

# CITY OF FOREST PARK URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM Council Chambers

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Forest Park, GA 30297

# **AGENDA**

Kimberly James, Chairwoman Avery Wilson, Vice Chairman Yasmin Julio, Member Eliot Lawrence, Member Debra Patrick, Member

#### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

**ROLL CALL:** 

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

2. Update: Evolution Budget

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 3. URA Redevelopment Plan
- 4. Financial Report
- 5. Economic Development Update

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for meetings should notify the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 404-366-4720.



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# **MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Vice Chairman Avery Wilson called the Urban Redevelopment Agency regular meeting on March 14, 2024, to order at 5:31pm.

#### PRESENT:

Avery Wilson Eliot Lawrence (via phone) Debra Patrick Yasmin Julio

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager
Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA
Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney
John Wiggins, Director of Finance
Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works
LaShawn Gardiner, Director of Planning & Community Development
Rochelle B. Dennis, Interim Director of Economic Development
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

New Member Swearing In

Yasmin Julio was sworn in as a member of the Urban Redevelopment Agency by Mayor Butler.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)

Debra Patrick made a motion to enter executive session at 5:35pm. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Debra Patrick made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene the meeting at 6:06pm. Yasmin Julio seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Yasmin Julio made a motion to authorize negotiations for Project Stem. Debra Patrick seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Approval of February 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
Debra Patrick made a motion to approve the February 8, 2024, meeting minutes. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. 1 abstention by Yasmin Julio. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 3. URA History & Update
- Interim Director Dennis delivered a brief history and timeline of the transfer of land from the Army to the URA, the redevelopment of the property, and the debt service payment process.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 4. Financial Report
- Director Wiggins gave the board printed copies of their updated financials detailing current operating cash, revenues, and expenditures. The URA's current operating cash amount is about \$39,100,000. \$34 million of those funds are reserved for renovations and capital projects. The budget is currently sitting around \$5.1 million. The \$85,000 the URA approved for the Evolution event at Gillem has been transferred to the appropriate line item.
  - 5. TA Gillem Logistics 1100 Update
- Interim Director Dennis presented the board with an annual report from TA Gillem Logistics 1100 describing their job creation & fulfillment trends, current investments, and tax recovery payments.
  - 6. Evolution Update
- The event commemorates the payment of the URA's debt to the Army. The event will be held on April 18, 2024, at the Gillem Logistics Center. \$30,000 in private funding has been secured for the event.

11/12 Item #1.

# ADJOURNMENT:

Yasmin Julio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. Debra Patrick seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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# STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CLAYTON CITY OF FOREST PARK

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-08**

# RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY PREREQUISITE TO EXERCISE OF POWERS UNDER URBAN REDEVELOPMENT LAW

WHEREAS, Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, entitled the "Urban Redevelopment Law," as amended (the "Urban Redevelopment Law"), requires the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the "City"), as a condition to the exercise of any of the powers conferred upon the City by the Urban Redevelopment Law, to adopt a resolution finding that one or more "pockets of blight" (as defined in the Urban Redevelopment Law) exist in the City and that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area or areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful study and investigation, the City desires to exercise the powers conferred upon the City by the Urban Redevelopment Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia that there is hereby found, determined, and declared that one or more "pockets of blight" (as defined in the Urban Redevelopment Law) exist in the City and that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area or areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City, and from and after such adoption the City may exercise any of the powers conferred upon it by the Urban Redevelopment Law.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED,** and **EFFECTIVE** this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>February</u> 2021.

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attest

City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

## CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, SHAREE N. STEED, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Clerk of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the "City"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on February 15, 2021 by the City Council of the City in a meeting duly called and assembled in accordance with applicable laws and with the procedures of the City, by a vote of 2 Yea and 2 Nay, which meeting was open to the public and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the original of the foregoing resolution appears of public record in the Minute Book of the City, which is in my custody and control.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the City, this 15th day of February 2021.

(SEAL)

City Clerk, City of Forest Park, Georgia

# STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CLAYTON CITY OF FOREST PARK

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-09**

#### RESOLUTION DESIGNATING URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA

WHEREAS, Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, entitled the "Urban Redevelopment Law," as amended (the "Urban Redevelopment Law"), authorizes the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the "City") to designate an "urban redevelopment area," which is defined to mean a "pocket of blight" that the City Council of the City designates as appropriate for an urban redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Redevelopment Law defines "pocket of blight" to mean an area which by reason of the presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; predominance of defective or inadequate street layout; faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness; unsanitary or unsafe conditions; deterioration of site or other improvements; tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land; the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes; having development impaired by airport or transportation noise or other environmental hazards; or any combination of such factors substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the City, retards the provisions of housing accommodations, or constitutes an economic or social liability and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful study and investigation, the City desires to designate the area described in Exhibit A attached to this resolution as an urban redevelopment area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia that the area described in Exhibit A attached to this resolution is hereby determined to be a pocket of blight by reason of the presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures, predominance of defective or inadequate street layout, deterioration of site or other improvements, and having development impaired by transportation noise, which substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the City or constitutes an economic or social liability and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use, and that such area is therefore designated as appropriate for urban redevelopment projects.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED,** and **EFFECTIVE** this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>February</u> 2021.

