

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

Monday, August 02, 2021 at 7:00 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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## AGENDA

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:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:** 

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2021 and July 19, 2021 - S. Diane White, City Clerk

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Council Approval of Sister Cities Program Budget - Legislative

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

3. Council Approval of the Planning Commission Rezoning - PB&Z

- 4. Council Approval of PB&Z Organizational Chart Change PB&Z
- Council Approval for Noah's Ark and Forest Avenue Tank Reconditioning Public Works
   Department
- 6. Council Approval of Downtown Development Authority and Urban Redevelopment Authority Board Appointments Economic Development
- 7. Council Approval to Confirm the Fire Chief Executive Offices
- 8. Council Approval of Resolution 2021-26 Approving a Little Free Library Legislative
- 9. Council Approval to Abandoned the Northern Portion of JG Glover Court Legislative Offices
- 10. Council Approval to Adopt Ordinance 2021-10 Budget Amendment to Authorize Employee Premium Pay Executive Offices

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

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

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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## File Attachments for Item:

**1.** Council Approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2021 and July 19, 2021 - S. Diane White, City Clerk



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

Tuesday, July 06, 2021, at 7:00 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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## **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING 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 by Mayor Butler at 7:08pm

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** The invocation and pledge were led by Dr. Beeler.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		<b>✓</b>
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		<b>√</b>
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2, Mayor Pro-Tem		<b>✓</b>
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		<b>√</b>
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		<b>✓</b>

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes) There were six (6) speakers

**JoAnn Thomas** – This is for the chair I would like to know what happened to the URA Board from the beginning? Why do we not have a URA anymore? I would also like to know why we operating with the Army on the contract with them concerning Gillem? Why have the URA Board did research haven't it been finished since it was going on since 2010 and now it is 2021? I have contacted the state of Georgia concerning the URA of Forest Park waiting on them to get back with me and they told me they would this week because if an agenda is required by law and it was not done per meeting that was held in the past why and where can I find that was done by law because also there was four members back in 2020. I believe that was removed from the board and power was given to the DDA it all online and the urban redevelopment authority regular meeting on 6/24/21 please explain; also, the meeting that was held between Forest Park at Fort Gillem and supposed to have been legal teams. I would like to know Mayor, why you not excused yourself, since we were told this was supposed to be between the legal team and the residents.

Felicia Davis - To Miss Thomas' comment that I did serve on the URA Board, I do have some history and yes there were challenges with the residents but there is a record, and we did keep one and we did function according to our rules and procedures and the disbanding, also happened to the extent possible that's all I'll say on that but there were issues. I wanted to say to our city manager, but through the chair, that I was pleased to have my councilwoman nominate me another councilwoman called me and said you ought to have a resume and I'm like I'm not looking for a job but I do have a bio, but I was going to withdraw it because like Councilman Gutierrez, I was so impressed with the other names on the list and I too love new blood so having been called by a few people I found well let me stand down leave my name on the list and let y'all go in the back and figure that out so but I I I'M happy any way that it might go. I wanted to address proclamations, decorum, etc. so there's a part of lead leadership that can't be legislated and that's even thought we must have good policy, but you can have the best policy leadership and getting along as a body is a two-way street and I address that through the chair but to all of the members and so pettiness is something that we each individually have to check ourselves to set aside and then get to the broader issue. I would also say that some people speak out, they speak that is ok in some situations. So, there's the way that different people speak but if we search for the meaning and extract that out, we get to a better place and if we can set aside ego in that moment, because who matters most in this room is sitting over here are those serving, I take that piece of leadership profoundly, so servant leadership is what we're looking for all good.

Clifford Pellegrine – His comments were inaudible

Cynthia Crawford – Did not wish to speak

Lawanda Folami – Everyone the place is now the resident behind me I rise because I was listening to you by the rescue funds, I heard all about your audit, charter, bylaws, your GMA, and that's why you guys were selected by us, and those things should already be an appointed. Kudos and Mr. Cooper, as he tried to instruct you to take you further because new material, we had heard you tell other City Manager the very much same thing so let's show by action. I want to go to the rescue funds, I want to talk about the Forest Park Police Department that is the solely harder our city after these operation hours are closed followed by the EMS, fire department those are focus I move to Forest Park and you all have heard me say this many times but as Forest Park Police Department and the Forest Park Fire Department I hope and consider with these rescue funds all this money that have been allocated down to our city that they're becoming more compatible they feel that can sustain their welfare daily and make them feel that they're coming to a job that will respect them because they are first on site and two our public works kudos to you all do an amazing job. I don't think you need a bonus; a bonus is a one-time act I think that you should ask the Manager to evaluate

