in favor to table it. I do not remember it and I was desperately trying to find the GMA standards we adopted over the weekend. I just cannot see GMA having all this stuff in it.

Mike Williams, City Attorney the code of conduct portion is not a part of the GMA model ordinance this is in addition to. The GMA model ordinance that has all the standards for ethical behavior is a part of the ordinance. GMA ordinance does not address general conduct.

Councilmember James Madam Mayor with that said I do not think this is necessarily needed. We have a GMA Code of Conduct as part of our ordinance. If there is an occasion where you as a Chair must ask someone to be removed, you can ask them to leave. When they are asked to leave, they must go. The Charter states that they would have to go.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager can you clarify you said this is a part of their policy. They would have to vote this out of the policy This is the policy on the books.

Mike Williams, City Attorney yes, we can adjust, but this is an aspirational policy.

5. Council Discussion on Candidates for the Development Authority Board - Bruce Abrahams, Economic Development Director and Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

Mayor Butler I will open it up for discussion, but some discussion may be reserved for Executive Session so just let us know if it crosses that line.

Mike Williams, City Attorney I would suggest because I do not know what will be said if you want to have an executive session you have discussion back there.

Councilmember Akins-Wells I would like to say something so you may tell me first because I want to be transparent with the people. First of all, the Development Authority is an appointed board they are not feeling out for a job. These are residents of the City of Forest Park they have the right to serve on a board. So, when the City Manager asked for a resume because I wanted to appoint Felicia Davis who is overqualified for a resume; I thought that was out of order and you did not speak on it. I would like for you to speak on it. When did we start to ask for resumes for our residents to be appointed to a board? I do not know where the other names came from. We do have one slot open on the Development Authority, but the City Manager called everyone to see if they had anyone they wanted to appoint.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager that is incorrect, but go-ahead Mike.

Councilmember Akins-Wells I just wanted to put that out there that we do not need our residents to give us a resumes' to be on a board that they are needed on; and if that is so, when did that change? Does everyone on the boards that we have, have a resume on file.

Mike Williams, City Attorney I do not know if there are resumes on file for any of the candidates. In the past, you have not always required resumes there have been times where people have asked who is this? What do we know; and we have got resumes but there has not been a consistent policy on that.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager yes, I ask for a resume, it was not required. Historically, in my experience from where I came from and with the cities, I have worked in there is a formal application process for any resident that wish to serve on a board. It is not to say that should not be there or you are not qualified to be there; it is for the council. My job is to provide this council with all the information I can for them to make a well-informed decision. I did ask for a resume and Councilmember Wells basically stated they never did in the past and I said that is fine. We will move forward without it. It was stated that I called people, I called no one. Other members of this council approached me about members, and I ask them the same thing would you like to provide me with resumes', and they got resumes. That is the information as it was done, and you have the emails to show.

Councilmember James I just want to make sure that I put this out there for the residents to know. We talk about moving forward and progressing and making our city better. I think we made a good decision with our City Manager, Dr. Cooper he has enlightened us on a lot of things which is helping us to move forward to grow and be better and grow and to move from where we were to where we need to be. Even as mentioned of what the proclamation means and what it stands for and how it represents the city. To ask board members to submit resumes. I reached out and there are only (2) names on the list that I recognize and that I know. I did notice that there was not a resume, so I reached out and I asked about that and why was it not there. This person did not have a resume, but they said they had a bio. The point that I am trying to make is that if we want to say that we want to move forward and grow our city we can not keep doing the same things that we have always done. We must allow our city manager to bring his expertise and knowledge into what we are doing, so that we can grow and get better. I do not see anything wrong with providing resume or bio so that we are more informed with the positions we appoint.

Councilmember Akins-Wells at the same time while we are trying to move forward, we need to be consistent. So, if you are going to ask for one persons' resume make sure everyone else on the boards got it. You can not single handedly point someone out and say I want their resume because they want to serve on this board. If this is what you want to do and I do not have a problem with it because you can throw anyone on a board, but we need to be consistent and make sure that is for everyone.

Mayor Butler the last appointment for the DDA and the URA I believe it was Councilmember Gutierrez that asked if there was a resume for the last appointment in which it was provided. I think there is another appointment for the DA at that time in which that person did not have a resume or bio provided; so, that discussion was had then.

Councilmember Gutierrez personally I appreciate the resumes Forest Park you should be excited. There are some candidates here that I wish I knew them, I only know (3) of them, but I had my candidate but after reviewing these candidates I just think that this person is a better fit for the board; it is exciting to see. No offense to the people on the boards now there are a lot of people that have served for a while and there is nothing against the past it is just we are a diverse city and there is nothing wrong with rotating and bringing in new talents and new ideas to get better. So, I am excited about this discussion we are going to have as a council.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned to adjourn the Council Work Session of July 6, 2021, at 7:08pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

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