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Attest

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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**GIVEN** under my hand and the seal of the City, this 15th day of February 2021.

(SEAL)

City Clerk, City of Forest Park, Georgia

# Proposed Expanded Area for URA

The proposed area is shown on the attached map, being more particularly described as the area bounded by the following boundaries:

Beginning at the intersection of South Avenue and West Street, thence East along South Avenue to the intersection of South Avenue and Park Avenue, thence North along Park Avenue to the intersection of Park Avenue and Georgia Avenue, then East along Georgia Avenue to the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Ash Street, then North along Ash Street and continuing along College Avenue to the intersection of College Avenue and Hill Street, thence West along Hill Street to the intersection of Hill Street and West Street, thence South along West Street to the intersection of West Street and Main Street, thence West along Main Street to the intersection of Main Street and Hale Road, thence South along Hale Road to the intersection of Hale Road and Central Avenue, thence West along Central Avenue to the intersection of Central Avenue and Springdale Road, thence South along Springdale Road to the intersection of Springdale Road and Forest Parkway, thence West along the Forest Parkway to the intersection of Forest Parkway and Frontage Road, thence to the southern edge of the right-of-way of Forest Parkway, thence East to the intersection of Forest Parkway and Oak Street, thence South along Oak Street to the intersection of Oak Street and Bennett Alley, thence East along Bennett Alley to the intersection of Bennett Alley and Lake Drive, thence South along Lake Drive to the intersection of Lake Drive and West Street, thence South along West Street to the intersection of West Street and South Avenue. Such area shall include all portions of the rights-of-way abutting such area as well as a property fronting on said rights-of-way.



# STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CLAYTON CITY OF FOREST PARK

### **RESOLUTION 2021-12**

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, entitled the "Urban Redevelopment Law," as amended (the "Urban Redevelopment Law"), the City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the "City") held a public hearing on March 1, 2021, on a proposed urban redevelopment plan entitled "City of Forest Park, Georgia 2021 Urban Redevelopment Plan" (the "Urban Redevelopment Plan"), a copy of which is on file with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, public notice of such public hearing was published in the <u>Clayton News</u> <u>Daily</u>, a newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation of the City, on February 24, 2021, and proof of such publication is on file with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has prepared and adopted a general plan for the physical development of the City as a whole (giving due regard to the environs and metropolitan surroundings) (the "General Plan") pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, no families will be displaced from the urban redevelopment area described in the Urban Redevelopment Plan, and therefore no method for relocation of such families need be provided; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Redevelopment Plan conforms to the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Redevelopment Plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the City as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the urban redevelopment area described in the Urban Redevelopment Plan by private enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Redevelopment Plan constitutes an appropriate part of the City's workable program for utilizing appropriate private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of pockets of blight, to encourage needed urban rehabilitation, and to provide for the redevelopment of pockets of blight, all as set forth in the Urban Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful study and investigation, the City desires to approve the Urban Redevelopment Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia that all statements, findings, and recitations set forth in the above and foregoing preambles are hereby determined and declared to be true and correct.

Item #3.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Urban Redevelopment Plan and the urban redevelopment projects set forth therein are hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City.

[Signatures and Seals to Follow]

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED, and EFFECTIVE this 1st day of March 2021.

# CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

Angelyne Butler

Mayor

Kimberly James Councilmember, Ward One

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GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the City, this 1st day of March 2021.

(SEAL)

City Clerk, City of Forest Park, Georgia

## CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA 2021 URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

# I. Existence of Urban Redevelopment Plan

This "City of Forest Park, Georgia 2021 Urban Redevelopment Plan" (this "Urban Redevelopment Plan") shall constitute an urban redevelopment plan of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the "City"), within the meaning of Section 36-61-2(24) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

### II. <u>Designation of Urban Redevelopment Area</u>

The City Council of the City did, by resolution adopted on February 15, 2021, determine that certain property located in the City, which is described in Exhibit A attached hereto, was a "pocket of blight," within the meaning of Section 36-61-2(15) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and did designate such area as appropriate for urban redevelopment projects. The property described in Exhibit A attached hereto is the "Urban Redevelopment Area" for purposes of this Urban Redevelopment Plan.

