

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, March 06, 2023 at 7:00 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.

Website: www.forestparkga.gov YouTube: https://bit.ly/3c28p0A Phone Number: (404) 366.4720 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

ears Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

S. Diane White, City Clerk

Mike Williams, City Attorney

AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

DISCLAIMER: For in-person attendance, all CDC requirements of Masks and Social Distancing is recommended.

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The Council Meetings will be livestream and available on the City's

YouTube page - "City of Forest Park GA"

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Forest Park Fast Track Rental Assistance Quarterly Update – Executive Offices

Background/History:

This is the Quarterly update for Mayor and City Council on the City of Forest Park's Fast Track Rental Assistance Program. This program is administered by the City Edge Initiative on behalf of the city.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 2. Council Approval of Conditional Use Permit at 721 Morrow Road Planning & Community Development Department
- 3. 1st Public Hearing of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update Planning & Community Development Department

The is the first of two Public Hearings to be held at Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2023 and Special Called Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2023 - City Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. Council Approval of Arborist Services and Tree Removal Public Works Department
- 6. Council Approve the Net2Atlanta Contract for new Public Safety Building IT Department

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:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for Council meetings should notify the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 404-366-1555.

File Attachments for Item:

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City Council Agenda Item

 Subject:
 Forest Park Fast Track Rental Assistance Quarterly Update – Executive Offices

 Submitted By:
 Marc-Antonie Cooper

Date Submitted: February 28, 2023

Work Session Date: March 06, 2023

Council Meeting Date: March 06, 2023

Background/History:

This is the Quarterly update for Mayor and City Council on the City of Forest Park's Fast Track Rental Assistance Program. This program is administered by the City Edge Initiative on behalf of the city.

Cost: \$ 0	Budgeted for: <u>X</u> Yes	No
Financial Impact:		
N/A		

Action Requested from Council:

N/A



REPORT

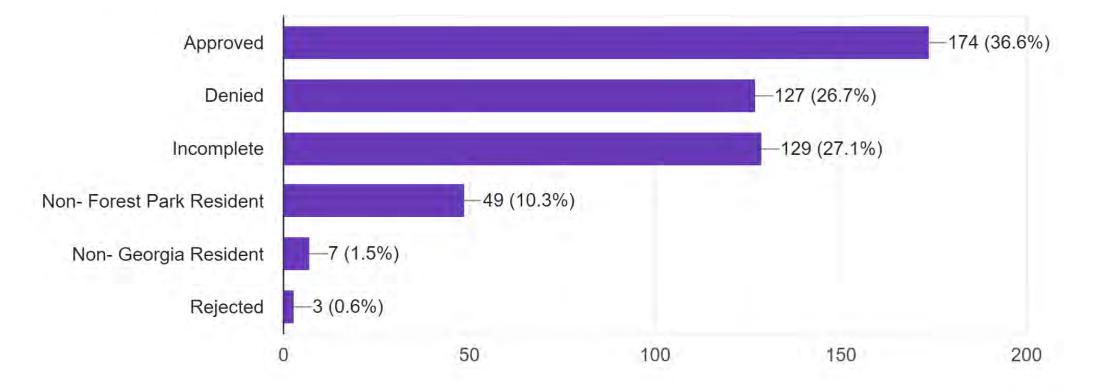
City Edge Project A place where you can find a hand up and not a hand out.

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	Fast Trac	k Rental As	sistance	Program -	Start Date	Dec 1	, 2021		
				n Chart - \$40			,		
	Quarter	Total Applications	Total Approved	Women Approved	Men Approved	Denied	Homes Approved	Apartments Approved	Amount Spent
Dec-21		30		11		13	2		\$ 28,903.39
Total 4th Quarter		30	15	11	4	13	2	13	\$ 28,903.39
22-Jan	1st	37	22	17		15		18	. ,
22-Feb	1st	44	16	12	4	28	0	16	. ,
22-Mar	1st	69	24	20	4	45	4	20	\$ 49,675.49
Total 1st Quarter		150	62	49	13	88	8	54	\$ 127,780.12
22-Apr	and	33	13	9	4	20	3	10	\$ 28,703.00
22-Apr 22-May		47	15	12		32	1	10	
22-101ay 22-Jun		27	11	12					\$ 26,527.00
Total 2nd Quarter	2110	107	39	32	7	68	6	35	\$ 88,963.00
22-Jul	3rd	27	15	14	1	12	2	13	\$ 28,504.39
22-Aug	3rd	35	10	9	1	25	3	7	\$ 19,868.00
22-Sep	3rd	30	9	9	0	21	1	8	\$ 21,932.00
Total 3rd Quarter		92	34	32	2	58	6	28	\$ 70,304.39
22-Oct		9		2			0	2	\$ 4,400.00
22-Nov		25		4	-			3	. ,
22-Dec	4th	32	2	2		34	1	1	\$ 4,732.00
Total 4th Quarter		66	8	8	0	62	2	6	\$ 18,548.00
23-Jan	1st	22	6	4	2	16	1	5	\$ 15,000.00
23-Feb		17	6	4		11		4	

Application Status 476 responses



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Incomplete Application Items Missing 241 responses

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File Attachments for Item:

2. Council Approval of Conditional Use Permit at 721 Morrow Road - Planning & Community Development Department



City Council Agenda Item

Subject:Council Discussion to Approve a Conditional Use Permit at 721 Morrow Road-
Planning & Community Development DepartmentSubmitted By:LaShawn GardinerDate Submitted:January 26, 2023

Work Session Date: February 6, 2023

Council Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

Background/History: This item was tabled at the February 6, 2023, meeting.

The applicant, Mayeto McKinzie Hylton, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to add and operate an early childcare learning center use to a present church use at 721 Morrow Road. This property is in the Single-Family Residential District (RS). Places of Worship, a K-12 private school, and Pre-K and day care centers require conditional use permits to operate in a Single-Family Residential District. Currently the property houses a church, south of the minor arterial street Morrow Road. The street frontage for the parcel is Morrow Road; west of the parcel is a mixture of residential homes and a church, south of the parcel are residential homes, east of the parcel are residential homes and a gas station.

Staff recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit to allow the early childcare learning center in the Single-Family Residential (RS) District with the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant must adhere to state guidelines outlined in Section 8-8-78, and provide proof (i.e. copy of application in process) and/or a copy of state certification to operate a school.
- 2. The applicant and/or his tenants may be allowed to operate a church, a school, and offices associated with those uses. However, no other offices or commercial uses will be permitted.
- 3. Storage of vehicles, trucks, and trailers is strictly prohibited.
- 4. Violation of these conditions will result in the loss of the conditional use permit and associated business licenses.

The Planning Commission voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit with Conditions.

The applicant provided a copy of the application submitted to the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. Staff also contacted the GA Department of Early Care and Learning and per the Department, the applicant's application is in Pending Status, until it receives notification of the City of Forest Park's decision of the Zoning (Conditional Use Permit approval), and also other city approvals that would be required (building and fire inspections). See attached documents in packet.

A Public Hearing will be done during the Regular Council Meeting.

Staff is requesting Council to approve the Conditional Use Permit

Cost: \$ n/a	Budgeted for:	Yes	No
Financial Impact: n/a			

Action Requested from Council:

Vote on the Conditional Use Permit at 721 Morrow Road.

File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Public Hearing of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update – Planning & Community Development Department

The is the first of two Public Hearings to be held at Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings.



