



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, August 01, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

MISSION STATEMENT

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez
The Honorable Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells

Dr. Marc-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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YouTube page - **"City of Forest Park GA"**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Proclamation for Judy Pryor Taylor – Legislative Office**

Background/History:

Ms. Judy Pryor Taylor has been a resident and business owner in the City of Forest Park and will be celebrating 40 years of business in the City of Forest Park on August 6, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:****APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- [2.](#) **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2022 - City Clerk**

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Council Approval of Appointment of a Land Bank Authority Board Representative – Chief Executive Offices**
4. **Council Approval of Budget Amendment (Increase Requested) – City's Right of Way and Parks Lawn Maintenance – Chief Executive Offices**
5. **Council Approval of an Adopt a Road – Beautification Initiative – Legislative**
- [6.](#) **Council Approval of the Transfer of City Property to the Downtown Development Authority – Economic Development**

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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File Attachments for Item:

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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Proclamation for Judy Pryor Taylor – Legislative Office

Submitted By: S. Diane White, City Clerk

Date Submitted: July 21, 2022

Work Session Date: N/A

Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2022

Background/History:

Ms. Judy Pryor Taylor has been a resident and business owner in the City of Forest Park and will be celebrating 40 years of business in the City of Forest Park on August 6, 2022.

Cost: \$ **Budgeted for:** _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Financial Impact:

N/A

Action Requested from Council:

Present proclamation



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Judy Pryor Taylor has personified the true meaning of excellence and a commitment to public service as a long-term business owner who has lived in the City of Forest Park for nearly 40 years, and;

WHEREAS: A graduate of Forest Park High School, Judy Pryor Taylor completed her education and training from Atlanta Junior College, North Georgia Technical Institute and Atlanta Area Technical College, and;

WHEREAS: In 1981, Judy Pryor Taylor became the first African American woman to open a business in Forest Park, while also serving as a trailblazer and advocate for up-and-coming cosmetologists and future business owners, and;

WHEREAS: Judy Pryor Taylor has played an important role in the lives of many employees and residents throughout her community by uplifting spirits, sharing her technical skills and becoming a proud entrepreneur, and;

WHEREAS: Judy Pryor Taylor has been active at Forest Chapel Baptist Church, serving as a community leader for voter registration drives who would continue to remind her fellow neighbors to keep trying and "don't lose focus," and;

WHEREAS: Judy Pryor Taylor has a son, Ramone C. Hogan II, a graduate of Forest Park High School and a multi-college graduate of Morehouse College and Clayton State University, who is an entrepreneur following in his mother's footsteps.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Forest Park do hereby recognize Judy Pryor Taylor for her outstanding contributions here at home and throughout Clayton County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand on this 1st day of August 2022 and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Forest Park to be affixed hereto:

Angelyne Butler, MPA
Mayor

Councilmember Kimberly James
Ward 1

Councilmember Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Councilmember Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3

Councilmember Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Councilmember Allan Mears
Ward 5

File Attachments for Item:

2. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2022 - City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM
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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, Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
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Joshua Cox, IT Director, Javon Lloyd, Public Information Officer, Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, Diane Lewis, HR Deputy Director, LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, James Shelby, Planning Community & Development Director, Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director, Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief and Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager**COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:**