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your staff and get with Mr. Cooper to give them a raise, a bonus is only temporary, let them reflect on each week or every by week or month they get paid that they can go home and feel their service is well appreciated. I'm here alone with some of our neighbors, we love public works we never seen in public work do nothing but do the best they can do not every now and then they fall short, but they apologize but I want you to look at our police officers; you all do whatever it takes start to give them a bonus, give them a raise. When it comes to us making our comments let us make our comments, we direct the to the mayor, we know we may call your name possibly, don't take it personal, we write your checks, we elected you all stop, wasting seven to eight minutes going back and forth, maybe you should just go to lunch and iron out your situation you got going on. It's too much personal and we sit out here and we look at it, we get sleepy, we get the discouraged, we listen for a three to six hours about a sign that CM Wells' had placed for event that is ridiculous, we sit and look at you all challenge our Mayor as she take charge of her dais, we're sick of it, sick at looking at each and every one of you saying, oh we working together but I hear we cannot tell no matter how I feel about each and every one of you, I know how to put away my personal feelings, I know how to put away my emotion and I know how to take care of business, the business for this city is first. We don't have a problem with change, we just won't change to be equal to all, if one gets a change, everybody gets a change. We got to ask this board why people haven't been up before the ethic and the active board need to be revisited. How can we go up to the ethic board when you all are at the ethic board; somebody help me out I don't know, but what we see happening here is we proud of what we see but we disappointed in your action and your action insert to combat and rebut against each other.

Arvis Walker - I am the proud PTSA President of Forest Park High School National PTSA. I've been the president since 2016, this last year was my last year I'm praying and hoping that I left Forest Park High School PTSA so much better than where I received it and with I couldn't do it by myself. You know just like you all you can't work by yourself you have to work together just like Ms. Folami just said you must work together; I mean we're not always going agree we must agree to disagree, and you disagree behind the doors. I love Forest Park, I'm here, I was chosen, I didn't come here on my own I came here as a messenger by a messenger, to one of my friends without this friend Forest Park High school PTSA would not be what it is today and I'm so grateful to my Councilwoman, Councilwoman James. I was chosen to read this from some of the citizens are Forest Park from all wards this is an we appreciate Forest Park Councilwoman Kimberly James we speak not only for Ward 1, we represent the City of Forest Park, we say this because you have done so much for all of us who reached out to you no matter what Ward you live in, you are dedicated, thoughtful, and considerate council person, it makes no difference to color, the size, the creativity or the nationality; you are always doing whatever you can for all of us who make up this great city. you know it is not easy dealing with so many different attitudes, but you hang in there it is evident your presence becomes your patience, comes from raising four beautiful well-mannered children and working in the school system the oath you took when you became councilperson was not just words to you, you live by that oath every single day we love you, we appreciate you, and if there is anything we can do for you let us know, citizens of Forest Park July 6,2021 thank you.

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

It was motioned to adopt the Council Agenda for July 6, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Approval of Minutes from the following Meetings - S. Diane White, City Clerk

Council Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2021

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Council Work Session Meeting from June 21, 2021

Council Special Called Meeting from June 25, 2021

It was motioned to approve the minutes from Council Budget Hearing of June 26, 2021, Council Work Session of June 21, 2021, and Special Called Meeting of June 25, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## 2. Council Approval to Continue the Stipends for First Responders during COVID-19 Crisis - City Manager

It was motioned to approve the continuance of the Stipends for First Responders

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

## 3. Council Approval of Resolution 2021-20 to Revise the Policy for City of Forest Park Proclamation Request - City Manager

It was motioned to approve Resolution 2021-20 to Revise the Policy for Proclamation Requests with recommended changes.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Mears

Voting Nay: Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

## Motion failed.

It was motioned to amend the Resolution to say that elected officials can give a proclamation but will give the mayor and other councilmembers the option to sign it.

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

## 4. Council Approval to Adopt Code of Conduct Ordinance 2021-10 - City Manager

It was motioned not to Adopt the Code of Ordinance 2021-10

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

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 Council Approval for the Development Authority Board - Bruce Abrahams, Economic Development Director and Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

It was motioned to appoint Felecia Davis to the Development Authority

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Akins-Wells

Voting Nay: Councilmember James, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears

Motion failed - Mayor and Council will discuss during Executive Session.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

Councilmember James – Thank everyone for coming out appreciate you all, remember the Third Thursday of the month will be the neighborhood meeting it is going to be a hybrid version. Also mark your calendars for October the 9th for the Forest Park Homecoming Parade, we want everyone to participate you'll be seeing flyers coming out soon on that. Thank you for honoring me, this was such a surprise I appreciate it and I do want to take a picture before you leave thank you. I wanted to address someone said they thought the proclamation ordinance was to exclude members or have a something in place to exclude group or individuals from being are recognized and I just wanted to clarify that's reason for this proclamation it is was to make sure that we are all have the opportunity to be included on that, so I just want to make sure I make that clarification.