City Council Agenda Item

Subject:Council Discussion on the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update – Planning & Community
Development DepartmentSubmitted By:Planning & Community Development DepartmentDate Submitted:February 6, 2023Work Session Date:March 6, 2023Council Meeting Date:March 6, 2023

Background/History:

A comprehensive plan is a guide for communities to invest, develop and allocate services based on a shared vision formed through a public process. It is long-range that looks ahead 5 to 20 years. It assists communities in understanding its needs and desires, as well as strengths and weaknesses. The comprehensive plan looks across many facets of a city such as land use, housing, economic development, transportation, and other socio-economic elements. Forest Park updated its last Comprehensive Plan in 2018.

The First of Two Public Hearings will be held at the Regular Council Meeting.

Cost: \$ 0.00

Budgeted for: Yes No

Financial Impact: 0.00

Action Requested from Council:

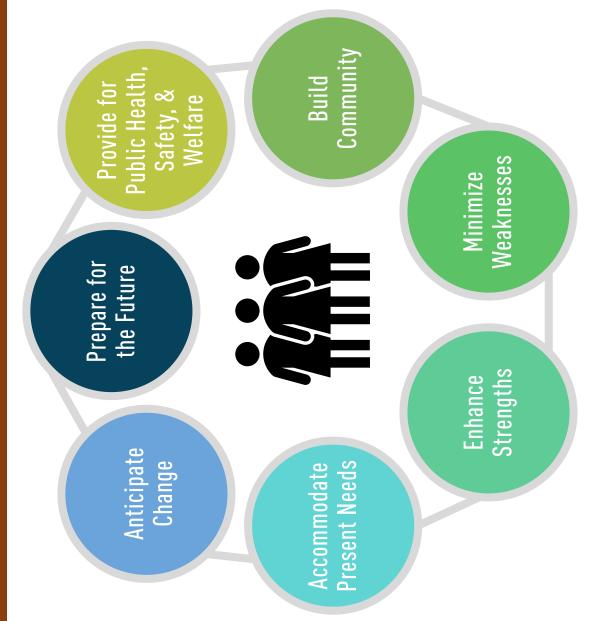
2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE CITY OF FOREST PARK

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BACKGROUND: ARC COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES

- ARC Primary Role: coordinate regional & state reviews
- Major Updates: every 10 years, minor update at 5-year mark
- Local planning rules complex:
- Data-heavy/one-size fits all
 - 3 deliverables Challenging & expensive

- ARC Primary Role: provide assistance if requested
- Updates every 5 years
- Emphasis on flexibility, customization, & usability:
- Required elements + menu of optional elements

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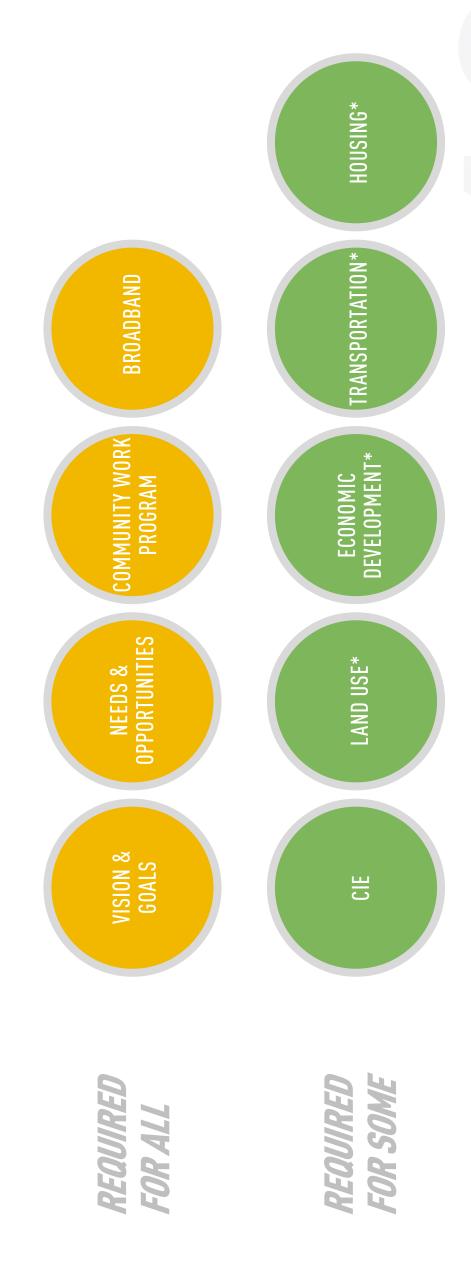
Rules Revised

Simplified deliverable

BEFORE

AFTER





* = Required for Forest Park

PROCESS: ELEMENTS REQUIRING UPDATE EVERY 5 YEARS

- Needs and Opportunities
- Broadband
- Land Use
- Report of Accomplishments (ROA) Status of every item in existing Community Work Program (CWP), covering last 5 years
- New CWP Items noted as Underway or Postponed in ROA, plus any brand-new items, covering next 5 years

- Goals
- Needs and Opportunities
- Broadband
- CWP

See p. 6 of DCA rules at Chapter 110-12-1-.03(7)(b)

This is technically what's required of the RC, but ARC's scope covers more.

SCHEDULE: NEAR-TERM

- Sign & execute MOA
- Initial meetings with local staff to identify:
- Strengths/weaknesses of existing plan
- Issues emerging in last 5 years
- Public engagement considerations
- Up-front data work (ARC)
- Site Visit/Tour

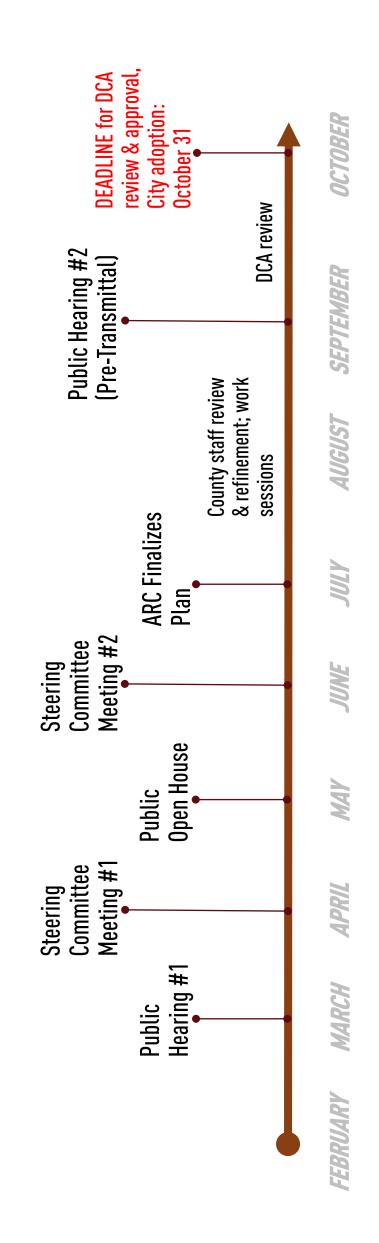
- Review & begin editing last plan (ARC)
- Assemble steering committee
- Review CWP & evaluate status to inform ROA & new CWP
- Schedule steering committee meetings, public open house
- Develop & publish online survey

FEB-MAR

2022-2023

DEC-JAN

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: LONG-TERM



2023



Item # 3.

