

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, September 18, 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

Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager Randi Rainey, City Clerk Mike Williams, City Attorney

### **AGENDA**

### VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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YouTube page - "City of Forest Park GA"

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

INVOCATION/PLEDGE:

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:** 

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** 

PRESENTATIONS:

1. SICKLE CELL AWARENESS PRESENTATION - Mapillar Dahn, Founder/CEO

### **Background/History:**

Sickle Cell Awareness Presentation by Mapillar Dahn, Founder/CEO of the MTS Sickle Cell Foundation.

FUTURE FIREFIGHTER GIRLS CAMP - Fire Department

**Background/History:** 

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

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from Sept 5, 2023 - City Clerk

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

4. Council Approval of Resolution Terminating Authorization for Double-Time Overtime Pay for Public Works – Executive Offices

### Background/History:

At the August 7, 2023, Council meeting, the City Council temporarily authorized "double-time" pay for Public Works employees for a period of 90 days to assist with catching up with grass-cutting around the city. The city has since caught up with the grass-cutting. Accordingly, it is proposed that the City Council now terminate the authorization for "double-time" overtime pay.

### **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:

 $\textbf{1. SICKLE CELL AWARENESS PRESENTATION} \cdot \textbf{Mapillar Dahn, Founder/CEO}$ 

### **Background/History:**

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### **City Council Agenda Item**

Subject:	Sickle Cell Awareness Presentation - Mapillar Dahn, Founder/CEO			
Submitted By:	Michelle Hood			
Date Submitted:	September 12, 2023			
Work Session Date:	September 12, 2023			
Council Meeting Date:	September 18, 2023			
Background/History: Sickle Cell Awareness Presentation by Mapillar Dahn, Founder/CEO of the MTS Sickle Cell Foundation.				
Cost: \$ N/A	Budgeted for: Yes No			
Financial Impact: N/A				
Action Requested from	n Council:			

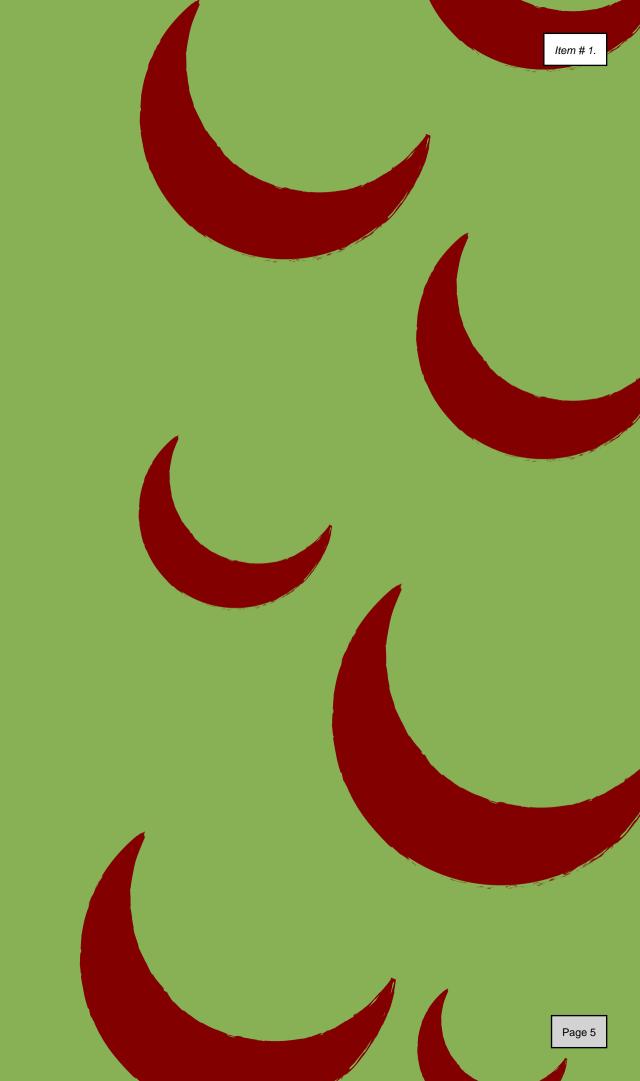
CITY OF FOREST PARK, GA

## SICKLE CELL AWARENESS PRESENTATION

PRESENTED BY MAPILLAR DAHN











As a mother of three daughters who all suffer from this disease, I did not want families like ours, who struggle so much in and out of the hospital, to have to struggle for basic support services.