**Councilmember Antoine** – We will have on July 11, 2021, the pool event where we will watch movies; everybody come during that time. Thank you all for coming in and God bless.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Thank you everybody for coming out I appreciate everybody it's nice to hear from the community. Congratulations Mrs. Harris on your new endeavors and I hope you stick around to continue to make the PTSA great. Congratulations Councilwoman Kimberly James, I can attest to your hard work and I always I appreciate it. We had a great event on 4th of July themed food truck event. We also had a great meeting here with the residents of Holland Park it was great to get so much community input into that. I'm sorry that we put you all to sleep sometimes, some of the things up here are not as interesting I guess there's other stuff that we got going on but we're trying our best. So just thank you and be safe you know COVID is still out there if you haven't been vaccinated, please do and you know just continue preaching love, check on your neighbors and thank you for coming out.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – I would like to thank everyone for coming out and dealing with the things we have going on. Thank you so much for being patient with us, I also would like to thank our employees and thank you to my Husband being mentioned in the City Manager's report and thank you for all. Mrs. Folami, I thought that was a great idea we mentioned the Merit System maybe two years ago and when we first got a new HR director we talked about the merit system so that the people that are deserving of raises can be evaluated and get what they deserve because we're giving away money; as well as a pension and we talk about being competitive and competing with other cities and a lot of our employees are leaving going other places because we don't have one. I have been stressing for maybe the last six years now and someone was supposed to be working on that and we have yet to hear anything so, Dr. Cooper, if you could give an update on what's going on with our employees' pension, so we don't keep losing valuable employees. Also on July 16th, the next Fun Friday, we will have Casper and the 911 Band. We have a good time and I know it's a lot of stuff going around by from Fun Friday, and I just say come and see it for yourself. Come see, there is fellowship with the community and let's have a good time outside. August 20th and 21st Forest Park Day, is for the entire community so get you neighbors, bring your tents, grills and cooler and let's have a good time thank you and hope everyone had a blessed fourth and have a great night.

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Councilmember Mears – I also would like to thank everyone for coming. I hope everyone had a good fourth of July Weekend. Would like to congratulate the girls' soccer team. I noticed on the marquees as I was coming here they're going to state playoffs finals or whatever we've got a high school over there that we need to be proud up every time you turn around there any championship somewhere that the kids are really trying hard and we really need to support the school cause when they come out of school they turn into Grown Ups so I just want congratulate them appreciate everybody coming Thank You.

Mayor Butler - This is for Mrs. Thomas, we do currently have a URA board your question on how do we operate with the army I didn't quite understand that question is I'll ask you for clarification we can address it at the next meeting so I'm not guite sure exactly what you mean by that you asked why that you are a not finished from 2010 honestly I cannot attest to what transpired before assuming my position as chair on the URA board I do know as it pertains to the meeting minutes from those boards all of the minutes should be available on our website if there are some that are missing you just let us know we could have our clerk look into that but I can let you know that update the current URA all of those minutes and the agendas I think that's maybe what it was is on our website so it is it is the same members so the one that previous you are a board was dismantled we could not eliminate the board and so it is the same members but those boards operate completely independent when we have the meetings one meeting is open an adjourn and then the next meeting is started for the other board what yeah and that's why I welcome it but as far as past agent again. I know what we have um there are several years I believe that are online I know we did transition from our old website. I do not know if you have seen our new website. Now were some documents I believe was placed in the wrong web page that should have been corrected and we will make sure, and Bruce is here I'm who is the economic development director at his department oversees the board pages on our website to make sure that everything is in the report. Legal teams and the residents at Fort Gillum in that meeting I'm not sure where that came from. It was open to everybody now I ever being a specific request present at that meeting and, but they were invited and so for whatever reason they chose not to attend. Madame Mayor (Mike Williams) their attorney was watching online. We operate with the online I'll get with you afterward to get clarification we'll have an answer at the next meeting.

There was a motion to amend the agenda by adding – Discussion on Variance for Businesses that operate within 100 feet of each other.

