



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, March 07, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the City of Forest Park to enhance, strengthen, and grow our city by collaborating with our community to provide the highest level of service. Striving to be recognized as a diverse community that values and respects all members. We will strive to provide fair, professional, and courteous service through transparency and open communication. As we work to achieve this mission, we will have integrity beyond reproach while employing fiscal discipline and innovation. In this work there are no praises and raises for mediocrity.

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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

Dr. Marc A. Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

APPROVED MINUTES

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, Darquita Williams, Deputy Finance Director; Shalonda Brown, Human Resources Director, Lashawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, Latosha Clemons, 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 & Community Development Director, Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:

- The City of Forest Park and the Forest Park Ministers Association will be hosting its 2022 Great American Clean Up. The Southside of the city will be Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 8:00am – 12:00 noon. The Northside of the city will be Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 8:00am – 12:00 noon. Volunteers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Paradise Church of God in Christ, 4234 Hendrix Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Edie Young 770-289-4640 or Dr. Leon Beeler, 678-207-8904. Breakfast is being provided by Chick-Fila.
- MARTA and Georgia Tech are partnering on a 6-month pilot of a new on-demand rideshare service called MARTA Reach launching Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The service will connect riders in three zones across the region to MARTA bus and rail service. This pilot will test how on-demand shuttles can be used to make it easier and faster for our riders to get to-and-from their destinations using MARTA. Reach zones are West Atlanta, Belvedere and our own Gillem Logistics Center.
 - The service works via ridesharing, meaning during your trip other passengers may be picked up or dropped off.
 - The service will run from 6:00am – 7:00pm, Monday – Friday and cost the same as MARTA bus and rail service, \$2.50.
 - More information visit www.itsmarta.com/reach
- Clayton County Chairman Jeff Turner in partnership with the Council for Quality Growth and the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce will present the State of the County Address on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park. Virtual Stream is Available.
- Remember Clock Spring Forward this Saturday at mid-night so before you go to bed Saturday evening go ahead and move your clocks up one hour.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- On March 1, PIO Javon Lloyd releases our first edition of our monthly e-mail newsletter 'The Leaf Report'.



From left to right: Councilwoman Kimberly James, Ward 1; Councilman Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2; City of Forest Park Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA; Councilman Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3; Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells, Ward 4; and Councilman Allan Mears, Ward 5.

- Thank Mayor and Council for approving 7% pay increase for staff and 15% for Public Safety staff.
- The City of Forest Park is hiring within our Public Works, Police and Fire Divisions. Please visit www.forestparkga.gov under departments tab and click on Human Resources and look at our open position. We offer competitive salaries and excellent benefits.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

- City of Forest Park Welcomes New Finance Director Chiquita Barkley. Welcome and thank you for joining our team.

CONGRATULATIONS –

Congratulations to Forest Park Police Department's own Sergeant Brian Lewis on February 26 he welcomed a new addition to his family a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations Sergeant Lewis!

COVID-19 UPDATE: EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

As of March 6, 2022, Clayton County has had 56,966 cases of COVID-19 and 851 confirmed deaths. Between 2/28 – 3/6 there were 126 new positive a significant decrease from last month's 3,940 for the same week. Forest Park makes up 8.9% of the County cases which is a slight increase as overall numbers decline, from last report showing 8 new cases in the last week.

Forest Park shows a current 76% drop in total positive cases vs. last month's numbers. The 20 to 60 age group shows the highest percentage of positive cases with African Americans showing the highest positive case percentage followed by Unknown ethnicity and then Caucasian.

Cases peaked in the second week of December and are now significantly down, with Clayton County now being rated in the green for cases. With continuation of green counties, the federal government is looking in to relaxing some of the mandates in the next few months.

Fifty percent of County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine which equals 143,169 citizens and 46% are fully vaccinated equaling 129,274 citizens. 48,214 citizens have received the additional booster dose as well. 65 to 85 age group continues to show the highest vaccination rate.

The EMS and EMA Coordinators have tracked about forty-five positive cases of city employees in the last few months with minimal confirmed exposures to other employees.

The CDC continues to encourage and recommend vaccination and boosters for Covid 19 which are available through several means. The current recommendations for vaccines are anyone 5 years and older. The current recommendation for boosters is at least 6 months after receiving the final dose of the first series for Moderna and Pfizer or 2 months after receiving the single dose Johnson and Johnson. People can text their zip code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find local vaccine providers. Contacting your Primary Care Physician or local pharmacy to see if they are giving vaccines or visit vaccines.gov. The Clayton County Health District is giving vaccines based on availability and are rotating their locations to allow for easy access. They are requesting people wishing to receive the vaccine or booster to call and make an appointment at (678) 479-2223. All this information is also available on the City website under the fire department tab under COVID-19.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion to Authorize Approval to Award a Contract to Hogan Construction Group LLC to Construct a New Public Safety Building at Gillem Logistic**– Department of Planning & Community Development

Background/History:

Hogan Construction Group LLC was selected by a competitive bid process. The City of Forest Park will contract with Hogan Construction Group for the construction of a 13,206 square foot building that include a new mini-police precinct (1,559 sq. ft.) and fire station (11,647 sq. ft.). This new modern facility will include three apparatus bays with design layouts to better accommodate firefighters.

