



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, August 07, 2023, 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
Michelle Hood, Interim City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Mayor Butler.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were led by Minister Cook, Rock Church.

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		✓

Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director; LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development; Javon Llyod, PIO, Shalonda Brown, HR Director, Diane Lewis, Deputy HR Director; Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director; Bruce Abrahams, Director Economic Development; Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief; Police Chief; Brandon Criss; Tarik Maxwell, Parks and Recreation, and Joshua Cox, IT Director, Authur Geeter, Procurement Manager.

PRESENTATIONS:**1. Clayton County Library Presentation- Ruphina Ozoh, Assistant Director****Background/History:**

There will be a ten-minute presentation to showcase many life-changing resources that the Clayton County Library System offers for free to the citizens. The resources include but are not limited to:

Homework help, Job Search Support, 3-D Printers, Wi-Fi Hotspots for free Internet Access, Chromebooks, over 500 Online Continuing Education Classes, Immigration Help, eBooks, Audiobooks, Storytime, Music and Movie Downloads, Comics, Chilton Auto Manuals, Trade Skills Training, Test Prep and Practice. Also, Zoo, State Park, Lake Spivey Waterpark, Theatre and Museum Passes, Computers, Printers, Scanners, Notary Services and MUCH MORE!

Rhuphina Ozoh – The library offers free tutoring to children on any subject free. The tutoring program Brainfuse gives scholarships for writing essays. The Wonder book, which will tell the children when to turn the page. Through Brainfuse Job Now, you can submit a resume and an expert will go in and clean it up for you. You can also get a life coach to help you to prepare for the interview, so you can get a job. Universal class offers over 600 self-pace classes, and you receive a certificate once it is completed. Through Interplay you can sign up for different trades and learn through 3-D and virtual simulations. The Learning Express Library has just about any kind of test guide. You can also learn several languages for free instead of paying for it. Entrepreneur Day is a backpack that we have at the library, with a hotspot, a printer and a laptop and can help new businesspeople to thrive. We have free hotspots that can power up to ten devices all for free if you do not have internet. We have Chromebooks that you can check out of the library for free. We have 3-D printers, and we are about to offer free streaming, and music. There is a translation device that you can use at the library. We have free zoo passes, theater passes, waterpark passes and so many more resources for free.

Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

Councilmember James – Thank you for coming, my daughter loves the library and getting all her books from the library.

Rhuphina Ozoh – If you would please help us to spread the word to the neighbor, family, and friends.

Councilmember Antione – Thank you so much. People in my community would like to know about the citizens program and the grant writing program.

Rhuphina Ozoh – We offer ESL and we partnered with another organization and all you need to do is call the library and we will provide them with the information needed.

Councilmember Gutierrez – I love your energy, the way you presented this you could have sold ice to an Eskimo. You are so bright, and I love that our library has that type of excitement. My wife is a big advocate for the library, and I promote it as well. Thank you for coming and please leave any resources you want us to share.

Rhuphina Ozoh – I will give them to Dr. Folami, so you can see the resources that I talked about and how to get to them.

Councilmember Wells – Thank you, I was going to ask my husband if he would take me on a date to the library. It sounds good, thanks for letting the community know about the resources.

Rhuphina Ozoh- If you need a popup library let us know.

Councilmember Mears -Thank you for coming.

2. Recognition of Ioana Armstrong for the certification as Fire Officer III.

Background/History:

The National Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board has confirmed that IOANA ARMSTRONG has been certified as a FIRE OFFICER III effective July 14, 2023.

Chief Clemons – Recognized Ioana for all the amazing things she does behind the scenes. She helps to keep the administrative office afloat and the community safe. She has obtained several certifications and she is an amazing grant writer.

Ioana Armstrong – Everything I do is for the department. The better equipped they are, the healthier and safer they are the better we can serve this community.

3. Council Approval of FOREST PARK FIRE & EMS – Professional Development Program - Fire Department

It was moved to approve the Forest Park Fire & EMS Professional Development Program.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

4. Proclamation In Recognition of National Black Business Month – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is home to a growing number of Black-owned businesses that represent various industries, including healthcare, social work, repair and maintenance, beauty salons, restaurants, information technology and more. During the month of August, the city would like to reflect on the history of Black entrepreneurship, its impact on the nation's economy and the determined resilience of the Black business community.

Mayor Butler read the proclamation to be presented, recognizing July as National Black Business Month, and she and the council took pictures.