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

**Dr. Cooper** - There was a request for a variance from a gentleman who purchased a barbershop that had been closed and he is requesting to reopen a barbershop that was there. In the current ordinance because there is a hair salon it talks about hair salon and barber shop within that distance, he's not being granted permit to open that shop. So, he is asking the Council for a variance to that ordinance to allow him to open the shop.

There was discussion on changing the ordinance and being consistent with the variance.

It was motion to table this item so staff can revise the ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Akins-Wells and seconded by Councilmember Mears Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

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

It was motioned to recess into Executive Session at 8:15pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

It was motioned to reconvene back to Regular meeting at 8:37pm

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

It was motioned to appoint Felecia Davis to the Development Authority Board.

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

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

#### ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned to adjourn the City Council Regular Meeting at 8:39pm.

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

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



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## **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 by Mayor Butler at 7:39pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were done by Dr. Kenneth Paden, Living Word COGIC.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		<b>√</b>
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		✓
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2, Mayor Pro-Tem		<b>√</b>
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		<b>√</b>
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		<b>√</b>
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		<b>√</b>

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)** There were four (4) public speakers:

Dianne Lunsford – I was very disappointed that I did not see any American flags flying on our city's busiest street for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is our country, Forest Park is in the state of Georgia, Georgia is included in our country, and I think that it was a mess, and I do not know whose fault it was, but it was highly terrible and tragic that we could not show our colors on our nation's birthday. My husband found the Vietnam war for all of us to have freedoms and he salutes that flag along with myself and I think we should at least show our colors. We lost two more police officers last week, I agree with you CM Wells, we did. What is Clark doing with them, we still got them leaving, I think Clark needs to go. Our fire stations, I was under the impression, before the June 6<sup>th</sup> and during the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting when he produced this picture of what he wanted station three look like, with the city in there and fire and police stations, I was totally against that, still am. I was under the impression that we would have station two at the parkway, station one would be renovated, station three, they were considering either renovating or moving it to that new site. I still stand beside that, just do not spend any more money than we must so we can save some money to spend on something else that you all want to do. And I also have one concern, I was told that we do not have anyone in records or court clerks anymore, Dr. Cooper is that true? And I was told too that the judge said not to confirm anymore city warrants to our police and I wanted to know if this is true? I realize the city of Forest Park is short on cops and we need to have that addressed entice men to come instead of losing them.

Lawanda Folami – I want to talk about the HVAC contract, as we know they stated with a decent presentation saying that it would be like a reserve, if we get in hardship that our public service cannot come and do the task. Public Services work task is overbearing right now so, this would be like a substitute, so will you please consider this contract, it is not saying we are spending our money, but we do have reserve with our money. And if they have been since 1977 and they can do rebates or get with the analyst here to show them how to do the SPLOST to get funding, because there is a lot funding out there that they can assist us with this program. And if that has been there since 1997, we are going to have to buy some new units in a minute anyway. Let us talk about getting some grants, I do not know who is in place of Ms. Redding, but when she was here before she took on the City Manager's role, she would always find grants. I do not know the last time we had a hundred to two hundred thousand dollars in grant in this city. I would love to see more grants come into the city, more than \$2,000, let us find the money it is there. The police department is the apple of our eye, if I cannot sleep at night, I do not want the emergency service to come, do not want public works to come and I definitely do not want you all to come, I want the police officer to come, so we need to find out what is taking them away and enhance the police department and make it friendly and comfortable for them to want stay, grow, work and play, that is the first priority; now our emergency service, fire and ambulance services, we need them like we need water. With the virus out here and this pandemic people are falling by the wayside, every time we look around. If you have not looked at the latest stats when the nurse was up here taking, that is accurate. It is going to take council to go over and a little beyond our duties to get it done. Now let us talk about this sign right quick, I think this is the most embarrassing, unprofessional and I think Mr. Williams should be held accountable, because he knows exactly what they signs can and cannot do. He can get with the city manager and the two can talk it out and get a solution. You should not have to come in here each time and talk about a sign. You all say you are working together but as we sit out here and look it is so much division. I want you to really consider this group right here, I do not know them, but what they just said, we have a lot of updates and right now we have 900 cases.