MAPILLAR DAHN
FOUNDER/CEO
MTS SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION



### TODAY'S DISCUSSION

Breakdown of the Presentation

What is Sickle Cell Disease?

How does Sickle Cell Disease affect people?

How is Sickle Cell Disease managed?

What can you do to help those with Sickle Cell Disease?

What is MTS Sickle Cell Foundation?

Item # 1

# What Is Sickle Cell Disease?

GENETIC BLOOD DISORDER



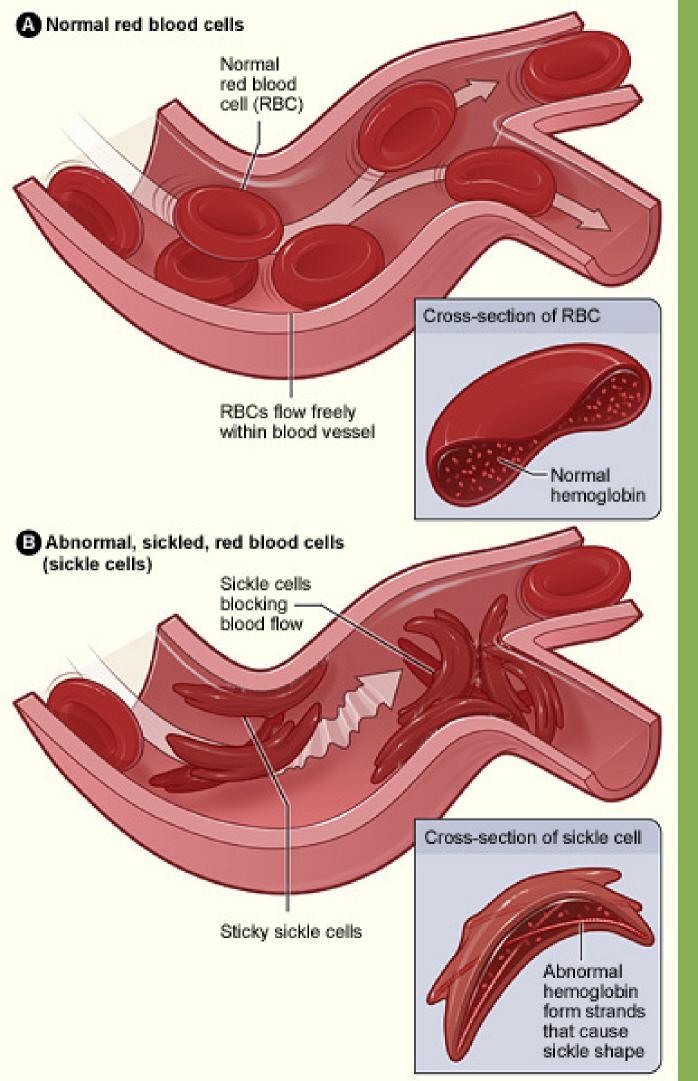
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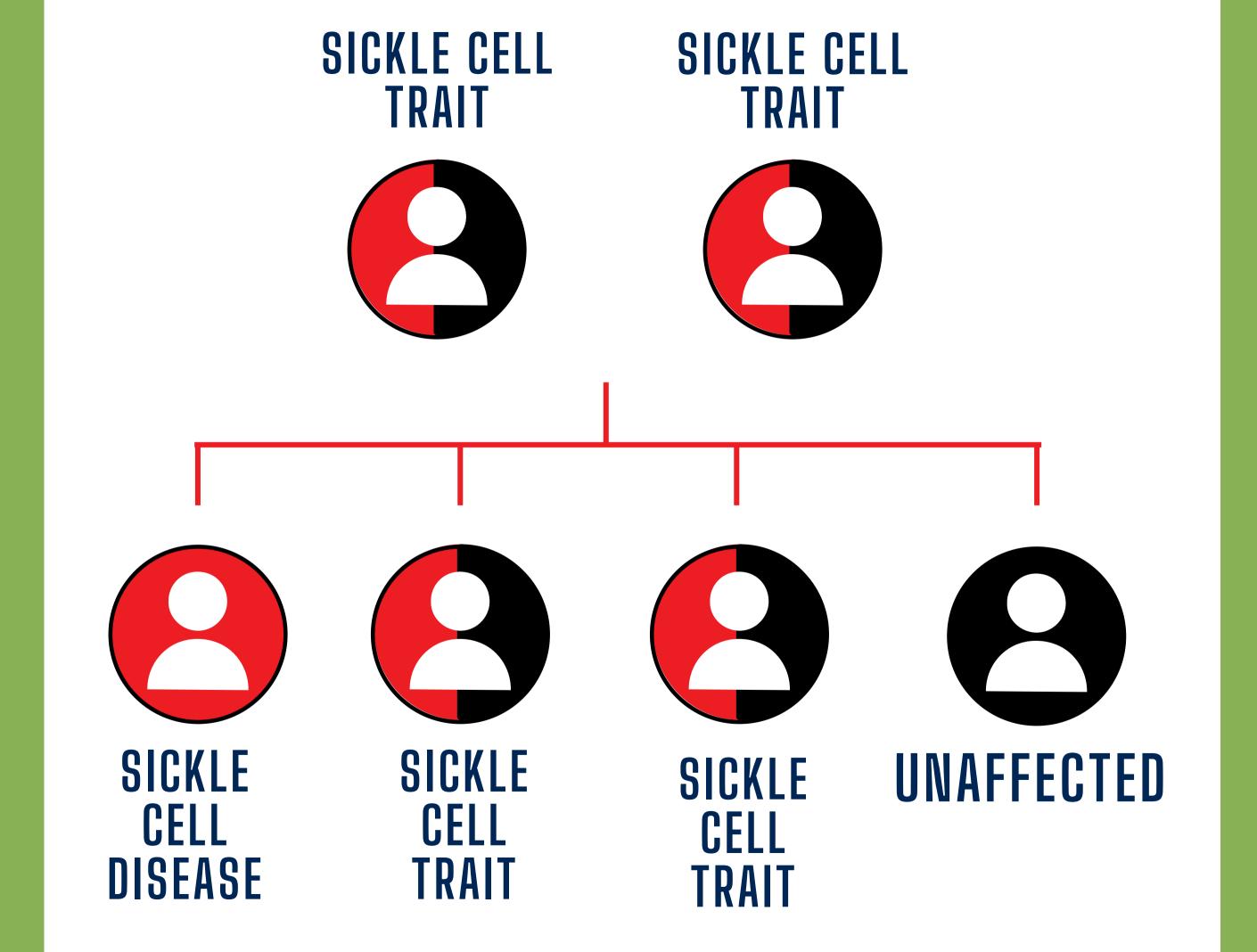
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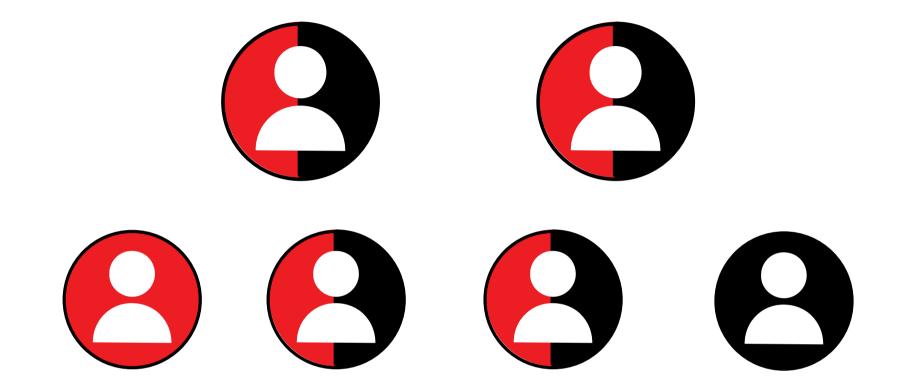
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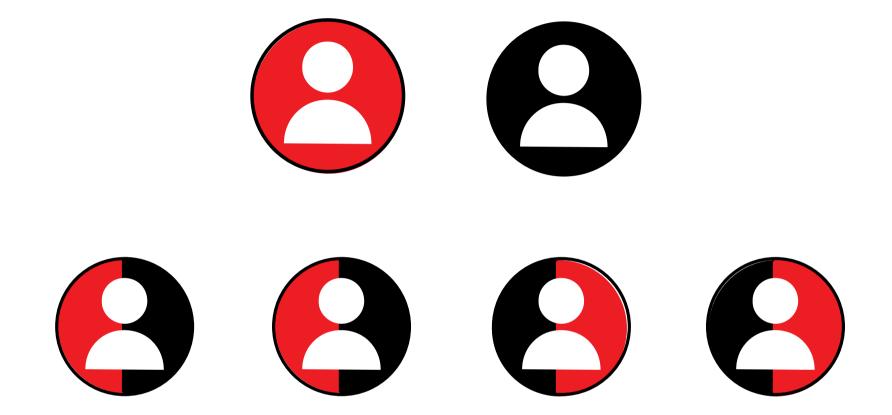