5. Proclamation In Recognition of National Park and Recreation Month – Recreation and Leisure Services Department

Background/History:

Since 1985, citizens across the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July as a way to promote strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. During this observance month, municipalities throughout the nation recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and

recreation professionals, along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers who maintain our nation's local, state and community parks. The City of Forest Park would like to acknowledge the exceptional efforts and dedication of the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department, which continues to offer safe and accessible activities and programs for youth, adults, families, seniors, and other local constituents.

Mayor Butler read the proclamation to be presented, recognizing July as National Park and Recreation Month, and she and the council took pictures.

6. Recognition of Ward- 4 Yard of the Quarter - Legislative Offices

Background/History:

The purpose of the Yard of the Quarter program is to promote goodwill and recognize and support City of Forest Park Ward 4 residents who demonstrate exemplary efforts in maintaining their homes and yards to enhance the overall appearance of the entire community. The award this month is being presented to residents at 761 Virginia Circle.

Councilmember Akins- Wells – Recognized Sharon Thompson as the new Yard of the Quarter and Tina Thomas passed it on because she was the previous recipient.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were six (6) Public Speakers:

Ms. Kay Holtzclaw – Would like to oppose the 16-unit townhomes going up on Scott Road. Would like to see only about 3 or 4 single family homes there.

Mr. Frank Holtzclaw – Not in favor of redevelopment. Scott Rd is only 4 to 5 hundred feet long. If you put up 16 units with 2 cars per unit, there will be trouble getting in and out. There are a lot of safety concerns and just this weekend the strip mall cut all the hedging buffers down between their business and Jonesboro Rd, to have a better view of the traffic. If you put that many units, it is going to be an over development and it is going to bring crime.

Mr. Zack Parker – Thank you for pointing out the rules or procedures, I happen to have a copy. Since you pointed out the rules of procedures, let me then ask the chair in which section of the rules or procedures does it mention that no names are to be mentioned within the citizen comment portion. I have never heard of that rule being applied to anyone's public comments as they were making them or in general until the last meeting. I am wondering why that rule does not appear within the rules of procedures if the chair claims it is one.

If the chair is now enforcing the rules of procedure section 2176a upon citizens, then the chair also now enforcing 2171b, which states when we are making remarks at meetings each member of the governing body shall confine his or her remarks to the topic being discussed or debated, shall avoid personal attacks upon other members of governing body, upon the motives or character of other members or 2172b and c to cease the following: no council members shall be permitted to make rude, obnoxious, slanders or personal attacks on anyone including but not limited to other members of the council presiding officer. All council members shall also refrain from side discussions or other distractions during a meeting. I have seen each one of the rules violated at times within City Council meetings. The rule of procedure also states in section 211A that the governing body shall establish from time to time by resolution the time, states, and locations

of regular meetings. Such meetings shall occur no less than twice per month and see if that same section states unless otherwise changed by action of the city council. Any regular meeting which is under a legal holiday shall be held on the first workday following said holiday. If any of you were at the last meeting you would know that, if the rules had been followed, we wouldn't have been here until 10 pm.

In section 2-1 32-a it also states that the mayor shall receive an annual compensation, but when a mayor of the city council does not attend a regularly scheduled meeting and they don't have a valid excuse that is okayed by the council, then they lose 10 percent of their monthly compensation. I am wondering again if that is the case. If you miss a regular meeting and those that we only have one meeting when the rules of procedures which you clearly spoken on tonight in which I have a copy of then why two meetings were not had, because it says shall occur no less than twice per month. I continue to come here to address my concerns same concerns. I figured you all would pull this on me here, so I was prepared. I hate that this has continued for five or six years, I hate that I have to come up here, we all have better things to do. Thank you for paying attention this time because last time you did not. I have plenty more to say, but I will save it for next time. Thank you for listening.

LaWanda Folami – I would like to thank the police department. Two weeks ago, I had to do a welfare check, and they assisted in getting them to the hospital. Thanks to Chief Clemons for coming to the Sickle Cell Foundation Program. To Tyreke, thank you even though you work us volunteers hard. There is a lot to be done and I would like to give kudos to the city manager for trying to take charge. To the speaker I have been going on Next Door and talking to the young men about how to present themselves before this dais. Ms. Yarbrough, I appreciate you, and thank you City of Forest Park. The job fair was awesome and my friend Rhuphina Ozoh you are amazing, and the library system is also.