- The City of Forest Park Human Resources Department is planning a city JOB FAIR on August 22, 2022, from 9am – 3pm at 696 Main Street. Visit www.forestparkga.gov for more information soon to come.
- The Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame's 36-member inaugural class will be inducted at the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 22 and Forest Park Graduate Hines Ward will be among the inductees and he was one of the top vote-getters.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- On August 6th, from 12 noon – 6:00pm, the City of Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services will host an Open House at Station One, located at 4539 Jonesboro Road.
- On June 30th, the Finance, HR Departments, and the City Manager's Office had its project kick off meeting with ADP. It is our goal to have ADP processing the city first payroll by November 2022, with full implementation for payroll and time keeping by January 1, 2023.
- HR deployed our new Performance evaluations system Trackstar, and employee evaluations are underway. The system allows for consistent performance tracking and feedback from supervisors and managers.
- Our Public Information Office is working diligently to make updates to our city's online presences via Google and other search engines. Our IT Director established our City's Google Business Account, now we can submit and update our own information. Please be patient with us as we continue to move forward and ensure the most up to date and accurate information is being displayed.
- On Friday, July 15 there was an accident where an unknown person hit and then fled a GA Power electric pole that blew the transformers connecting City Hall, Recreation and Leisure, Planning and Human Resources Buildings. I want to give a huge shout out and Thank You to the Ms. Abbey Jones and all the Recreations and Leisure staff for quickly rallying the children in summer camp and closing necessary facilities to ensure the public's safety. The Forest Park Police Department officers, especially Sgt. Sparks and Officer Ellis, the Forest Park Fire Department BC Flagg, and his crew, as well as our Public Works Team Deputy Director Nigel Wattley and our Finance front office team, Ms. Chanda Melson and our PIO Mr. Javon Lloyd for all their quick responses to the situation. The situation was contained with minimal disruptions and reported to Georgia Power, who responded quickly and to the residents via social media. Also, with the help of our IT personnel Mr. Jimmie Rodriguez and our video surveillance we hope the Forest Park Police Department we will catch the perpetrator quickly.

SHOUT OUT

- KUDOS to Chief Nathaniel Clark who received a letter of recognition from the Forest Park Ministers Association. The association offered thanks to Chief Clark and the Officers of the Forest Park Police Department for the constant and continued care and concern for the community.
- PIO Javon Lloyd received an email from resident Nikki Fontaine thanking him for the updates and media information. She stated that this information is really helping her out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion to Authorize Approval to Award a Contract to BRTU Construction, Inc. for the Construction of a Complete Streetscape and Roadway on Mainstreet in Forest Park, GA-**
Department of Planning & Community Development

Background/History:

Sealed bids were received by the City from prospective contractors for the City's "Downtown Streetscape Phase 2A- Mainstreet" project. 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 streetscape and roadway on Mainstreet from College Street at the fountain to Phillips Drive. BRTU Construction, Inc. was selected by a competitive bid process for the construction project.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

James Shelby, Director of Planning Community & Development - This is one of the many projects that we have going on in the city, for capital projects. This project will go from the Falcons all the way to Phillips St., which is phase 2A. Then phase 2B will go from Phillips all the way down to Jonesboro Rd. We must acquire some more right away to get that project on the way. This project is completely funded, and I ask that the city council approve it, so that we can move forward and get more dirt moving in the city.

Councilmember James -Yes, thank you for this. Can you tell us a little about what the enhancement would be?

James Shelby - Yes, it will be a continuation of what we have already brick sidewalks, street lighting that the council approved about two months ago. It will improve removing all the wooden poles we have with nice concrete poles; decorative lights and the streets will be completely paved.

Councilmember Akins-Wells -First, I would like to say thank you. Two, Dr. Cooper, know there has been some issues in my ward, as far as the lighting and beautifying of Main Street. When we have issues and we want some of the things we may need in our ward, is that something the Planning and Zoning Department do? You mentioned about acquiring the right-of-way and we were just having a conversation about some things in Ward 4, and it cannot get done because the city does not have the funds. So, is it something your department can help get the funds so that some of these things can get done? I love Main Street and we need to do some things, but we also need to beautify other areas.

James Shelby – I hear you Councilmember Wells, but let us keep in mind, that these funds were already identified. These projects are from the SPLOST 2015 that we had not spent and was just sitting on the books. These projects are ones that council had already approved, and we just started implementing them a year ago. We can help, but most of the projects are funded with SPLOST money. So, when the new SPLOST come out and city council wants to approve funding for certain projects within the wards, then you have that authority to do so.

City Manager - I just want to be a little more specific on what Councilwoman Wells, was speaking of. We were talking about some of the sidewalks that the council had already approved for Rockcut Rd, Waldrop as well as Linda Way. Part of the issue that we have there is that the purchase of easement, that we would need to do with some of those sidewalk installations. Councilwoman Wells, and I have discussed this and there is a process that we go through with all these projects not just with specific projects in specific areas.

What we were discussing, the money is there for this project for the sidewalks on Linda Way specifically. The issue that we have, and I explained this to Councilwoman Wells, is we have to come back to council, because we do not know what the cost of purchasing easement would be and it is going to increase the cost, which means we are going to have to bring it back to council for additional approval or to move forward.