File Attachments for Item:

4. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2023 and Special Called Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2023 - City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 6:00pm and she read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

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

Javon Lloyd, Public Information Officer; Joshua Cox, IT Director; Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director; LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development; Diane Lewis, Deputy Director of Human Resources; Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works; David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Abrahams, Director Economic

Development; Sandra Johnson, Deputy Police Chief; Pam Stevenson, Management Analyst; Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager and James Shelby, Project Manager

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:

- Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk/Run will be held Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 1:00pm at Starr Park. To join or donate to the "Forest Park High School" Team you can contact Councilwoman Kimberly James at 404-217-6202
- The State of the City Address will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Worship Center of Atlanta located at 1106 Main St, Forest Park, GA.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- The City of Forest Park Fast Track Rental Assistance Program has been providing quarterly updates to the Mayor and Council. The last update provided was part of the October 3, 2022, council agenda that showed the residents helped and that the initial allocation of fund were depleted. The Mayor and Council approved an additional allocation of \$300,000 on October 17, 2022. The next quarterly update is scheduled for March 6, 2023. However, the first phase of the program from Dec 2021 Oct 2022 helped a total of 167 residents, making 392.5 months of rental payments. The second phase of the program has already assisted 19 residents, making 35 months of rental payments. As of February 6, 2023, the balance remaining in the program was \$251,683.40.
- The Mayor and City Council approved a new sanitation contract with Waste Management and our team is working on implementing the contracted changes. It is anticipated that the contract will be fully implemented by May 1, 2023, and we will have a media blitz, as well as on-going communication to keep residents and businesses up to date on the changes. Our first scheduled media release of information will occur on March 1, 2023, and every two weeks following until full implementation. Please ensure you continue to check the website, sign up for our newsletter and constant contact releases.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Members of the Forest Park Police and Fire/EMS Department joined Ward 2 Councilman Dabouze Antoine at the Haitian Ministry Theophile Church in Christ on Sunday to meet with a Haitian Delegation.









CONGRATULATIONS/SHOUT OUT

CONGRATULATIONS – Ms. Ioana Armstrong, EMA Coordinator for the City of Forest Park on becoming a State Certified Fire Investigator.

Introduction of New Staff members to Council

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council Discussion on Zaxby's Waiver Veto – Legal

Background/History:

At the February 6, 2023, Council meeting, the Council voted to grant a waiver to the developer for a Zaxby's restaurant with respect to its stormwater management permit application with the Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA). The Authority previously put conditions on the site development which Zaxby's reported they were unable to fulfill. The waiver would have allowed the development to proceed utilizing the engineering design presented by Zaxby's engineers.

On February 13, the Mayor vetoed the resolution of the Council approval of the waiver. The veto letter outlining the reasons for the veto is attached. Pursuant to Section 2.32(b) of the Charter, the Council has the option of overriding the veto by a vote of four or more of the Council members.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember James – Wanted to state why she disagrees besides the fact it was unanimous vote. There were four reasons outlined in the veto letter as the reason why. A precedence has already been set when the city signed a waiver letter for Clayton County Water Authority, for construction of the firehouse or fire station at Gillem. We also need two waivers for the new city center on Forest Parkway.

Item two, the city is not responsible for private construction just like Clayton County Water Authority is not responsible if we follow their recommendations. We are not engineers, but we have hired subject matter experts, and I suggest we follow their recommendations and lead. Lastly, a public private partnership should not mean that the city gives away property or gives away money.

I hope that we all want Zaxby's as they have complied with all the city recommendations to operate on Main Street. Here are some quotes taken from the last council meeting. Kevin Osbey, from CCWA said, and I quote "There are multiple ways to infiltrate', when referring to a question from Councilmember Gutierrez, when asked about retention. Kevin Osbey, also said, and I quote "because this is a private development the private property owner is ultimately responsible for the maintenance and well-being of whatever".

When answering a question from Councilmember Mears about it being Clayton County Water Authority responsibility if they choose to do it the way they want it. Kevin said and I quote "No sir, we would never maintain or take ownership of private property". This is not just about the cost, but also the loss of 15 parking spaces.

Adam Price, who is our engineer from Falcon, said at the council meeting and I quote "the detention requirement was not even met in the final study that was approved and that is a state law". "They asked us to waive it, because of the land area. They do not have enough room to do what CCWA is asking. He also said and I quote "the waiver they are asking for meets the ordinance".

They are meeting retention which means no flooding, they are meeting water quality, which means they are cleaning the water and the runoff reduction. Basically, they want more of the storm water to be infiltrated in the ground and they are meeting everything according to our ordinance. For these reasons I hope there will be a unanimous vote to override the veto.

City Manager – The issue is not that Zaxby's will do what is needed as long as they are on the property. If the property becomes vacant, it will put the city taxpayers on the line. The issue could fall on the city to handle the storm water issues that could arise. If they did what Clayton County Water Authority asked them to do, they would be meeting those requirements.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Could we put something in writing and have them sign it. It could say you are responsible if anything happens once you vacate the property. Then they could still come, and it would fall on the citizens.

City Manager – I will ask the city attorney to address that. They would be gone, so who would know if they would be out of business or just leave. This is a franchise not a corporate store.

City Attorney - Clayton County Water, has an agreement where the property owner handles all the storm water infrastructure. The city manager's concern that he is expressing is, what happens if the property owner vacates and does not maintain the property and there are storm water issues downstream from that? That would be a concern and the city would be the one to come in and address this. This could happen if things are not addressed as the CCWA has recommended.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Is there something we can do so we do not have to keep going back and forth. We all know we need businesses to come in, so, there is nothing that can be put in writing to tie them to this?

City Attorney – It is a matter of enforcing it, maybe ten years or twenty years from now, I cannot predict that.

Councilmember Gutierrez – We can paint worst case scenarios on anything, and a tragedy can happen tomorrow. Potentially, Zaxby's could leave, but does it say this will fall on us? Does, probably mean we are liable for this, yes or no?

Councilmember Gutierrez – The scenario is Zaxby's goes there and decides to leave, and attempts to sell the land, the buyer would have to go through the same process, wouldn't they?

City Attorney – The property maintenance agreement that the water authority requires, basically gets passed down. So, the future owners of the property would have to assume those obligations.

Councilmember Gutierrez – The new property owners would have to assume those obligations, like the permits?

City Attorney – The permit would remain in place, and it would be their responsibility to maintain the infrastructure as they assume it.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Our own architect said that plan or the alternate plan could get the parking spots. The water authority said they would not be able to get them, it is just an alternate way of doing things right?

City Attorney - The best way to say it is you are building a bridge and each engineer is saying the different ways to build it. They all have different impact, cost and different long term maintenance requirements, which engineer do you listen to? You have Water Authority Engineers, Falcons Engineers and Zaxby's Engineers, they all have difference of opinions.

Mayor Butler – That is why I proposed a public-private partnership, to allow the process to continue and it would adhere to what CCWA recommended. It will be the partnership that we all want, because at this point it is a matter of opinion of who you want to listen to. I will listen to the water authority, and as it pertains to city projects, that is a little different, because we automatically assume the responsibility. The 15 parking spots I personally find hard to believe is what has halted Zaxby's. The logical explanation for halting the project would be the cost associated with the storm water issue. The veto speaks for itself until we call for the vote once we get to that point.

2. Council Discussion Regarding Usage of Capital Outlay Funding – Executive Office

Background/History:

We have been asked to review and prepare a set of guidelines regarding the usage of the discretionary funds and Capital Outlay Funds each Councilmember is entitled to spend in furtherance of their duties as a member of the City Council. These guidelines were requested to be brought forward for discussion during the FY22-23 budget talks in order to clearly define acceptable uses of Regular and Capital Outlay Ward.

Per Council's direction to the City Manager once a policy was approved Capital Outlay Ward Funds would be released to members. In the September 6, 2022, City Council Meeting there was disagreement with the section regarding "donated funds and goods". This section has been removed from the policy and represented to council on at the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting. The motion was made to approve the new guidelines as presented but died due to lack of a second to the motion.