Mr. Evans – I wanted to mention the issues with Waste Management. We were told years ago that w was going to have educational literature given to the citizens, so they would know pickup dates and what items they can and cannot be put into the cans. We have residents that do not know when to call to have their yard waste picked up. There is no communication and I do not know how many years it takes to put together to educate the citizens. To the library lady it makes me want to go down there right now, Sandra and I used a lot of library resources.

Ms. Copeland – I would like to have an update on the recreation indoor pool. I live across the street from the new middle school, and I have been noticing a lot of surveys out and putting lines on our properties and flags on the property, I would like to know what does that mean? Are they going to take the property or encumber some of our property lines?

City Manager – In reference to the pool facility one of the things we are doing is an overhaul of some of the city offices based upon them being old. We expanded the city center to include an even larger pool facility indoors. We received the iterations today and there are some things we wish to change, to make sure it meets all our needs for the city. We anticipate having these renderings done, Mr. Shelby, I believe it is in September or October. We anticipate having all of it done in September. One thing we looked at was if it made since to pure eight hundred thousand dollars into the current facility when we knew within a few months we were doing the entire structure over. So instead of building around a pool it made more sense to build a facility and include a larger pool based on ADA. One of the things we heard was, there are a lot of seniors that use that indoor pool.

So, the recreation director and I met with the pool company, and we shared with them that we want to hold off right now. The entirety of that pool has been demoed and before we spend that type of money on fixing

it and then building a multi-million dollar around it based upon the economy and scale it makes perfect sense to do it over and give you something you really deserve.

Mayor Butler – The City Manager’s Report was omitted from the agenda.

Councilmember Antione - Point of order, so nothing is going to be happening to her home?

Mayor Butler – Oh, the survey portion.

City Manager – I am not familiar with this; I will never answer a question I do not have the answer to. I will drive by that address tomorrow with our Community and Planning Department just to see if we have someone that has pulled permits to do something in your ward. Often times it can just be a boundary survey. I can assure you that the governing body is not looking to encroach upon any of your property for any projects that we have.

Councilmember Antione – I think Mitchell Street.

City Manager – Forest Avenue.

Councilmember Antione – Thanks for letting me know.

Mayor Butler – Mike, do we need to

City Manager’s Report:

One of the things we wanted to highlight for not only our governing body members but our community at large. As you know this governing body acquired Rite Aid and of course it's now public. One of the things that we have been tirelessly working on pursuant to the action of our last council meeting. Since Forest Park is a food desert, instead of us waiting for a restaurant tour to come to us, we are going to use the space that we own to bring the residents to the restaurants inside our community. The Rite Aid building will feature a three-restaurant food hall terminal, to allow us an opportunity for our local entrepreneurs as well as others to use the space. Then for the individuals that are within our community that are traveling all the way to the City of Atlanta for a commissary shared kitchen, this building will also host that as well as those using this space will have the opportunity to leverage the flex space just when you need to have general office spaces as well as a large conference room. We are super excited about being able to steer Economic Development within Forest Parkway. I do not only focus on dilapidated blighted buildings, but then offering opportunities for those within our community to go from conceptual good food to Brick and Mortar.

Also, within this space we will have our first Barista within the city of Forest Park. We are working collaboratively with Clayton County to assist with funding for this initiative and we hope to roll this out within the next 60 to 90 days. Relative to Waste Management, I know it has been a hot topic and we were able to meet with their entire team two weeks ago. Some of the things that we learned is that Waste Management was only cleaning from the front gate of the transfer station to the police department. We have asked them to come back with some increased activity on that street and extend it from the police department to Old Dixie Road.

In addition to that, one of the ways that they have attempted to mitigate the smell of that transfer station is by adding aerators when you enter that property. We shared with them that if you have this deodorizer coming straight down on the ground there is no way that the residents on the other side of the street is going

to smell anything, but the trash trucks going up and down the road. We have asked them to look at a way to mitigate that by adding some of that aeration to the outside of the property, and finally we have assured them that we understand that all the trash trucks that are going to that transfer station are not waste management. We want them to understand it at any and all times we catch trash trucks going down that road with unsecured loads we will properly cite them, because it is in direct violation of our ordinance. In addition to that we also shared with them with them just cleaning the rights of way that doesn't help us when the trash blows to the side of the road, so we have asked them to expand their cleaning efforts. I know this is not a lot, but we are really trying to be aggressive in our approach, as well as our chief of police is working on clarifying some of the things within our code relative to the time in which they can operate.