2. Council Discussion on Purchasing FLOCK LPR (license plate reader) - Police

Background/History:

The Police Department is requesting council approval for the installation and operations of the FLOCK LPR system. FLOCK provides cameras that capture the license plates of vehicles passing the cameras. The system allows law enforcement to identify stolen vehicles, wanted persons and direction of travel of persons suspected of committing crimes within the city limits. The information captured by the FLOCK system is available only to law enforcement and a purpose code must be used when accessing the captured picture of any license plate. The FLOCK system is currently used by 1,500+ agencies and has shown to reduce crime, and or clear active cases by up to 70% in some locations.

Clayton County FLOCK cameras have already been used by the Forest Park Police Department to help identify suspect vehicles and to clear cases. However, Clayton County does not have any cameras installed within our city limits and we are limited on county cameras that are close to the city limits. FLOCK does not use facial recognition to identify any person. FLOCK provides real time information to law enforcement agencies, with no delay, and provides video/picture evidence of vehicles wanted in connection with crimes within our city and the surrounding areas.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief - This will enhance our crime solving ability. FLOCK is a well-respected brand, and a lot of agencies use it. We will be able to connect into that network and work with those other agencies and get that information very quickly and it will identify those vehicles for example: if there is a robbery and there is a plate that come out, if the vehicle drives through it will automatically hit once it is put into the NCIC/GCIC system automatically and let us know, that wanted vehicle went north bound on Old Dixie Highway. It is a great tool for law enforcement it is something we believe will enhance our crime fighting ability in the city.

Councilmember Antoine – This is a no brainer in the first paragraph in the last sentence where it says the FLOCK system is currently used by 1,500+ agencies and has shown to reduce crime, and or clear active cases by up to 70% in some locations. So, I support that.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Will this identify uninsured vehicles and expired tags?

Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief- Expired tags absolutely, but I am not sure about uninsured. I will have to ask our subject matter expert of traffic, Sergeant Gladden, can answer that question.

Councilmember Gutierrez- I know that Lake City has it because they post up at Jonesboro and Forest Parkway and it reads anything driving by.

Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief- Yes, it will read plate that is coming through if it is expired or wanted it will alert.

Councilmember Gutierrez- I want to know if it has that capability as well?

Officer Gladden – As long as it is inputted into NCIC or GCIC the state or national database it will read on the FLOCK camera. If it is never inputted by the state, we will not get a hit on it.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – It is a good idea.

Councilmember Mears – I also, think this is a great idea. Anything that we can do to enhance the effort of our public safety in fire and police or anything like that is all right by me and I am on board 100%.

3. Council Consideration of a Technical Fee Ordinance Update and Adoption of Certain Fees-Legal and Finance

Background/History:

Staff has prepared a technical fee ordinance to clean-up various provisions in the Code of Ordinances where a specific dollar amount for a certain fee is set. The same change is made throughout. It provides that all fees shall be established from time to time by resolution of the governing body and kept on file in the office of the director of finance. In this way, each year Council can approve changes to various fees without having to make specific ordinance amendments.

The ordinance also includes an exhibit which establishes certain fees for various departments that either (a) have been removed from the Code of Ordinances or (b) are in need of updating.

Departments with fees not shown already have had their fees approved by Council.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Gutierrez - So will we get example on how much to charge. I am just not an expert on fees, will we get a recommendation from you all on these fees?

Mayor Butler - It is in your package.

Councilmember Gutierrez - Like in the future if it were to change, for example: one time Director Shelby, came up and said we need to adjust these fees.

Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director - You will be notified if we to make any changes to the fees.

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 and Real Estate at 6:18pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

It was moved to reconvene back into the Work Session at 7:03pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the July 18, 2022, Council Work Session at 7:03pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

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DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:03pm and she read the Mission Statement.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge of allegiance was led by Pastor Ricky Schoonmaker.