Since there was no additional guidance approved, Capital Outlay funds were still being held. The City Manager is seeking the council's direction to either allow use of or continue to hold these funds under the guidelines that were presented as a memorandum by the City Attorney to council in December 2020.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Gutierrez – I hope we support this so that we can do projects in our wards. We all see individual needs to be addressed, and I hope we will stand behind this. I have used some of my ward money for little libraries around the community, purchasing equipment for both of the middle schools, with the memorandum of understanding it is the property of the city, that they can use. Also, our beautiful planters with plants will be brought back in the spring, and hopefully decorated by some of our local middle and high school artists.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Council Discussion of Replacing the INCON Machine – Public Works Department

Background/History:

Replacement of our 20-year-old INCON machine. We can no longer communicate with our fuel tanks and software.

This occurred by lightening.

We are unable to make fuel keys, run reports, monitor fuel level and add employees. This is very important to get this replaced.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body: There was no discussion.

4. Council Discussion of Surplus Disposal Items – Public Works Department

Background/History:

Surplus disposal of misc. items of less than \$500.00 and or no value.

Items range from broken, missing parts, no longer operational, 7 plus years of sitting.

Many items we received from Fort Gillam, years ago.

This will allow us to free up much needed space, due to these items being stored for so long.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body: There was no discussion.

5. Council Discussion on Approving to Award a Contract to Rite Lite Signs, Inc. to construct Welcome Signs at entrances into City – Planning and Community Development

Background/History:

Bids were received at the Forest Park City Hall for the Welcome Signs project on January 10, 2022, at 2:00 PM. Plans and contract documents were requested by potential bidders for this project. At the actual bid

opening the city received one responsive bid for this project. The lowest bidder for this project is Rite Lite Signs, Inc.

The work consists of furnishing and installing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and related services required for a complete project. This project includes but is not limited to providing the construction of a complete installation of six (6) "Welcome Signs" of several styles at locations within the City.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Mears - Is this local, where is the sign shop located?

James Shelby – They are located in South Carolina.

Councilmember Mears – Did the shop in Lake City put in a proposal?

James Shelby, Project Manager – No sir. We received one bid and checked their references, and they are legit.

6. Council Discussion on Eminent Domain at 314 Forest Parkway – Legal

Background/History:

The City Council has previously authorized staff to engage in negotiations with the owner of 314 Forest Parkway to acquire that land for the new fire station and City Hall site on Forest Parkway. Those negotiations have stalled as the owner is demanding far more than what the property has been appraised for. Therefore, eminent domain proceedings are recommended. Under this process, we will petition the Clayton County Superior Court to allow for the City to receive title to the land and for the landowner to be fairly compensated with an amount established under the Court's proceedings.

The meeting has been properly advertised with signage at the location and with legal ads run in the Clayton News Daily. Additionally, the owner has been personally served. A copy of the correspondence delivered to the owner is attached.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body: There was no discussion.

7. Council Discussion on Intergovernmental Agreement with DDA – Legal

Background/History:

The Downtown Development Authority proposes to issue \$6.18 million in bonds to finance the acquisition of property and certain infrastructure in the downtown area to spur the development of mixed-use facilities and other desirable improvements. The DDA is pursuing the rapid implementation of many of the development concepts set forth in the City's Livable Center Initiative Study which was adopted by the City on September 7, 2021. (See illustrative examples from the LCI study attached.)

In order obtain the best possible interest rate, it is proposed that the bonds be secured in part by a pledge of the city to make debt service on the bonds if necessary. The bonds will first be paid through funds of the DDA, revenues from the project and land sales by the DDA. The goal is that the city will not have to make any payments under this agreement.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

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

It was moved to recess into Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation of Real Estate matters at 6:24pm.

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

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

It was moved to reconvene back into the Work session at 7:27pm.

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

Councilmember James - Asked for a point of order regarding discussion on IGA Agreement with DDA.

Mayor Butler – Asked for discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement with DDA.

Councilmember James - City attorney, specifically, how is this to be paid, are the taxpayers on the hook?

City Attorney – Potentially, taxpayers would be on the hook up to the 3-million-dollar limitations, that is provided by law, for the city to provide support for DDA economic development activities.

Councilmember James – On page 44 of the Intergovernmental Agreement contract, has the economic development millage. Are we talking about additional tax from our residents to do this project?

City Attorney – That would be potential if there were no other revenues available to the city. The city would be pledged to full faith and credit up to the 3 million limitations.

Councilmember James – Where it says, the city is authorized to levy taxes and expend tax monies and other available funds to make payments to the authority for the amounts provided for in this contract. Whereas the acts provide that revenue bonds issued by the authority, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the state of Georgia or any political subdivision. Can you explain that a little bit more, the next two as well? I just need clarity on what it means.

City Attorney – It read in conjunction with the next paragraph. There is a constitutional provision that essentially provides contractual obligations under intergovernmental agreements similar to this do not constitute debts, that will subject the city to potentially have a general referendum to approve. It is essentially a restatement of Georgia law.

Councilmember James – The other questions have to do with the city's obligations and the unconditional section 5-04 and also 6-0. Trying to understand the language and why it is in there. It is really protecting the authority more than protecting the city? Can you explain to me tax levy and the Immunity of Members Authority, is that common or normal to go in a contract?

City Attorney – Yes to both. Section 5.04 is the pledge of the Full Faith and Credit of the city subject to the millage limitation. That is a requirement of the bank that would be financing this debt issuance. As for section 6.01 that provides that the board members of the authority itself are not personally liable for the repayment of the debt.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Very interesting potential project, I am not ready to make a decision on this tonight.

Councilmember Akins-Wells - I think it is a very good project, but I would like to go over everything to feel comfortable supporting it.

Councilmember Mears – I think it is a good idea but should table it for further research. It seems to be confusion among the board here and we have some questions that are not being answered.

City Manager – As you go through and do your research, please look back at what the city did with Gillem. Although the city is acting as the co-signer on this, the DDA is the primary payee and the revenues that the DDA generates is more than enough to pay off the bond issuances that are being requested. This will not result in a tax increase for the residents.

Councilmember Antoine – What are we talking about, city attorney can you explain this. Is it College Street across from Forest Park Middle School?

Mayor Butler - No, Main Street.

City Attorney – A project to accelerate the implementation of several areas is the recommendations from our LCI study.

Councilmember Antoine – This is an easy sell.

Councilmember James – Want to maybe implement something they discussed, about the surplus. City attorney can you state that for the record, so they know what I am saying?

City Attorney - The intergovernmental agreement provides that if there is a shortfall from the DDA to make payments on the bonds, that the city would cover that shortfall. Then in the future, if there are surplus funds from the DDA, we would add a provision where the city could recoup what was previously paid.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Work Session at 7:37pm.

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



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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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-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

S. Diane White, City Clerk

Mike Williams, City Attorney

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:38pm and she read the Mission Statement.

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

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		\checkmark
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		✓
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		~
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		~

Javon Lloyd, Public Information Officer; Joshua Cox, IT Director; Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director; LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development; Diane Lewis, Deputy Director of Human Resources; Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works; David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Abrahams, Director Economic

Development; Sandra Johnson, Deputy Police Chief; Pam Stevenson, Management Analyst; Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager and James Shelby, Project Manager

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Senior In Actions Presentations – Executive Offices

Background/History:

The Seniors in Actions would like to show a picture presentation of some of the activities that they have been able to have with the assistance of Councilmember Hector Gutierrez.

Comments/Discussion by Governing Body:

Councilmember Gutierrez – We as a governing body, budgeted for a line item called Senior Panthers in Action. Our goal is to bridge the gap between our governing body, the city, and the seniors. We have a teen council also. Most events are held at the senior center, and I am extremely proud of this.