**Ms.** Adams – I have a list of things that I made to talk to you all about and I understand that we are supposed to be getting some funds into the city and I want to address some of the things that I see that we can utilize these funds for. 1) Animal control, there are a lot of stray cats, dogs, foxes but we do not have an animal control that can handled

it. Ms. Johnson had been around for about 99 and a half years, and we have not had any help; so now we got some new help, but we need a facility to help with animal control. 2) The equipment to clean the streets is down, buy some new equipment, so, our streets could be a little cleaner than they are now; cutting back of the tree limbs, I have mentioned this before. There are limbs hanging over the trees are dead and on top of that, one fell on my car, I could have been hurt or dead, we have some that are obstructing the stop signs and things, so I think we need to look at that kind of stuff. The streets where the roots have grown from trees, you try going around one of those things and you will hurt yourself, car and/or someone else. When you talk about the sign ordinance, I want to see you all put up signs that say, "No Littering" No Loitering" "No Loud Music" in the city. I do not want to see signs talking about Fun Fridays and nothing else, when you are not doing what you are supposed to be doing to clean up this city. Some of those things are even out there like I said, you want to spend money on park events, but I live in a house where I want to see my streets clean, I want to see my neighbors clean up stuff and the immature interaction among the council members here is similar to children having a temper tantrum, I do not want to see you all go back and forth like you are doing. It is ignorant and let us look at some decorum, if you all need to go to class to learn how to handle a meeting, then go to class, but do not sit here and embarrass us like this. Number seven, Sisters City, I agree with CM Akins-Wells, what about Calvary Baptist Refuge Center, what about the help they need?

### Mayor Butler - Ms. Moreno, you are not a resident nor a business owner?

**Emily Moreno** – I am a business owner. I am not here to file a complaint, but I am here to provide an opportunity to the citizens of Forest Park. I came here because I grew up in Forest Park and I just want to reach out to everyone. So, I have a photography studio in Jonesboro, although it is in Jonesboro, I grew up in Forest Park and I know how it to not have the resources

**Mayor Butler** – is your business in Forest Park or in Jonesboro? The public comment period, if you are not a resident or a business owner, within the city limits, you must sign up in advance to speak. So, if the council will allow her to continue, I am willing to do, but moving forward you need to sign up. You would have to request it through the city clerk and then be placed on the agenda as a presentation. The mayor received consensus of the council for Ms. Moreno to proceed.

**Ms. Moreno** – In Jonesboro. So, I do have a photography studio in Jonesboro and I offer rental space for creatives that do not have the opportunity or the resources to do content photo, photography anything in that realm, so I am reaching out to everyone in Forest Park, if they need that opportunity, we can provide that for you, because as I said I grew up here and know how it is not to have the resources and I value Forest Park for always helping people in the community. If you need help you can always contact me for that, I can be found on Instagram, Facebook under kblux studio and I will be here so that when the meeting is over and you want to talk with me, you can. I do not have a phone number; it is all social media.

**Beauty Boyd** – I do not have a business or live in the City of Forest Park – Mayor – I will assume that Council will allow you to speak since we just approved the previous speaker.

Beauty Boyd – I grew up in Forest Park, attended elementary, middle, and high school, and have seen this city from the inside out transformed, I have seen the good and the bad, and about a month ago, I came to speak at the city council meeting to present what I wanted to present and was told by Diane White, that I need to present in a proposal format. I did that, she presented it to the city manager, who declined to have me speak at a city council meeting, stated just not part of the agenda or whatever it is that we are talking about. Being a person who grew up in this city, I have a business and have seen the city grow from inside to out. I am for what is going on in Haiti, my heart goes out to those people. My mother works at Huie Elementary and there are those same kids that go to that school, who sometimes does not eat, if they do not go to Huie Elementary; I went there. So sometimes, I think we need to check out backyard before we kind of go outskirts a lot of times and so I have a business called the Beauty Agency of Georgia. Primarily it is for women, we transform from the inside out, using health and wellness and different

techniques that I have mastered along the way. But I want to take it a step further and present that to the city, so, it is called the great health and wealth initiative and if anyone knows anything about health and wealth, there is no way you can obtain wealth without being truly healthy and health first starts in the mind so, we have to change the way we think and the way we move. When you look at Buckhead and Johns Creek those cities were not those cities before there was a woman like me or women and men like you all, who stood before council and said there is something that has to change. We should not be asking for five and ten thousand dollars, we should be donating five or ten thousand dollars to these schools, our recreational system, the parks, having job fair for our policemen. So, I wanted to present my health and wealth initiative, because I realized that main street, which is a historic street, which is nothing short of anything like downtown McDonough, Peachtree Street, there is wealth within this city, but we are not able to obtain it, because we are too close-minded, we cannot see for looking; I am a visionary, so I see beyond the current. I have accessed the present moment, but I do realize where this city needs to go, I need to speak to someone in terms of the buildings here. (Ms. Boyd's time was up.)