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		✓
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Police Chief and Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America – Legislative Office

Mayor and Council presented a proclamation to the Forest Park High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as printed.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022, and July 5, 2022 - City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022, and July 5, 2022, with the noted corrections.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Council Approval to Authorize to Award a Contract to BRTU Construction, Inc. for the Construction of a Complete Streetscape and Roadway on Mainstreet in Forest Park, GA- Department of Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the Resolution to Authorize Awarding a Contract to BRTU Construction for the Construction of a Complete Streetscape and Roadway on Mainstreet

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

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

4. Council Approval of Purchasing FLOCK LPR (license plate reader) - Police Department

It was moved to approve the purchasing of the FLOCK License Plate Reader

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

5. Council Approval to Adopt Technical Fee Ordinance - Legal and Finance

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James – I wanted to find this to make an acknowledgment. I want to give accolade to our police chief. Forest Park Police Chief receives executive training in Israel. Chief Nathaniel Clark, of Forest Park Police Department has returned from Israel after intensive 2 weeks of Public Safety Leadership Training with the country's top police executive. Chief Clark was part of a 16-member delegation. The delegation partner with Israel police for the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, 29th annual peer to peer executive training program.

The GILEE, which is the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, is a research center with Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Political Studies. It enhances public safety by nurturing partnership within public law enforcement agencies and the private sector. Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year the GILEE, focus on the protection of civil and human rights, and its development of executive leadership exemplifies the core mission of the school. That is huge and want to give a big congratulation to Chief Clark, and his actions. That is huge for our city to have our chief selected to go to Israel.

I want to remind everyone that this coming Thursday, is the monthly neighborhood ward meeting at 696 Main Street, and it will also be online virtually so you can get the information online. It would be at 5:00 o'clock and will focus on do you know. I want the residents to understand part of the education process of how to do certain things. Do you know when to put your trash out, do you know when to put recycling out and what is supposed to be in there. Do you know when to put debris out, when to put big ticket items out on the sidewalk. Do you know what services are available in the recs department? So those are things I want to focus on and educating our residence and it should be very informative.

Directors you all do not know this yet, but I will send the information out tonight. That is what the focus is going to be on Thursday. Congratulations to the FCCLA, always you all are the best. I do not know if you all remember they did a presentation once on the parliamentary procedures here in the council, they taught us a whole lot on how we should run business here in the city.

I want to also acknowledge one of the residents in Ward 1 and I thank you Dr. Folami, for bringing it to my attention. Amelia Wallace, from our ward passed away and I was able to reach out to her daughters and speak with them. Again, I did not know about the officer that had the accident, and I do think we need to reach out to those that work for our city, because we do love our employees. You all are the best and you make us look good and we appreciate you all. Thank you.

Councilmember Antoine – Thank you all for coming and continue to come God Bless.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Thank you for coming out. Shout out to the FCCLA team, I am proud of you and how you represent us nationally. These students put in a lot of hard work, and I am glad you get to be recognized by your own city. We had an event with JenCare a community fair, we had NAACP come down from Atlanta and shared some of their resources with us. Thank you JenCare, for being a partner with our senior committee here and for providing

all those resources to our community. If you know any elderly needing care, JenCare is a great resource here in the City of Forest Park, right on main street.

Our next Food Truck Friday will be at Lee Park, and back to school is our theme. We will be showing the movie Sonic and we are going to be giving away school supplies for students. So, make sure you come to that. We have a new hotdog eating champion, Mr. Nael ate four hotdogs in 3 minutes and the fire department and police department has yet to win any of these eating competitions. That just speaks on the health and the well-being of our police force and our fire department.

My condolences to Mrs. Caroline, she was one of the members that use to come out to our bingo night and is not with us anymore. She passed May 29th, my condolences to the family. Thanks to everyone that came out and if anyone needs anything you know where to reach me. Lastly, we do have a scholarship from partnering up with Mr. Rashmir, it is in honor of his father, who has always supported our community. It is two scholarships one for 1,000 and the other is for 1500.00 dollars. We have extended it to July 20th, the requirement is that you are a Forest Park High School student, and you attend an institution, it can be a technical school or college. It is cash money to help with what you need. Thank you, Mr. White, for that partnership with us. If you have questions about that it is on my page, if you need it, I can send a direct link for it. Hopefully, other businesses will follow this and give some money to our kids, because they are our future.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Thanks to everyone for coming out, I too want to thank Mr. Jonathan Rashmir, for a long time me and his dad was friends, and ever since I have been in office, he has contributed to anything I have done in the City of Forest Park. Jonathan keeps it going and I appreciate you so much. We have successful Fun Friday, because you all come out and sponsor and do your thing and give funds when they are needed, and I appreciate it.