The other goal was for them to take ownership of this, and they have. They have at least one event every month, and I would like you all to meet the board. They help the seniors apply for benefits, they have helped someone get a ramp, thanks to Billy Freeman, from Concrete Technique. Thank you for paying for that and thank you Mr. Leo, and your son for helping build it. We are seeking funding to have another ramp built. As a city, we are going to be giving grants to help local homeowners, so this could potentially be funded through that.

Members from Seniors in Action gave a presentation on their various activities. There is information submitted.

Councilmember Gutierrez – This does not happen without the support of our police department; they have been coming out there. Director Tarik Maxwell, thanks for supporting the Seniors in Action, as Myia mentioned she is the director. Thank you all for supporting our seniors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were five (5) Public Comment Speakers:

Winston Bowman – Owns the property at 314 Forest Parkway, and said they have no right to eminent domain his property. He gave them three options and stated he did not want to sell the property. There are people that want to rent the buildings, and you have purposely kept people from renting them.

He is a professional real estate person and knows the value of his property. He is a man of honor and asked them to select option one or option two to purchase the property or option three to let his tenants rent his buildings. He and his family have worked very hard to take care of his property. The property that surrounds it is owned by the city and has not been taken care of. The building is falling in, and vandals have broken into his building through a fence that was cut on the city property.

There are homeless people staying on the property. The police know there is a problem with homeless people, because we have spoken about it. There is a mechanic shop that wanted to rent the building. They came here and spoke to you all and you denied him. He sent me a letter stating what happened in the meeting, and I have that letter right here. You have deprived me and my family of income for the past 5 years.

The Planning and Zoning Department said I could use the property for things like body and tire shops, but I cannot use them for what they are meant for. I have not had income for five years from these properties.

Clifford Pellegrine – I live in Ward 2, which has been referred to as the circus ward. First, I want to say thanks for the installation of the little free library and bench on the corner of Courtney and Finley. I spoke to Mayor Butler, at Tre's Place, Friday night, and understand that you all just do not know what is going on. I know how it feels to not know what is going on.

So, I will tell you literacy is what is going on, at the corner of Courtney and Finley. It is filled with the most beautiful things in the world, knowledge, escape and inspiration. The books are by mostly black authors, and Hector has helped us with books in Spanish. Thank you very much Councilman Gutierrez. Mr. Jinks, thank you also for helping this project come to fruition. We have all sorts of books, and we have a Quran in there, because not everyone is Christian.

Unfortunately, you show no acknowledgement of it or created a space for it. They are wholly awesome just as they are, and the books represent a vast diversity of the people in this community. My wife finds great books and through our window we witness joy. Why do you make things so hard? You are not in touch with your people and even forget our names, the circus ward. Who have we passed the baton to?

LaWanda Folami – Madam Chair you say direct all comments to you, so I am going to direct them. We the constituents depend on you all to be our voice, and to advocate on our behalf. Do not ever get in a place Madam Chair, where you feel you are irreplaceable.

To look at your emotions when some of the constituents are talking is heartbreaking. Before I go any further, I want to give condolences to my colleagues, Mr. Thomas Dawson Jr, the chair for the Black Women Roundtable, he transitioned and Mr. RL White a pastor in Atlanta.

I will not get into the veto, because I feel it is somewhat valid. Madam Chair, I think it is wrong to be working for the city and seeking employment somewhere else. You cannot have a passion for something if you are looking for work somewhere else. If you are not happy where you are, just announce that you want to leave so we can begin our search. So, be careful when you go out looking because everybody knows somebody. I am not saying do not go for your future, but please respect us and give us what we need.

My basketball team is amazing. I have some parents that want to be the coach, and that happens after every season. I let them know you have to be certified, because there are liabilities, and you have to go through the leisure center. To PD, you all are looking good, and Pastor Gholson I am happy you did the invocation tonight.

Felicia Davis – Mayor Butler and the City of Forest Park, had a great welcoming dinner for Mayor Massamba Mbengue from the sister city, Yene, Senegal. He expressed his appreciation and invited the City of Forest Park to Yene. I am proposing the city to establish a Sister City line item in the budget. While there is plenty we must attend to at home, there is much to be gained by visiting and supporting our Sisters Cities. A member of my team is in Cape Town, South Africa learning about international Sister Cities.

Earlier this year, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen visited Goree in Senegal associated with the Atlantic Slave Trade to rebuild US/African relationships. The point is that there is much that Forest Park can gain from building global relationships. I urge the city to budget for this, and establish a committee tasked with providing recommendations for the best use of funds appropriated.

Steve Bernard – I am the owner of Jasper Plaza on Main Street. I have been listening to the last couple of meetings and wanted to make some comments on the waiver for Zaxby's to come to Forest Park. I have voiced my opinion, and do not think it is good for Forest Park. I am not opposition to any business coming here to be clear. The city

putting Zaxby's in the middle of downtown is telling the world that this is the best that we can do as a city. They have been granted waiver after waiver. The new overlay on Main Street under Cooper Carry, that was designed by the city, Zaxby's should have never been granted or sold that property.

I have invested a lot in this city and have watched everything that was sold to me to invest in Forest Park taken away. The city has allowed all types of businesses that do not fit the new overlay put on Main Street. I am not saying Zaxby's should not come, but to put them downtown is saying, the best we can do as a city is put a chicken joint here. No one has granted me any type of waiver, everything I have done has been by the book.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the Council agenda as printed.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2023 -City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Minutes from February 6, 2023

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

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Council Approval of Zaxby's Waiver Veto - Legal

It was moved to overturn the Mayor's veto of Zaxby's Waiver request.

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

Motion failed due to a lack of quorum, the veto stands.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember James – Zaxby's complied with everything the city recommended, as far as the drive through not being on Main Street, it will be on Finley Road. Their design will be nothing like any other design for Zaxby's. It will be an eatery and outdoor seating on Main Street. All this will be included in the project that was proposed by our Planning and Zoning Commission.

As far as the sprinkler system is concerned, I cannot speak to any of that. This waiver is for water infrastructure, which is as Clayton County Water Authority said there are several ways to infiltrate water.

The way they proposed it, our engineers agree, is more acceptable and meets our ordinance. So, I am in favor of overriding the veto.

Councilmember Antione – I spoke to the city manager about this. Before voting for this I did not know all the necessary details of what was really going on. So, this is a good decision, and I vote no.

Councilmember Gutierrez – I would like to address some of the comments that were made. I did not know about the sprinkler system and the other waivers that were mentioned by Mr. Bernard. For the record and so that this is clear. Planning, Building and Zoning is not picking and choosing different people to do different things.

Zaxby's is a project that was approved. When it was explained to me that they adapted to everything that we asked, the land was sold, and the decision was made. I do not agree with adding more loopholes to something or a person doing business in so many places.

Then as a developer, Mr. Bernard, you could go anywhere, but you choose here, so there is profit to what you are doing in our city, and I appreciate you investing here. I do not know what some of those things are, if you have any opinions, you can come to me personally, and I will hold my city manager accountable. I am thankful to have your business here, and I do not want you to have any type of resentment or people being treated differently. I agree with this.

Councilmember Akins- Wells – I too am in support of Zaxby's. We have a handful of people that come and complain, but I think Councilmember James said it all during the work session. They are abiding by everything that we asked them to do. It is sad that the business owners have to go through so much when we have so little.

Every time someone tries to come here, if it does not fit certain agendas, we want to turn them down or make it hard for them. I understand what you are saying about the Main Street Development, but they are abiding by everything that was asked of them, and it still is a no. Like one of the residents said about the circus ward, one day you are on this band wagon the next day you are on this one. Once someone tells you something you are not in favor of it. Do not vote on something if you do not have clear information on. That stops the ward from looking like a circus ward.

