



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

Monday, December 06, 2021, at 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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

**APPROVED REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James  
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine  
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 by Mayor Pro-Tem Councilmember Dabouze Antoine at 7:00pm (*Mayor was present but did not have a voice to speak*).

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** The invocation and pledge were provided by Pastor Rickey Schoonmaker.

**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; Shalonda Brown, 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 Director, James Shelby, Planning, Building and Zoning Director, Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director.

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

There were two speakers:

1) **Shalonda Schoonmaker** – there will be COVID-19 relief efforts at Gateway Restoration Church located at 4981 Phillips Drive. We have been a part of the “Choose Healthy Life Initiative” started in Washington D.C. with Senator Warnock, Al Sharpton and others that wanted to ensure that certain communities were provided relief; Clayton County was an area of concern. We have been doing COVID-19 testing and vaccinations since January. We will be administering testing and vaccinations, community health and wellness screenings on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 4981 Phillips Drive. We will also be at Rock Church of Atlanta on Saturday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 10am-2pm at 4815 Courtney Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297. We will be given out a \$50 Walmart card for those who get a vaccination, a booster or a second shot. We would love to share this with the community as an incentive. We will also do a virtual round table beginning Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and every other Tuesday until the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. I have a QR Code to share with anyone with questions about the event. Dr. Kay Stephens an epidemiologist will be on the platform to answer any questions about the vaccine. If you have any questions, you can always call me at 678-671-8336. On Thursday, December 16, 2021, we will be providing Christmas basket to the Police and Fire Departments.

2) **Samuel Ibanez** – thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak. He congratulated everyone that was re-elected. He spoke on ethics and addressed his concerns with bike lanes, rental homes, and apartments in the city. He said residents need more information about what is going on in the city. He said no one knew about the Christmas parade/festival; this has happened every year.

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

Councilmember James motioned to amend the Regular Agenda to add an item #4 - Approval of Settlement Agreement with Chris Matson and Councilmember Gutierrez seconded.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021**  
- S. Diane White, City Clerk

Councilmember James motioned and was seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to approve the Council Work Session and Regular meeting minutes from November 15, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****2. The Compliance Engine –Fire Department**

Councilmember James motioned and Councilmember Mears seconded to approve the Compliance Engine.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

**3. Council Approval to Cancel the December 20th Work Session and Regular Council Meeting – Executive Offices**

Councilmember James motioned and was seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to approve canceling the December 20, 2021, Council Work Session and Regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

**4. Council Approval of Settlement Agreement with Chris Matson – City Attorney**

Councilmember James motioned and was seconded by Councilmember Mears to approve the settlement agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

**Councilmember James** – have a merry Christmas! This will be the last meeting of the year. I will be cancelling my monthly ward meetings that take place on the third Thursday of the month. I want to say thank you to all that went out to vote. We are excited about four more years. We are looking forward to some great things. Thank you so much, enjoy your families and stay safe. – I want to thank everyone that put pressure on Norfolk Southern Corporation about the train. We are working to keep the train from being parked and blocking our city streets. Please spread the word.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas. It is our last meeting, make sure you spend it with family. Do not stress yourself about gifts or material things. It is about being with family and enjoying the presence of the people around us. On Friday, December 10, 2021, I will have a Town Hall Meeting to provide a recap of some of my accomplishments as a councilmember, the City of Forest Park and my colleagues. The event will begin at 5pm-9pm at 850 Main Street. There will be a special guest onsite for pictures “Santa”. We will also watch the movie “The Grinch”. Come out and enjoy some free food. We will also have a pinata so come and take a shot at it. Commissioner Aleika Anderson had a clean-up in our city on Saturday. Thank you for promoting that and showing up in our city! Thank you, Mr. Ross. Panthers in Action will host the Senior Ball on Saturday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 6pm-9pm. You may RSVP with Ms. Stone by contacting her at 770.825.3898. The event will be held at 5087 Park Avenue (Mary Ann Connelly Senior Center). Thank you for coming out. Be careful when you are in the school zone. Please slow down and be careful. Enjoy your holiday. Merry Christmas and thank you for coming out,

**Councilmember Mears** – I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas. I want us all to remember the reason for the season. If you are able, please help someone in need. I want to congratulate the mayor (Mayor Angelyne Butler) on her fabulous win as well as Councilmember James for doing a great job. I think we have a good crew. We are going to move the city forward. See you all next year, thank you.

**Mayor Butler** – *(the City Manager read the mayor's comments)* thanks to everyone that came out. This is the last meeting of the year. It is going to be a great new year. I am looking forward to it. There will be a Christmas Outreach "Hunger No More" at Rock Church of Atlanta. There will be a toy giveaway, health screenings, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations and much more. The event will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 10am-2pm at 4815 Courtney Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297. You will be required to provide proof of children, or they must be present to receive toys while supplies last. Thanks to all that reached out regarding the mayor's daughter; she has made a full recovery. Merry Christmas to everyone.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Antoine** – whatever you are doing at the end of the year, is most likely what you will be doing at the beginning of the year. We started this year so strong, and we ended strong. We here at the city really care about your interest. We have exciting work planned for the city. Please share the word. Yes, I love to see the same faces but what about your neighbors that do not know when the Mayor and Council meet. Share the information about the council meetings on Facebook or knock-on doors; invite them to come. I say together, let everyone know that Forest Park is a place where you would want to live, work, and play. Thanks to the business owners, churches, and employees. Believe me, this is a dream team. Everyone that works for the city is an all-star. Shout out to the Police Department for the new recruits. I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas.

**Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager** – you can now visit the Kroger Ocode website. They are now beginning the testing phase of home delivery service. I would also like to send condolences to the family of one of our employees Ms. Alysa Hemphill, during the loss of her mother.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember James motioned and Councilmember Mears seconded to adjourn the Council Regular meeting at 7:26pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

The motion carried.