#### III. The Urban Redevelopment Projects

The Urban Redevelopment Area shall be conserved and rehabilitated through (1) the acquisition, construction, and installation of (a) a new municipal complex to be known as "City Center," including, but not limited to, a City Hall, a Police and Fire Department Headquarters, and a fire station, (b) streetscape improvements on Main Street, and (c) a multimodal trail running from Starr Park to the State Farmers Market, to be known as the "Model Mile," (2) the renovation of Starr Park, and (3) the acquisition and installation of early warning sirens (collectively the "Urban Redevelopment Projects").

#### IV. Relationship to Local Objective

The Urban Redevelopment Projects will not require any zoning or planning change and shall be accomplished in accordance with the City's zoning ordinances, as applicable, unless exceptions are made in accordance with applicable law. The Urban Redevelopment Plan conforms to the general plan for the physical development of the City as a whole (giving due regard to the environs and metropolitan surroundings). The Urban Redevelopment Projects will constitute appropriate land uses and will achieve definite local objectives respecting public improvements, namely (1) a new municipal complex in the Urban Redevelopment Area, including, but not limited to, a City Hall, a Police and Fire Department Headquarters, and a fire station, (2) the renovation of Starr Park, and (3) streetscape improvements, early warning sirens, and a new multimodal trail in the Urban Redevelopment Area and the City's police department.

#### V. Ownership of Urban Redevelopment Projects

The Urban Redevelopment Area has been designated as such by the City. The Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Forest Park, Georgia will be the initial owner of the Urban Redevelopment Projects. The owner of the Urban Redevelopment Projects shall retain the right to sell and dispose of such property.

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **DESCRIPTION OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

The area located in the City, beginning at the intersection of South Avenue and West Street, then east along South Avenue to the intersection of South Avenue and Park Avenue, then north along Park Avenue to the intersection of Park Avenue and Georgia Avenue, then east along Georgia Avenue to the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Ash Street, then north along Ash Street and continuing along College Avenue to the intersection of College Avenue and Hill Street, then west along Hill Street to the intersection of Hill Street and West Street, then south along West Street to the intersection of West Street and Main Street, then west along Main Street to the intersection of Main Street and Hale Road, then south along Hale Road to the intersection of Hale Road and Central Avenue, then west along Central Avenue to the intersection of Central Avenue and Springdale Road, then south along Springdale Road to the intersection of Springdale Road and Forest Parkway, then west along Forest Parkway to the intersection of Forest Parkway and Frontage Road, then to the southern edge of the right-of-way of Forest Parkway, then east to the intersection of Forest Parkway and Oak Street, then south along Oak Street to the intersection of Oak Street and Bennett Alley, then east along Bennett Alley to the intersection of Bennett Alley and Lake Drive, then south along Lake Drive to the intersection of Lake Drive and West Street, then south along West Street to the intersection of West Street and South Avenue, such area to include all portions of the rights-of-way abutting such area.

## ANNUAL REPORT Gillem 1200

MARCH 21, 2024

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Forest Park 745 Forest Parkway Forest Park, Georgia 30297 Attn: Chairman

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Re:

2023 ANNUAL REPORT - Memorandum of Understanding and Economic Development Agreement ("EDA") between Gillem Logistics Center Building 1200, LLC (the "Company") and the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Forest Park (the "Authority") regarding the capital project located at 2055 Anvil Block Road, Forest Park, Georgia (the "Project")

#### Dear Chairwoman Butler:

This letter shall serve as the 2023 Annual Report, as required under the EDA.

# Jobs Report

The monthly average number of full-time jobs at the Project determined in accordance with the EDA during 2023 was six (6). The Jobs Goal is 80 jobs. The Jobs Shortfall for 2023 is seventy-four (74) jobs. The Jobs Shortfall Percentage is 92.5%.

# **Investment Report**

The Company has invested and caused to be invested at least \$22,629,799.31 in the Project. The Investment Goal is \$20,000,000. The Investment Shortfall for 2023 is \$0.00; therefore the Investment Goal has been met and satisfied.

# Tax Recovery Payments

The Combined Shortfall Percentage for 2023 is 46.25% ((92.5% + 0%) ÷ 2). The Tax Recovery Payment for 2023 is \$101,264.41 (County ad valorem tax savings of \$143,679.95 x 46.25% = \$66,451.98 and City ad valorem tax savings of \$75,270.13 x 46.25% = \$34,812.44).

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you require any additional information.

[SIGNATURE APPEARS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

Sincerely,

# GILLEM LOGISTICS CENTER **BUILDING 1200, LLC,**

a Georgia limited liability company

Gillem Logistics Center Building 1200 By:

Member, LLC,

a Georgia limited liability company,

its sole Member

By:

David L. Welch, Manager

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