I think it is embarrassing and disheartening to have people want to invest in our city, lifelong residents that want to come and give back. It is more to it than just the handful of developers we know, there are other people that want to put their money here too and see the city flourish. Mr. Bernard, if you have these issues that is what we are here for. We all work for the City of Forest Park, and I do not want to make it hard for any business owner.

Councilmember Mears – I am in support of the mayor's veto. I want Zaxby's here as much as anybody, because I love their food. We have a lot of building happening on Main Street, and have to set a precedence. If we do not, the next people that come along will want a variance. It should be put in the way that the county wants it to be. What will happen if Zaxby's leave, and they may never leave, but it is a responsibility that will be given to you all to take care of once this panel is gone.

4. Council Approval Regarding Usage of Capital Outlay Funding – Executive Office

It was moved to Approve the Usage of Capital Outlay Funding

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

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Council Approval of Replacing the INCON Machine – Public Works Department

It was moved to approve the Replacement of the INCON Machine

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

6. Council Discussion of Surplus Disposal Items – Public Works Department

It was moved to Approve the Surplus Disposal Items

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

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Gutierrez – Mr. Abrahams, are there some things there at Gillem we can use? I know we discussed a site for a welcome center. Is there some remaining military stuff or just all surplus like chairs and tables?

Bruce Abrahams – Any material like chairs and tables are gone when we cleaned it out for the movie studio. That was the only facility that was left.

Councilmember Gutierrez - So, this surplus is not like what came from old Fort Gillem?

Bruce Abrahams - I am not sure what came from there years ago. Public Works may have grabbed some chairs for the city. We used 7 dumpsters for most of that stuff, so I do not know.

Mayor Butler – Councilmember Gutierrez, this is a Public Works item.

City Manager - Mr. Jinks, can give us the list of things that are on it?

Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director – It was out of date air conditioners, that are no longer usable or compatible with what is on the market these days.

7. Council Approval to Award a Contract to Rite Lite Signs, Inc. to construct Welcome Signs at entrances into City – Planning and Community Development

It was moved to approve to Award a Contract to Rite Lite Signs

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

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Gutierrez- What is the timeline on this?

James Shelby, Project Manager – Once you all award the contract, we can come up with a timeline for you.

8. Council Approval of Eminent Domain at 314 Forest Parkway – Legal

It was moved to Approve the Eminent Domain at 314 Forest Parkway

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells

Comments/Discussion by Governing Body:

Councilmember James – This was not a fly by night decision. We have been in negotiation, and made ample offers, based upon appraisals. It is not like we are trying to take advantage of anyone. So, I am in favor of taking it to the next level.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Eminent domain is one of the toughest decisions a council person can make, and I always add the human aspect to it. I wish good health to his brother, and I do not want to take anything from his children or anyone in his family. This is a property we identified, and we want to build something for the community. We have been in discussion, and it is not like taking your stuff and giving you five dollars. We are prepared to make a good offer, so my apologies.

Councilmember Akins- Wells – Like Councilmember Gutierrez said, we have been in discussion. I have never met the owner, and it is disheartening to take something away from a family. My only concern is turning people away. Is this something being done intentionally? It is weird that people come to apply for their license and are turned down. Is that part of the plan?

City Attorney – There were denials based on our current zoning ordinance. It is nothing personal or related to this property specifically. There were zoning decisions based on our ordinances.

Councilmember Mears – I feel the city has offered a fair market price, a matter of fact a little over the market. So, I am for moving forward with it.

9. Council Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with DDA – Legal

This item was tabled.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Comments from Governing Body:

Councilmember James – Thanks to everyone for coming. We did host our February Ward meeting; it was recorded and will be on the website. School board member Victoria Williams was present and shared a video that has been posted. It has the sheriff on there and a major proposal for the spending of the SPLOST. It is the South Lake Mall area and the old Sears building. We want to have a convention center to have all of our graduations, and not have to go to the Georgia International Center and spend upward of \$500,000 to host our student's graduation.

I would like to apologize to the directors for forgetting to remind staff to remind you about the meeting. Just in case I have one of those moments again, it is the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5pm, at 696 Main Street. The Clayton County Board did vote to go ahead with the demolition of Forest Park Middle School. The video for the new stem school is online and it is going to be amazing.

There is a mural on Conley Road, and I am going to do a great reveal. The artist did a great job. Some of the items we discussed at the retreat I am waiting to hear about. One is the modification of the city ordinance to only prosecute in the city instead of having the option to bind it over to the state.

We also talked about the mission statement, addressing the last sentence I would like to update that, and I think there is an incomplete sentence that needs to be addressed. City Attorney, I mentioned to you about the sign ordinance. The only theater that we have in the city is having problems with advertising issues. We need to update that as well.

Remember the Hunger Walk is March 12^{th,} and the team is called Forest Park High School. You can donate to them, and all proceeds goes directly to the American Community Food Bank. May 20th is Community Field Day, and all schools will be included. There will also be an alumni section and I will be inviting them out. We will have Senior Caravan and the seniors will drive around the city and end up in Starr Park. There will be food trucks, bouncy houses, music and games.

We will be honoring the Teachers of the Year next week and thank the Minister Association who is providing the meals for them. At the meeting in March, we will recognize our principal, parent liaison and social workers. Condolences to the Parks and Recreation department, and thanks to Dr. Beeler and his team for providing grief counseling.

I hate Zaxby's was not able to move forward, but they own the property, and we will see where they go from here. The project for the Intergovernmental agreement with the DDA that the board is bringing forth is going to be amazing and some great things are coming. I spoke with Mr. Dunn, the owner of the Park Manor complex on Main Street and they have put in their permit to do their townhomes.

Councilmember Antoine – Shout out to police department and the fire department that came on the historic trip to the Haitian Church in Atlanta, where Mayor Dickens was invited. There was a lot of positive feedback. The mayor of Atlanta sees what we are doing in terms of recruiting, and he respects the work that the city is doing.

I would also like to shout out public works for the trash pickups. Thanks for all that you do that is not recognized. Do not forget the rental assistance program the city is offering. Ms. Felicia Davis, thank you for the work that you do, we want the whole world to know what is going on in the city.

Councilmember Gutierrez – My condolences go out to the family of the person we lost in the Parks and Recreation Department. I would like to apologize to Ms. Davis for not being able to attend the event for the mayor. I am extremely proud of our city and of you for bringing that here. If we do approve Sister Cities, we can maybe send out subject expert matter, like Mr. Jinks.

I want to send subject matter experts to deal with Sister Cities, because they can give insight on how to improve the things that they have. Shoutout to PD for helping community members with paperwork. I spoke with one of the officers and they spoke highly of you and your leadership. I want to say it has not gone unnoticed.

Food Truck Friday is back the theme is going to be Black History month, we will be watching a movie, celebrating, and maybe giving some people some mic time. It will be at Lee Park, across from the old library on Main Street. The next day it will be cleanup and beautification day for Forest Park Middle School, they are getting a beautiful building.

Thanks for your public comments, you are the top of the chain for our people, and it is important that you come and hold us accountable for things. I attended an event at Solo's Barbershop, and it was meaningful. Shoutout for giving a space for the candidates running, to be able to come and talk to the community. He council aide Marsha Johnson a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Thanks for coming, and we can agree to disagree. The people voted for us because we are different. We represent the city as a whole, but represent different wards and vote for what we feel our people would want us to vote for. Condolences to Mr. Maxwell and the family on the passing of Mr. Jackson. Thanks to the PD department and all of the directors for coming, you all do a fine job. You all have a good night and blessed week.