Finally, the educational component of Waste Management. I have asked my team what is going on with that, because I too have heard of this educational material that is supposed to go out to all residents. I know that it has been paid for by Waste Management but will ensure that collectively we work on getting that literature out to our residents; so that you understand what services you are afforded within this community. Finally, a big kudos to our HR Department on the job fair. They took a vision that I had and made it a reality. As you know we filled a lot of complaints relative to public works functions around the city of the grass cutting beautification and cleanliness and they were able within two weeks with the assistance of both our PIO Press Secretary Javon Lloyd, as well as my executive assistant to provide 16 conditional offers to individuals on the spot that day. We had 100 people registered for those jobs and that is one of the things we want to do if we have vacancies, we want to get those vacancies filled as soon as possible; because if you don't need the individual then we can use those funds elsewhere. That concludes my report for today, and I'll give you the full report at the next meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the Council Regular Agenda for August 7, 2023, as printed.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 7. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2023 - City Clerk**

It was moved to Approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes from July 17, 2023.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 8. Council Approval of Rezoning from RS to RM- Scott Rd. (RZ-2023-02)– Planning & Community Development.**

It was moved to approve the Rezone of Scott Rd (RZ-2023-02)

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine
Voting Nay: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

Motioned failed due to a lack of votes.

Councilmember Antione – What was the vote?

Mayor Butler – State your point.

Councilmember Antione – What was the vote?

Mayor Butler -2 to 3

9. Council Approval for Rezoning from RS to RM- Scott Rd. (RZ-2023-02)– Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the Rezone of Scott Rd (RZ-2023-02)

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine
Voting Nay: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mear

Motioned failed due to a lack of votes.

10. Council to Consider an Override of Mayor Butlers Veto for Conditional Use Permit for Self-Storage – Planning & Community Development

Councilmember Antione motioned to table this item with staff recommendation.

Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

Councilmember James - If we table this, we will still have to make a decision by the next council meeting, right?

City Attorney – Yes mam.

Councilmember James – The consensus is that we allow the mayor veto to stand. I would be in favor of letting the veto stand since we would have to make a decision by the next council meeting, and I do not think it will be ready by then with all the businesses.

Mayor Butler – Councilmember Antione are you willing to withdraw your motion.

Councilmember Antione – There is a second, so it is still on the table.

Mayor Butler – Yes, I am asking if you are willing to withdraw it and go with Councilwoman James recommendation of letting the veto stand.

Councilmember Gutierrez – I would like to see what progress they make at the next meeting. If they are making progress and moving forward. If nothing changes, I am willing to change my mind. I will not want them to wait six months if they make a significant gain.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

11. Council Approval of Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2023-04)- 5370 Ash Street – Planning & Community Development

It was moved to table this item.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Council Approval of Newton County Fire Service Clinical Agreement - Fire Department

It was moved to approve the Newton County Fire Service Agreement.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

13. Council Approval of Text Amendment – Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the Text Amendment for Signage.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

14. Council Approval of Text Amendment-Arts Entertainment District – Planning & Community Development

It was moved to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

It was moved to open the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

There were no speakers for or against the Text Amendment- Arts Entertainment District.

There was a motion to close the Public Hearing and Reconvene the Regular Session

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

It was moved to approve the Text Amendment for the Arts District.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

15. Council Approval of Text Amendments TA-2023-03 – Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the Text Amendment for TA-2023-03 with the additional language that upon adoption of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the report will be immediately forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

16. Council Approval of Charter Amendment to Establish New Ward Lines – Legal

It was moved to approve the Charter Amendment to Establish New Ward lines.

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

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember James

17. Council Approval on Extension of ABM Contract for Maintenance of HVAC Systems – Procurement

It was moved to approve the Extension of ABM Contract for Maintenance of HVAC.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

18. Council Approval of Proposal to Temporarily Suspend the Borrowing of Funds from Employee Empower Retirement Accounts – Executive Offices

It was moved to approve to Temporarily Suspend the Borrowing of Funds from Employees Empower Retirement Accounts.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Wells.

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

19. Council Approval of Georgia Municipal Association – Pension Plan

City Manager - Just to be clear for the record this is not an approval for the Pension Plan, it is an approval for the Cost Analysis.

It was moved to approve to approve the Cost Analysis for the Pension Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

20. Council Approval of Public Works – Double Time Overtime Pay - Executive Office

It was moved to approve the Double Incentive Pay for Public Works.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

Councilmember Akins-Wells- Mike my husband works for Public Works, and I want to make sure I do this right.