I wanted to speak on that, because Fun Friday was a huge success, and it was so much fun. The residence had a good time, and the band was amazing. On August 19th we will have our next Fun Friday, and August the 20th will be Forest Park Day. Forest Park day is when residents old and new comes to the City of Forest Park and set-up tents, we have entertainment for the kids and adults, and we have a good time. The community comes together, and it is something that they look forward to doing. If you have never been to a Fun Friday or Forest Park Day, come out August the 19th and 20th so you can see what the community enjoys.

Also, on July 31st, I will have free haircuts for the boys going back to school, we will have bouncy houses out and we will have a D-jay out there. We will have local barbers to help take the strain off some of the parents, by giving back to the community. They will be cutting hair on July 31st from 2-5pm. A lot of people see good things going on in the city and want to give back, and I am excited about that. I want to thank Councilmember Gutierrez, for everything you do. Your events and giving back to the community mean a whole lot. So, mark your calendars for those days and we are going to have a good time like we always do. Thank you all for coming out and have a blessed night.

Councilmember Mears -Yes, I would like to say a little about our public safety. Anytime, we can buy our public safety stuff that will make the city safer, I am for it. You should not have to ask, but it is the formality and that is what we do. We are moving forward with the ability to keep our residents safe; we are in competition with a lot of communities around here that have a lot of money to throw around. I am a strong believer in supporting our public safety people. So, if any of you have any questions or any doubts, I want you to contact me. I want to say something about the city hall, if you are not doing anything you are not going to make mistakes. So just bear with us we have a long background of mistakes and things that have gone wrong that must be corrected.

We are putting the correct people in the right places to do these things. Until you know the whole story it is hard to see the big picture. So, the best thing is to continue to come to these meetings and stay informed about what is going on, but you need to remember that we are all up here working for you and the betterment of Forest Park. That included

all the members at city hall, all the members up here and Mr. Cooper. So, if you ever have any doubts here is the place to come where everybody can see it and hear and remember loose lips sink ships. So, if you hear it, it is a lie. Thank you.

Mayor Butler – I received this message a moment ago and it is the perfect footnote to end tonight's meeting. Kindness is loaning someone your strength, instead of reminding them of their weakness. I want to thank everyone for what they do for our city and thanks to everyone that came out tonight.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the July 18, 2022, Council Regular Meeting at 7:25pm

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

File Attachments for Item:

**6. Council Approval of the Transfer of City Property to the Downtown Development Authority –
Economic Development**

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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Transfer of City Property to the Downtown Development Authority – Economic Development

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Date Submitted: July 25, 2022

Work Session Date: August 1, 2022

Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2022

Background/History:

The Economic Development Department is requesting that five lots owned by the City of Forest Park be transferred to the Forest Park Downtown Development Authority for the purposes of economic development/revitalization of Main Street. Lots are contiguous and surrounded by Hill Street, Parker Street, Summit Street and College Street. They are a total of 1.93 acres. A buffer area owned by the city next to the old water tank lot is to be included in transfer. Please refer to Exhibit A.

Cost: \$ 0

Budgeted for: _____ Yes _____ No

Financial Impact:

None

Action Requested from Council:

Approval of the transfer of properties included in Exhibit A to the Downtown Development Authority.