Councilmember Mears – I would like to explain my vote. We have a long way to go, a lot of land to sell and we want a lot of people to come here. However, we have to set a precedence for them to build and do the right thing. We do not need to start cutting corners. Everybody needs to do what they are supposed to do, and things will be fine. What we do now will affect you all, if it is not done the right way. Somewhere down the line when we are all gone, the city is going to have to pay for it. I would love Zaxby's to come, and I do not think money is an object, it is just politics. This will send the message if you come to Forest Park to build, you are going to have to go by the building codes. Thank you.

Councilmember Gutierrez –

Mayor Butler – Thanked everyone for being there.

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:

It was moved to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:45pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine. Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember AkinsWells, Councilmember Mears



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED

Wednesday, March 01, 2023 at 5:30 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Butler who read the Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A c	quorum was established.
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Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		~
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		~
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		~
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		~
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4 – via telephone arrived at 5:36pm		~
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		~

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council Discussion and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement & Resolution with DDA – Legal

Background/History:

The Downtown Development Authority proposes to issue \$6.18 million in bonds to finance the acquisition of property and certain infrastructure in the downtown area to spur the development of mixed-use facilities and other desirable improvements. The DDA is pursuing the rapid implementation of many of the development concepts set forth in the City's Livable Center Initiative Study which was adopted by the City on September 7, 2021.

In order obtain the best possible interest rate, it is proposed that the bonds be secured in part by a pledge of the City to make debt service on the bonds if necessary. The bonds will first be paid through funds of the DDA, revenues from the project and land sales by the DDA. The goal is that the City will not have to make any payments under this agreement.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body: There were no comments or discussions from Council

It was moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement & Resolution with the Downtown Development Authority.

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

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

It was moved to recess into Executive Session at 5:34pm for Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate

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

Councilmembers Gutierrez and Akins-Wells left at 6:14pm

It was moved to reconvene back into the Special Called Meeting at 6:19pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 6:19pm.

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

Councilmember Gutierrez and Akins-Wells were not present, they left at 6:14pm

3/1/2 Item # 4.

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

File Attachments for Item:

5. Council Approval of Arborist Services and Tree Removal – Public Works Department



City Council Agenda Item

Subject:Council Discussion of Arborist Report and Tree Removal – Public Works DepartmentSubmitted By:Bobby JinksDate Submitted:February 20, 2023

Work Session Date: March 6, 2023

Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Background/History:

At 722 Conley Rd., we observed a mature Oak, 28.5" DBH, originating in abundant Rock Springs Cemetery. The Oak is growing into the concrete roof of the Cemetery mausoleum on Forest Hills Memorial Gardens. The attached pictures show the tree has been growing into concrete for at least a couple of years, as we observed reaction wood forming around concrete. The mature Oak also is considered structurally defective with a large decay cavity, (wood of trunk rotting) weakening the trunk, increasing the risk of failure. We recommend removing the tree.

We are asking for approval to remove the tree and the pruning of dead limbs on other trees.

Cost: \$ 11,300.00	Budgeted for:	Yes _	Х	No
Financial Impact:				

Action Requested from Council:

We are asking council for approval of the tree removal and pruning of dead limbs on other trees.



Tree Risk Assessment Qualified 13187

Note: Arborist Consultation \$149.00 Arborist Consultation and Report \$300.00.

770-312-6135.

770-Tree-Guy 238 1st Manassas Mile Fayetteville, Georgia 30215 Quote from 770-TREE-GUY / INOCAP LLC #

Created: *Item # 5.* Date: 02/15/2023

From: Richard Teets

Proposal For Nigel Wattley 722 Conley Rd Forest Park, GA 30297	mobile: 470-898-4130 nwattley@forestparkga.gov	Location 722 Conley Rd Forest Park, GA 30297	Fo, st Hills Memorial Gardens
Nigel Wattley		Terms Due upon receipt	

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
1) Arborist Consult Site visit at 722 Conley Rd. We observed 1 mature Oak, 28.5" DBH, originating in City property. The Oak is growing into concrete roof of Cemetery mausoleum. Attached pictures show the tree has been growing into concrete for at least a couple of years, as we observed reaction wood forming around concrete. The mature Oak also is considered structurally defective with a large decay cavity, (wood of trunk rotting) weakening the trunk, increasing the risk of failure. We recommend removing this tree. We also moved to an older part of cemetery adjacent to Conley Rd., near the water tower. We immediately observed 1 mature Oak, appearing in good condition, and structurally sound (level 1 visual inspection). The tree has a few large dead limbs. We recommend pruning major dead limb. We also observed 4 completely dead trees up hill near water tank. We recommend removal.	1	\$ 300.00
Client Notes I will send a separate email of pictures. Richard Teets ISA Certified Arborist SO 10133A		

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Quote from 770-TREE-GUY / INOCAP LLC

Created: *Item # 5.* Date: 02/15/2023

From: Richard Teets

TERMS:

In consideration of the Recitals hereto, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, 770-Tree Guy and Client, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows: I. Reporting & Payment

1. Quote Binding: The Quote is Valid for 30 days from the date of the quote after which values may be subject to change.

2. Cancellation Fee: Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to job start time or the Client agrees to pay a \$200.00 late cancellation fee.

3. Coupons or Discounts: Any coupon or discount must be presented at the time of the quote or such will not be applied to work performed under this Quote and under no circumstances can any coupon or discount be applied to the rental costs of a crane or other specialized equipment needed during the completion of the work. Coupons and discounts cannot be combined.

4. Payment: Client Agrees to pay the full amount specified on the Quote attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference upon completion of the work specified in the Quote. All payments made by Client with a credit card will be charged an additional 3% processing fee.

5. Property Lien Notification and Fee: Client agrees that for any payment that is 60 days overdue an additional fee of \$500.00 will be assessed to cover the fees associated with processing a lien on the property where the work was completed. 6. Late Payment Interest and Right to Attorney's Fees: Client further agrees that for any payment that is more than 30 days overdue, they shall be responsible for the additional payment of 1% interest per month for any outstanding balance in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 13-11-7. In the event that 770-Tree Guy is forced to engage a third-party collection agency or attorney to collect late fees, Client expressly agrees to compensate 770-Tree Guy for all reasonable fees associated with collecting the overdue funds related to Client's account. II. Legal Relationship

1. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability: Client agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless 770-Tree Guy, its agents and assignees from and against any loss, cost, or damage of any kind, including reasonable outside attorneys' fees, arising out of any breach of this Agreement by Client, and/or negligence or willful misconduct on the part of Client or Client's agents, and Client further explicitly agrees that in the event 770-Tree Guy is the subject of a lawsuit based on any activity of Client, that Client will indemnify 770-Tree Guy, its agents or assigns for any and all costs and fees associated with the lawsuit, including but not limited to, damages, court fees and reasonable attorneys' fees. Client further agrees that if Client is the subject of a lawsuit and 770- Tree Guy or any of its employees is called upon to be a witness or documents are subpoenaed that Client will indemnify 770-Tree Guy for all losses, costs, and damages associated with 770-Tree Guy being involved in that lawsuit, including reasonable attorney's fees. Client further explicitly agrees that 770-Tree Guy shall not be liable for any special, consequential, incidental, punitive, or indirect damages arising from or relating to any breach of this agreement, regardless of any notice of the possibility of such damages. 2. Governing Law: The construction, validity and performance of this Agreement will

 SUBTOTAL
 \$ 300.00

 SALES TAX
 \$ 0.00

 TOTAL
 \$ 300.00

 DUE DATE
 02/15/2023

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be governed by, and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Georgia and the federal laws of the United States of America as applicable therein, without regard to choice of law rules. Both parties hereby irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Fayette County Georgia for the resolution of all disputes arising between the parties.