There was no comments or discussions from Governing Body

- 2. Council Discussion on a Proposed Entertainment District Ordinance**– Department of Planning & Community Development

Background/History:

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In order to encourage a more business-friendly environment, and a more pedestrian friendly atmosphere, staff is recommending the creation of an entertainment district

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There was no comments or discussions from Governing Body

3. Council Discussion of Resolution 22-10 in Support for the People of the Ukraine and Condemn the Russian Invasion – Legislative Office/Chief Executive Office

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park, Georgia has had the high honor of hosting two Ukrainian delegation to the United Stated in the last two years. The hosting of the delegation has established a new and growing friendship between the Ukraine and the City of Forest Park, Georgia. It is requested that this council considers this resolution condemning the Russian invasion of the Ukraine and urge the work community to come together in finding a peaceful resolution to this crisis.

There was no comments or discussions from Governing Body

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

There was no Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Butler went over the agenda for the Regular meeting and read the procedure for the two (2) Public Hearings.

It was moved to adjourn the Work Session meeting at 6:29pm.

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

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

File Attachments for Item:

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CITY OF
FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Discussion to Authorize Approval to Award a Contract to Hogan Construction Group LLC to Construct a New Public Safety Building at Gillem Logistic– Department of Planning & Community Development

Submitted By: James Shelby

Date Submitted: February 22, 2022

Work Session Date: March 7, 2022

Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

Background/History:

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Cost: \$ 8,136,000.00

Budgeted for: Yes No

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact on the City’s budget. The project is funded from the 2015-2020 SPLOST/SPLOST Bonds

Action Requested from Council:

Approval to award the contract

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AT THE GILLEM LOGISTICS CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with being fiscally responsible concerning the use and expenditure of all public funds;

WHEREAS, the City proposes to authorize the award of a contract for the construction of a public safety building at the Gillem Logistics Center; and

WHEREAS, Hogan Construction Group LLC is the recommended winning bidder;

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Approval of Bidder. The award of a contract for the construction of a public safety building at the Gillem Logistics Center as presented to the City Council on March 7, 2022 to Hogan Construction Group LLC is hereby approved by the City Council.

SECTION 2. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents, including the contract with such changes and modifications as recommended by the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of March, 2022.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

Council Member Kimberly James, Ward 1

Council Member Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2

Council Member Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3

Council Member Latresa Wells, Ward 4

Council Member Allan Mears, Ward 5

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

File Attachments for Item:**2. Council Discussion on a Proposed Entertainment District Ordinance**– Department of Planning & Community Development**Background/History:**

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CITY OF
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City Council Agenda Item

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Submitted By: James Shelby

Date Submitted: February 22, 2022

Work Session Date: March 7, 2022

Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

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Cost: \$ N/A

Budgeted for: _____ Yes _____ No

Financial Impact:

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Action Requested from Council:

Council discussion of approving an Entertainment District in the Main Street Overlay District

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF FOREST PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A FOREST PARK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Forest Park is the Mayor and Council thereof;

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Forest Park, Georgia desires to an entertainment district for the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Forest Park, Georgia, will be positively impacted by the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia is hereby amended by creating a new Article I to Chapter 2 of Title 9 as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

Section 3. (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were,

upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed; provided however, that the provisions of Section 9.16.200 pertaining to pawnshops shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Penalties in effect for violations of the City of Forest Park at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby made applicable to this Ordinance and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of its enactment.

SO ORDAINED this 7th day of March 2022.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

ATTEST:

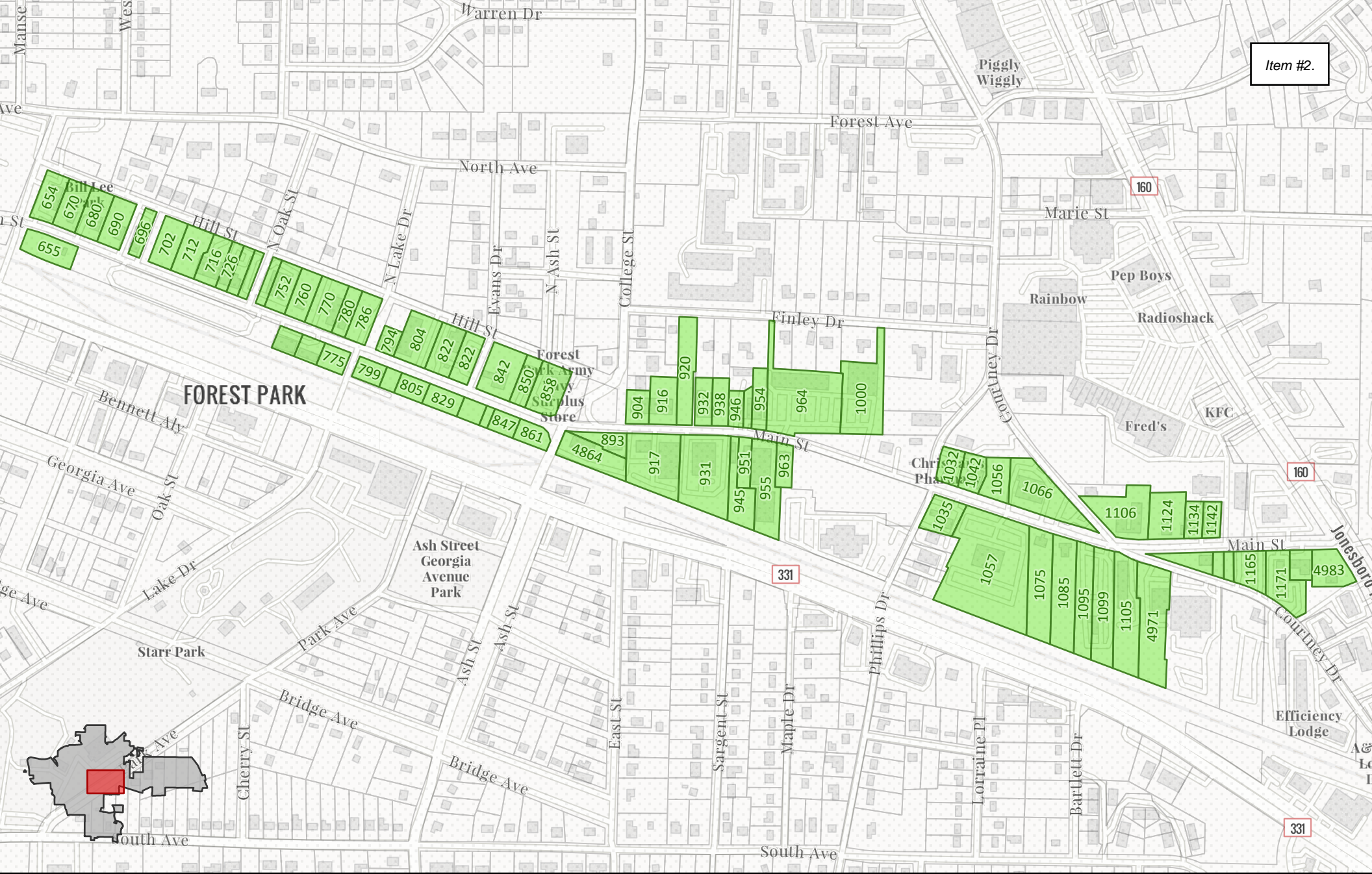
City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

ARTICLE I. FOREST PARK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT



Item #2.

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Entertainment District

City of Forest Park, Georgia



Chapter 2 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
ARTICLE I. FOREST PARK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

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Sec. 9-2-147. General provisions.

The provisions of this article are intended to set forth exceptions and provisions applicable only to licensees whose establishments are located within the areas identified in the Forest Park Main Street Overlay District, (as hereinafter defined) holding licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Except as specifically set forth in this article, all such licenses remain subject to all other provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 9-2-148. Definition of entertainment district.

For the purposes of this article only, the city's entertainment district is designated as the Forest Park Entertainment District (as shown in the attached map) and are defined as follows: The area of the city identified and zoned as DM Downtown Mainstreet in the zoning ordinance, including any public space, streets, sidewalks, open areas, and all licensed establishments of which parcels shown on Exhibit A with frontages on Main Street beginning at West Street on the west to Jonesboro Road on the east shall be located within the district.

In the case of a licensed establishment whose main entrance is inside the district, the entire licensed establishment shall be considered part of the district, regardless of whether any portion of the licensed establishment is in a zoning district not included in the district.

This provision shall not apply to city-sanctioned events. A city-sanctioned event is one which is conducted by any department agency, the Downtown Development Authority, the Development Authority, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the branding project, or as specifically approved by city council.

Sec. 9-2-149. Open container areas allowing outside consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter, the following activities are specifically allowed within the "Forest Park Entertainment District."