EXHIBIT A

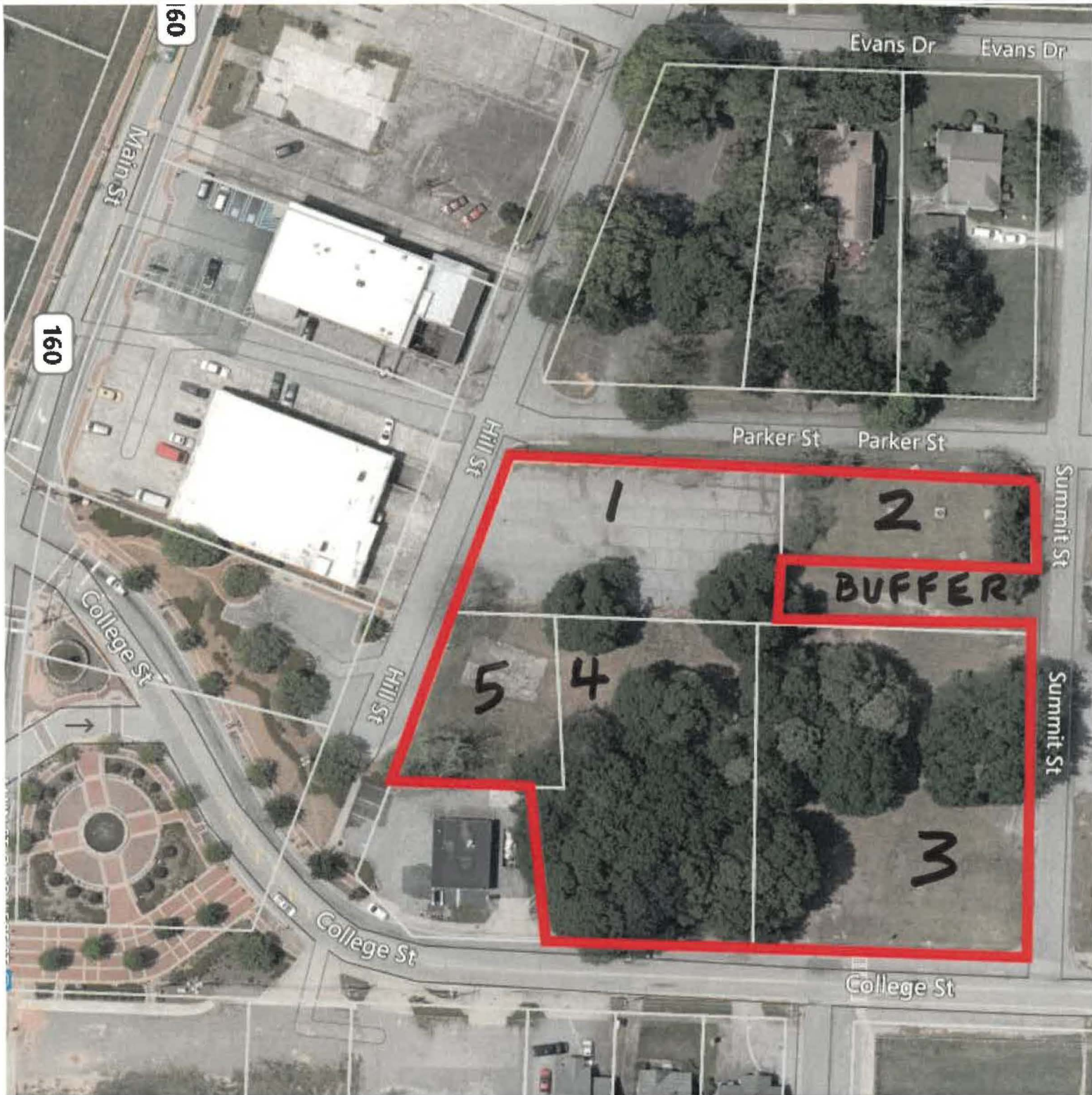
CITY OF FOREST PARK PROPERTY TO TRANSFER TO FOREST PARK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Summary: Five lots owned by the City of Forest Park to be transferred to the Forest Park Downtown Development Authority for the purposes of economic development/revitalization of Main Street. Lots are contiguous and surrounded by Hill Street, Parker Street, Summit Street and College Street. They are a total of 1.93 acres. A buffer area owned by the city next to the old water tank lot is to be included in transfer.

Refer to five lots as shown on aerial. Some lots do not have street numbers, explained below:

1. Hill Street (no number address, corner of Parker and Hill Streets)
.36 acres. Parcel #13050B G002
2. Ash Street (wrong street, corner of Parker and Summit Street)
.17 acres. Parcel #13050B G001
3. 4871 College Street
.7 acres. Parcel #13050B F001
4. 4899 College Street
.51 acres. Parcel #13050B F002
5. 888 Hill Street
.19 acres. Parcel #13050B F004

Water tank buffer, frontage on Summit Street. No parcel number. Was established for access to water tower lot on corner of Parker and Summit Streets which was demolished.



LOTS TO TRANSFER FROM CITY TO DDA