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

It was motioned to adopt the Council Regular Meeting Agenda as printed.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

 Council Approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2021 - S. Diane White, Interim City Clerk

It was motioned to approve the June 21, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as printed.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Approval of One-Year ABM Contract - Public Works/Procurement

It was motioned to approve Option 1 of the One-Year Renewal of the ABM contract.

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

 Approval of Three (3) Vendors for Exterior Ground Maintenance Services on a Standby Bases -Public Works/Procurement

It was motioned to approve three (3) vendors for Exterior Ground Maintenance services on a Standby Base.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells

## 4. Approval to Extent the Lab Linq COVID-19 Testing Site Contract - Parks & Leisure / Procurement

It was motioned to extend the contract with Lab Linq.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

# 5. Approval of the Revision of Emergency Management Agency's Local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - Fire Department

It was motioned to approve the revision of the EOP.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

# 6. Approval to Adopt the Resolution of Clayton County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Fire Department

It was motioned to approve the adoption of Clayton County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

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

## 7. Approval of Resolution to Authorize Engaging Land Acquisition Consultants for Additional Property Needed for the New City Hall Facility - PBZ Department

It was motioned to approval the Resolution to authorize engaging Land Acquisition Consultants for additional property needed for the New City Hall Facility.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

# 8. Approving a Resolution to Authorize Engaging Land Acquisition Consultants for Additional Property Needed for Trailhead Access - PBZ Department

It was motioned to approval the Resolution to authorize engaging Land Acquisition Consultants for additional property needed for the Trailhead Access.

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

## 9. Approval of 2021-22 Budgeting for Sisters City Program - Legislative Offices

It was motioned to table this item until the August 2, 2021, meeting.

### **Council Discussion:**

**Councilmember James** – The previous budget that we approved for the Sister Cities, I was under the impression that it was annual, was it not an annual?

**Dr. Cooper** – No, it was a one-time deal, I checked the minutes, it was supposed to be a one-time option to bring back each year to reoccur.

Councilmember James – The option to become a sister city, that was something that we did annually?

**Dr. Cooper** – Yes, that is an annual payment.

**Councilmember Antoine** – Can this be placed on the next Council Agenda to approve the budget at \$15,000?

Motioned by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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

## 10. Approval of Resolution of Signage of All City Events - PBZ, Public Works and City Attorney

It was motioned to amend the proposed Resolution around city signage to exempt city officials from having to get permits or approvals to promote city-sponsored events.

### **Council Discussion:**

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – Atty Williams, how would this change the resolution?

**Atty Williams** – (was not speaking into the microphone, his comments were inaudible)

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – So, we would not have to get permission or approval to put signs out for city-sponsored events?

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – We initially changed that because we said we were not exempt of the law or are we exempt based on....

**Atty Williams** – (was not speaking into the microphone, his comments were inaudible)

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**Councilmember Gutierrez** – But is there any level of accountability if we are putting signs in rights-of-way or in places that are not supposed to be.

**Atty Williams** – (was not speaking into the microphone, his comments were inaudible)

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – Atty Williams knows what I am trying to say, which is again, councilmembers or elected officials, the city, police department, parks & recreation department, anybody can put a city sign on city property. The ROW belongs to the city, I do not know why it is so hard to understand we can put our city signs out to promote a city event, if that is what we want to do, we do not have to go to another elected officials to get approval and just because one person do not want to see, well you have a whole community that does and you should not have to get permission.

Mayor Butler – Is there any other discussion? So, there is a motion

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – So, Atty Williams, the one you brought up does that one says city officials have to approve them.

**Atty Williams** – Under the current ordinance, city council must approve signs in the ROW. If you adopt the Resolution here, would essentially provide that approval and you would basically operate just like you have been operating for years and years until this year.

**Councilmember Antoine** – I just do not want signs in the ROW to distract people from driving.

**Councilmember** Akins-Wells – Let me explain because maybe people do not know what a ROW is. The signs that I have and Councilmember Gutierrez's that were on Jonesboro, in that triangle and Courtney Drive, that the ROW, we have a fence that specifically for city signs, so, when you say you do not want it in city ROW, well that is the city ROW; we designated those places for city sign, so, what they are trying to do is take that away. You cannot put a city sign on city property without coming to get approval. If somebody feels some type of way about you or an event that you have going on, they can say "No" I am not approving it to go in the ROW. What I made a motion to amend, you do not have to get permission from another elected officials to put a city sign up to promote a city-sponsored event.