City Attorney – I recommend you recuse.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells

21. Council Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Clayton County to Conduct the 2023 Municipal Elections – Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the IGA with Clayton to Conduct the 2023 Municipal Elections.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James – Congratulations to all our staff. Officer Armstrong, congratulations. On this flyer we are celebrating Mr. Rudy, he passed on. He has a public viewing on Tuesday, from 12-6 at Morrow Brothers Funeral Home in Atlanta and the gravesite services on Wednesday at 10:30 and the final salute is at Victory in Christ ministry in Riverdale. Mark your calendars for September 23rd for Forest Park Homecoming Parade. Director Jinks had his banner made for the class of 89. We are looking for everyone that graduated from Forest Park High School to participate. We are asking the elementary school and middle school to participate in the homecoming celebration.

The homecoming game is on the 29th and we have flyers. On the 3rd Thursday of every month, I host a ward meeting, and we will be at the Senior Center at 5:00 and our SME's will be there. It will also be available on zoom if you cannot make it. We will also be uploading the video from Gifts at the Park; I recognized all the participants and that will be on the website as well.

I am kind of disappointed in the non-passing of Scott Rd because I know of the housing need in our community. I do understand the opposition of Mr. Frank and Mrs. Kay. I know that we need this, and this developer had agreed to fix the road at no cost to the city. I do agree with the educational piece for Waste Management. We talked about getting

that information to the residence so they would know when to do trash, and recycling. I do know that we have people that are using our recycling bin for trash, and it is contamination. However, we are not recycling at this point, but do need to have communication on this.

Councilmember Antione – Congratulation to Mrs. Armstrong, Thank you Ms. Brown, I hear great things on what you have been doing and thanks to all the staff in Forest Park.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Thanks to everyone for coming out. I know these meetings have been very long, I know our city manager means well and wants to get everything done. Mr. Rudy was my hero, I am a veteran myself of Afghanistan War, and it changes your life. I appreciate how proud he always was when he wore his veterans' hat. We must be patriots and hold our country and our people accountable. He was always there in attendance for us. The back-to-school event will be hosted by Victoria Williams and me on the same day as Forest Park Day. We will be giving out resources to people and educating the community, it will be at 4603 Jonesboro Road, here in Forest Park. If you know anyone that does not have the resources they need to go back to school, let them know we will be giving some away. Shoutout to all the directors and chief for standing up there and taking on our questions.

Waste Management gave a check to Earth Tomorrow, at Forest Park High School, and they have a whole plan developed for recycling and marketing. I talk to them about a grant that they got from Georgia Power, and they told me they had been trying to get a hold of Mr. Allen, but maybe he misplaced his phone. Be safe out here and thank you.

Councilmember Akins-Wells- Thank you chief for everything you bring to the City of Forest Park. Congratulation Ms. Armstrong and thank you for everything you bring to the City of Forest Park, and for thinking enough of yourself and the city to get more educated so you can continue to grow. To our city manager, thank you. I know I give you a hard time, I like you, but I am still going to be Councilwoman Wells. We may not agree on everything, but I think our end goal is the same. With the pension plan, we have been talking about this for about 4 or 5 years, and it took you to come for this to start moving forward.

The back-to-school bash was a huge success. We gave 300 to 400 kids school supplies, and every kid left with something. Thank you to our fire and police department. Thank you to the public works department, also. Thanks to my husband who cooked about 500 hamburgers and hotdogs for the kids. Fun Friday on August 11th was rained out on the last one but hopefully not this one. Forest Park Day is August 19th. I would like to thank Ms. Thompson for doing your part and helping to keep our community beautiful. If there is anything I can do to assist you, let me know because I work for you and I am here if you need me. Lastly, I need you all to say a prayer for me. My baby is leaving for college. I have two high school graduates, but he is leaving to go and brighten his future. I am that involved parent and it is going to be tough for me. Thank you all for coming out, have a great night.

Councilmember Mears - I want to thank everyone for coming and remember this is where your business gets taken care of. Continue to come and give your input, so we can help you take care of your business.

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 enter Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate matters at 8:29 pm.

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

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

It was moved to reconvene back into the Council Regular Session at 9:52pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

Pursuant to the Charter, I would like to nominate for confirmation from the governing body, the appointment of Mr. Derrick L Walker as the Director of Code Enforcement for the City of Forest Park.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Council Regular Session at 9:55pm.

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

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