3. Force Majeure: Neither party will be liable to the other party under this Agreement for any delay or failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement if such delay or failure arises from any cause beyond such party's reasonable control, commonly referred to as 'Acts of God.' It is the express understanding that all traditional legal concepts associated with Acts of God, and the following shall all satisfy the terms of this paragraph: computer crash, failure, infection with virus or malware, computer hackers or terrorism, criminal theft or destruction of property, acts of any governmental or regulatory authority, disruptions to the power supply or other supplies critical to electronic infrastructure, failure of third party, software, technology or equipment, with the understanding that Late Payment Interest shall not be subject to the foregoing clause.

4. 770-Tree-Guy Not Responsible for Damage to Property:

A. Cracked Driveway: 770-Tree-Guy and Client agree that 770-Tree-Guy must use heavy equipment to complete the job requested by Client. Client agrees 770-Tree-Guy will not be liable for cracked concrete caused by the weight of equipment and hereby releases 770-Tree-Guy from any responsibility for repair or replacement thereof.

B. Damaged Landscaping and Vegetation: 770-Tree-Guy and Client agree that 770-Tree-Guy must use heavy equipment and that normal wear and tear will disturb ground and vegetation to complete the job requested by Client. Client agrees 770-Tree-Guy will not be liable for damage to the landscaping or sod of Client unless such damage goes beyond normal wear and tear and hereby releases 770-Tree-Guy from any responsibility for repair or replacement related to normal wear and tear. C. Buried Hazards: 770-Tree-Guy and Client agree that 770-Tree-Guy must use heavy equipment and disturb ground and vegetation to complete the job requested by Client. Client agrees 770-Tree-Guy will not be liable for damage to any underground buried hazards that are not marked or disclosed by Client. 5. Assignment and Delegation: Client may not assign this Agreement, or assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations hereunder, to any third party without the prior written consent of 770-Tree-Guy, provided however that upon written consent, Client shall have the right to assign all, but not less than all, of their rights and obligations hereunder (i) to any affiliated company with similar financial and operational status, or (ii) to any purchaser or new owner of all or substantially all of the Client's business. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement will bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. 6. Notice: All notices, requests, demands and determinations under this Agreement (other than routine operational communications) will be in writing and will be deemed duly given (i) when delivered by hand, (ii) when delivered after being placed in USPS with sufficient postage to guarantee delivery, or (iii) when sent by facsimile or electronic mail (provided that the receipt of the facsimile or electronic mail is specifically confirmed by the individual to whom the communication is transmitted) using the appropriate contact information as provided in the Quote. III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, represents and contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter herein and thereto, and supersedes



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any and an other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties with respect to the matters stated herein.

 Arrangement Between the Parties: Neither party is an agent, joint venturer, or partner of the other party, nor has authority to represent the other party as to any matters, except as expressly authorized in this Agreement. 770-Tree Guy is contracted to perform the work specified in this agreement and none of the employees of 770-Tree Guy shall be deemed employees of Client.
 Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, the remaining provisions will remain valid and unimpaired, and will continue in full force and effect.
 Mutual Representations and Warranties: Each party represents, warrants and

covenants that:

a. It has the power and ability to enter this Agreement and to grant the rights and assume the obligations provided herein; and

b. The execution and performance of this Agreement (i) have been duly authorized by the requisite administrative action on the part of the party; (ii) do not violate or breach, and will not result in the termination, and do not require the modification, amendment, or renegotiation, or any agreement binding upon the party; and (iii) do not require the consent of any third party or government authority. 5. PERSONAL GUARANTEE: The undersigned individual, irrespective of company affiliation, property ownership, or payment hereby irrevocably and personally guarantees payment of the amount in the included in the Quote in full. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the day and year first set out above.

By replying "Agreed," clicking to Approve, Physical or Digital Signature of this document serves as acknowledgement that you have read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of this agreement. You are advised to seek legal counsel should there be any terms which you do not understand or regarding which you need clarification.

Signature

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Date:

Please sign here to accept the terms and conditions

Sales Reps Richard Teets rteets@770treeguy.com

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Estimate



ADDRESS

Mr. Vincent Hicks Forest Park Department of Public Works 5230 Jones Road Forest Park, GA 30297

SHIP TO
Mr. Vincent Hicks
Forest Park Department of Public
Works
722 Conley Road
Forest Park, GA 30297

ESTIMATE #	DATE	
16597	02/15/2023	

PLEASE DETACH TOP PORTION AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
tree remeval Cut and remove 1 marked tree, in back of cemetery and in front of office. Cut stump low.	1	9,100.00	9,100.00
We look forward to hearing from you. We accept Visa, Mastercard, AME Discover. Customer responsible for determining property lines. Due to heavy equipment used in our industry you may incur damage to driveway.	X and TOTAL		\$9,100.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Pro Tree INC. 279 South Main Street Jonesboro, GA 30236 (770)471-4292 protree@protreeinc.com http://protreeinc.com



ADDRESS

City of Forest Park P.O. Box 69 Forest Park, GA 30298

SHIP TO WORK TO BE COMPLETED AT: 722 Conley Road Forest Park, 30297

Estimate 6224

DATE 02/16/2023

DATE	DESCRIPTION		QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	At office parking lot, behind mausoleum - Cut & remove one 40" red oak leaning on a against mausoleum, cut stump approx. 6ft o				8,900.00
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!		SUBTOTAL			8,900.00
		TAX			0.00

Customer is responsible for determining property lines. Due to heavy equipment used in our industry damage may incur to driveway/concrete. Pro Tree is not responsible for any damage.

TOTAL \$8,900.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

----- Estimate -----279 South Main Street Jonesboro, GA 30236 (770) 471-4292 http://protreeinc.com Estimate #: 6225 Date: 02/16/2023 Exp. Date: \$2,100.00 Address: City of Forest Park P.O. Box 69 Forest Park, GA 30298 Ship To: WORK TO BE COMPLETED AT: Old Cemetery 722 Conley Road Forest Park, GA 30297 Date Description Qty Rate Amount 02/16/2023 Trim 2 lower largest 2,100.00 2,100.00T limbs back to tree. Trim 1 lower largest limb off right side. Remove all hangers & brush pile underneath tree. Complete clean up. \$2,100.00 SubTotal: Tax: \$0.00 _____ _____ Total: \$2,100.00

File Attachments for Item:

6. Council Approve the Net2Atlanta Contract for new Public Safety Building - IT Department



City Council Agenda Item

Subject:	Council Discussion to Approve Net2Atlanta Contract for new Public Safety Building – IT Department
Submitted By:	Josh Cox, IT Director
Date Submitted:	February 23, 2023
Work Session Date:	March 6, 2023
Council Meeting Date:	March 6, 2023

Background/History:

In order for the new public safety building to have internet and connectivity to City technology resources, we need to install a new circuit provided by Net2Atlanta which is the ISP that provides connectivity for all of the City's core locations. This will be an agreement for a three year term, which is the same contract length for our other circuits provided by Net2Atlanta.

It is requested that council approve this additional circuit so that we can have internet and connectivity for our new public safety building.

Cost: \$ 1,331.77 / month for 36 months

Budgeted for:	Yes	Х	No

Financial Impact:

This adds a recurring cost for the City for the next 3 years

Action Requested from Council: It is requested that council approve this additional circuit so that we can have internet and connectivity for our new public safety building.