Mayor Butler – There is a motion on the floor and called for the vote

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

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

**Councilmember James** – I want to make you all aware that the July Neighborhood Meeting, the recording has been updated or has been provided to our Council Aides and should be on the website soon. Please go out and listen to it, we did have a hybrid meeting, in-person and virtually. This coming Wednesday at 4pm, here in the Council Chambers, we will have a Q&A session for those regarding the cemetery on Conley Road, please make sure if you want to be a part of that discussion that you come out on that evening. Save-the-Date and for all those that grew up in Forest Park, on October 9th, is our homecoming parade, I would love for you to participate in that, there will be information posted soon. Also, would like to share that there is a lot of misinformation that is being shared to residents and it is really not fair to get to you to get misinformation and sometimes this information is coming from the dais, but there is information on the website that you can avail yourself and if you have any questions feel free to reach out to

me and I will be happy answer any questions that you have. I know that there are a lot of officers leaving across the country and I know our focus should be Forest Park and my focus is Forest Park, but I do not think it is fair to attack an individual person on their duties (Mayor Butler – we are not going to go back and forth) Point of order Madam Mayor please). (Mayor Butler – We have done this plenty of times before, so officers, if we need to) as I stated before, I do not think it is far to target our directors when they are doing the job we have hired them to do, so, I want to make sure you all get the right information, if you want to find out why people are leaving, a lot of them are moving, we have people that are getting out of the field and a lot of the reasons have nothing to do with the city of Forest Park, so, sure you get that information before target individuals and say they should leave. We spent a lot of money trying to find people to serve our community and we did a fine job. Thank everyone for coming out and we appreciate you and anytime you need to reach out to me, please feel free. I also, would like to offer condolences to our Council Aide, Tenisha Dixon, who lost her brother.

**Councilmember Antoine –** We are having our (comments are inaudible)

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – Nice to see the young business owners and entrepreneurs that are from Forest Park, and it is refreshing. Thank you for all the public comments, about the flags, that is something that we will work on, and I know that our City Manager will fix it moving forward with the patriotic holidays. At the last food truck event we displayed patriotism for the 4th of July. I am sorry that you had to put up with some of these arguments, unfortunately that are the things that we must discuss, and they are address in front of you, if it could be done behind closed doors we would, but it is a community thing. Shout out to directors and employees that make the city run and I appreciate all of you. I will not be in attendance at the next Food Truck Friday event, most of us will be attending the GMA Conference in Savannah. As well as I need to postpone my clean-up for first of the month, I would not want you to do it without me, because I enjoy doing it. We have zero requests for adopt-a-road, you can adopt-a-road here in Forest Park. Ms. Adams is about cleaning up, so you could adopt-the-road and we will put a sign up with your name on it. I encourage anyone in Forest Park to do it, it is an initiative we must keep our city beautiful. For those who came up with concerns about Forest Park, and doing stuff for our community, we are more than open to working with non-profits and those that are trying to better our people just come and present it. The Sister Cities is something that was presented and is already established with us and work with them as well, but if you have some ideas for something we can do in our community, with Huie Elementary these are our children, we are more than willing to do it. We put a food pantry at a local church, we have an MOU, where we own whatever, it is that we put there, but it is for the community. We will be having a Game Night at the park on July 29th, there will be food trucks, free food for the teens that are going back to school and game trucks, it will be a fun day at the park. Thanks to everyone that came out and if you have not gotten vaccinated, I encourage you to, but it is your choice. Please fill out the survey that is on the city's website, we want your input with spending these funds, so do not come later and complain if you were not a part of the decision. I heard the Ms. Caitlyn Hungate is not going to be with us, she works under Mr. Shelby, so I just want to thank her for everything she has done with us and wish her the best. And one of the Council Aide's K'Sandra Thomas is leaving and I wish her the best as well, she has done so much for me with my events, the city's website and so much more and I wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Councilmember Wells – I did not know about the adopt-the-road initiative had started, because I was riding in Atlanta the other day and thought we need to do this, so let me know whatever I need to do and let the people know. At the last meeting, I asked for a waste management transfer update, I have not received anything, so I would like that information as soon as possible, just the transfer station itself, not the trash collection. To address the excouncilwoman who spoke about people being ignorant, I am not going to tolerate being called ignorant, because I am not and just because you do not agree with how things are done or what they say, then that is okay and your opinion, but to call people ignorant because you disagree with them, to me that is, I would not call you ignorant, but it explains itself. Also, the one thing that I do agree with her on is the cat problem, because I get a lot of complaints about them, as well as the coyote problem, that we have been talking about forever, the news is reporting fox sightings and how they responded expeditiously to get that taken care, and we cannot even put out traps for coyotes or we cannot hire