- (a) **One drink on-street limit.** Any establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on-premises whose entrance is located in the district is authorized to dispense an alcoholic beverage in a paper or plastic cup, or other container other than a can, bottle, or glass, for removal from the premises; provided, however, that no establishment shall dispense to any person more than one such alcoholic beverage at a time for removal from the premises, and no person shall remove at one time more than one such alcoholic beverage from the licensed premises.
- (b) **Size limited to a maximum of 16 ounces.** No container in which an alcoholic beverage is dispensed and removed from the licensed premises shall exceed 16 fluid ounces in size. No person shall hold in possession on the streets and sidewalks, in parks, or in other public places within the defined area any open alcoholic beverage container which exceeds 16 fluid ounces in size.

- (c) **Drinking from can, bottle, or glass prohibited.** It shall be prohibited for any person to drink or attempt to drink any alcoholic beverage from a can, bottle, or glass, or to possess in an open can, bottle, or glass any alcoholic beverage on the streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, and parking lots, whether public or private.
- (d) **Purchase from licensed premises within defined districts.** Alcoholic beverages consumed pursuant to this provision must be purchased from a licensed premises within the defined district. A licensed premises will be deemed to be within the defined district if the entrance to the licensed premises is located within the district.
- (e) Licensed establishments shall only be permitted to serve from their approved premises as approved on their alcohol license and shall not serve from temporary locations upon the premises unless specifically allowed during a City sanctioned event in accordance with section 9-2-148.
- (f) **Consumption limited to certain areas in the entertainment district.** No alcoholic beverage purchased pursuant to this provision may be consumed outside the boundary of the approved entertainment district or within the approved entertainment district on any parcel used as a trail, public park, church, day care center or school or the adjoining sidewalk, unless during a City sanctioned event in accordance with section 8-8-2-160 C.

Sec. 9-2-150. Signage.

Any licensed establishment that allows patrons to leave an establishment with an alcoholic beverage as regulated herein shall have an 11-inch by eight and one-half inch sign posted at the door for public view whereas a patron exiting the establishment can read the following:

"All patrons leaving this establishment with an alcoholic beverage do hereby take full responsibility to only consume an alcoholic beverage served in a clear plastic cup not to exceed 16 ounces in size and obtained by an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the entertainment district boundary outlined on the map below. Any individual that leaves the permitted area with an alcoholic beverage in an open container is in violation of city code and may be subject to a citation and/or fine."

Sec. 9-2-151. No abrogation of other laws.

The provisions of this article shall not be deemed to abrogate or otherwise impact any state law or local ordinance pertaining to public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving with an open container or under the influence of alcohol, or similar laws.

Secs. 9-2-151—9-2-155. Reserved.

File Attachments for Item:**3. Council Discussion of Resolution 22-10 in Support for the People of the Ukraine and Condemn the Russian Invasion** – Legislative Office/Chief Executive Office**Background/History:**

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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Resolution to support the people of the Ukraine and condemn the Russian Invasion
– Legislative Office/Chief Executive Office

Submitted By: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper

Date Submitted: March 02, 2022

Work Session Date: N.A

Council Meeting Date: March 07, 2022

Background/History:

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Cost: \$ 0

Budgeted for: _____ Yes _____ No

Financial Impact:

N/A

Action Requested from Council:

The City Manager request unanimous approval of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-10**A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE AND URGE THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO JOIN TOGETHER IN FINDING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS CRISIS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park, Georgia has had the high honor of hosting two Ukrainian delegations to the United States in the last two years;

WHEREAS, the hosting of the Ukrainian delegations has established a new and growing friendship between Ukraine and the City of Forest Park;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine;

WHEREAS, soon after, the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of its neighbor, including sending troops into the country and bombing major cities;

WHEREAS, this invasion has already caused needless anguish and loss of life;

WHEREAS, Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or wounded, and thousands of refugees have fled to neighboring countries to escape the bloodshed;

WHEREAS, the current war in Ukraine is especially distressing to the City of Forest Park in light of its friendship with the Ukrainian government;

WHEREAS, the extraordinary leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the bravery and heroism of the people of Ukraine serve as an inspiration to the entire world;

WHEREAS, the attack on Ukraine is unprovoked and demonstrates a blatant violation of the international law;

WHEREAS, Russia has previously committed to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine and to refrain from the threat or use of force against Ukraine;

WHEREAS, President Putin has continued to demonstrate a dangerous disregard for international law and a chilling indifference to the unnecessary loss of human life including the lives of his own fellow Russian citizens;

WHEREAS, President Putin has threatened grave consequences for countries that interfere with Russia's goal and has ordered Russian nuclear forces on high alert; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the world community remain united in our condemnation of such statements and actions that portend a global nuclear threat;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Condemnation of War in Ukraine. The City of Forest Park hereby condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russian in its highest possible terms and calls upon the Russian government to end this needless war. The City of Forest Park further calls upon the world community to stand with the people of Ukraine and their democratically elected government.

SECTION 2. Transmission of Resolution. Copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the President of Ukraine and the President of the Russian Federation through their respective embassies in Washington, D.C. and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

SECTION 3. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

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