animal control to do something about these cats in the community. I am in favor of the contract, but I do want the directors to hold the employees accountable, because if the employees have been doing it all these years and it has not been a problem, not sure why there is one now, so, I think that comes with the leadership and holding your employees accountable to make sure they are doing what they need to be doing on a day-to-day basis. I would like to also address Ms. Boyd's comments, I do not know and I apologize, because that is not how it normally goes you do not have to present a proposal to speak before council, if you live in the city of Forest Park or you can call us individually, if you cannot speak with the city manager, you can call the mayor, city clerk and get some assistance, so I am sorry that you had to come here to give a comment in order to get something done. Because that is not how it is normally done, and I never heard of a city manager turning someone down to speak to the governing body. Thank everyone for coming out and giving your input and being here and understand that we are all individuals, we are elected officials and we are here to serve you, we cannot please everyone obviously, but at the end of the day we are here to serve the city of Forest Park and I know I do a darn good job and if that offends you, I am not apologizing, have a good night. Thank CM Gutierrez for reminding us about K'Sandra leaving, she is one of the best, not only for just as council aide to us, but to the entire city, every department, she done an amazing job and I am happy that she can go somewhere her work is appreciated.

Councilmember Mears – I am glad everybody came out and I just want to remind you that the city and public safety is in the process of erecting five (5) new emergency warning sirens, most of them are up, so, you will be hearing a different time the warning. Every Ward has a new emergency warning siren, that will help us in our tornado warnings and severe weather warnings. Again, glad everybody came out, I am accessible to everyone. I am fortunate in my Ward, that I have a group of individuals that take it amongst themselves, they do not adopt a street, they adopt an entire neighborhood.

Mayor Butler - Made no comments

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

It was motioned to recess into Executive Session for personnel, litigation, and real estate at 8:26pm.

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 motioned to reconvene back into the Regular Meeting at 9:26pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

Per the discussion in Executive Session, it was motioned to authorize the amendment of the organizational chart to provide for the movement of the position of Office Assistant from the Human Resources Department to the Recreation & Leisure Department.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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



## File Attachments for Item:

8. Council Approval of Resolution 2021-26 Approving a Little Free Library - Legislative

### RESOLUTION NO.

## A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ON CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY

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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the placement of a "little free library" on property owned by the City of Forest Park at Starr Park;

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

**SECTION 1. Approval.** The placement of a "little free library" on property owned by the City of Forest Park is hereby approved subject to the terms and conditions set forth on the attached Exhibit "A."

**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 or is hereby authorized to sign all documents 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 ordinance, 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.

SO REOLVED this	day of _	, 2021.
		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:		
		(SEAL)
City Clerk		
APPROVED AS TO FOR	M:	
City Attorney		

## EXHIBIT A

## Little Library MOU

## File Attachments for Item:

**10.** Council Approval to Adopt Ordinance 2021-10 Budget Amendment to Authorize Employee **Premium Pay -** Executive Offices

### ORDINANCE NO. <u>2021-10</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE CITY OF FOREST PARK TO PROVIDE FOR PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL CITY EMPLOYEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

#### **WITNESSETH:**

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 providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") allocated billions of dollars to state and local governments to assist in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impacts;

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park received its first allocation of \$3,738,098.00 under the ARPA on July 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, under Section 35.6(c) of the interim final rule adopted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury on May 17, 2021, local governments may provide premium pay to eligible workers who perform essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency on a retrospective basis;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that each City employee performed essential services during the COVID-19 public health emergency placing them at heightened risk because their in-person work involved regular contact with members of the public and regular physical handling of items that were handled by others;

WHEREAS, Mayor has designated each department of the city as critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Forest Park;

WHEREAS, each City employee was needed to maintain continuity of operations of the City of Forest Park as is therefore deemed to be an eligible worker as defined by the ARPA;

WHEREAS, having complied with all necessary legal requirements, the City Council wishes to amend the 2021-2022 budget to provide for premium pay for essential City employees;

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

**SECTION 1. Approval of Premium Pay; Adoption by Reference.** A one-time payment of \$2,500 for each essential City Employee as premium pay is hereby authorized. The document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" comprised of a budget amendment is incorporated

herein by reference and is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the City of Forest Park, Georgia.

**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. Approval of Execution.** The mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

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

### **SECTION 5.** Codification and Severability.

- (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are and were upon their enactment believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.
- (b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City 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 City 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 section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase 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 City 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 sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law all remaining Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.
- **SECTION 6**. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions**. Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7. Effective Date**. This ordinance 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 ORDAINED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021.

	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	

## Exhibit A

## **Budget Amendment**