### SCENARIO 1 - 2 TRAITS



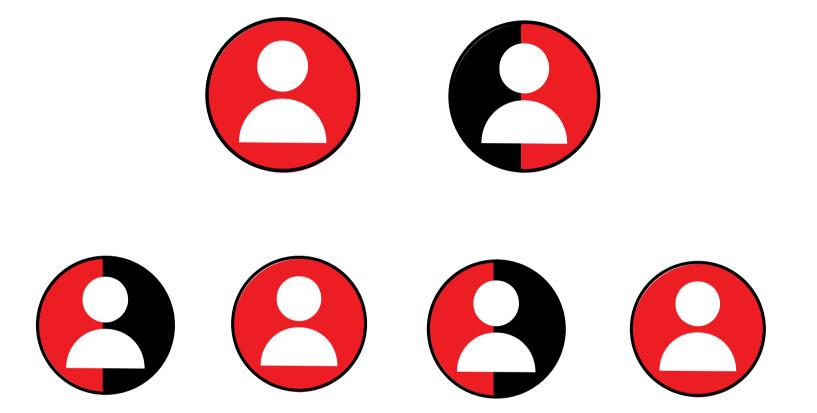
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### SCENARIO 2 - SCD & UNAFFECTED



100% - SICKLE CELL TRAIT

### SCENARIO 3 - SCD & SCT



50% - SICKLE CELL TRAIT 50% - SICKLE CELL DISEASE



# AN ESTIMATED ARE LIVING WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE

1 OUT OF 365

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
BIRTHS HAS THE
SICKLE CELL DISEASE

OUT OF 16,300

HISPANIC-AMERICAN
BIRTHS HAS THE
SICKLE CELL DISEASE

1 in 13

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
BABIES IS BORN WITH
THE SICKLE CELL TRAIT

### How does Sickle Cell Disease affect people?

- VARIES FROM PERSON TO PERSON
- CHRONIC PAIN, INFECTIONS, ANEMIA, ETC.
- > STROKE





### How is Sickle Cell Disease managed?

REGULAR HEMATOLOGY AND GENERAL CARE



HEALTHY DIET, HYDRATION, AND ENOUGH REST



PAIN MANAGEMENT



CHRONIC BLOOD TRANSFUSION



# What can you do to help those with Sickle Cell Disease?

- CHECK ON SICKLE CELL PATIENTS
- > DONATE BLOOD
- LEARN AND SHARE
- SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE CAUSE







MISSION TO SUPPORT SCD FAMILIES

HOW **VIA ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** 

WHY

BECAUSE NO ONE SHOULD BATTLE SICKLE CELL ALONE



MTS SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION, INC.

Raising awareness, support, and sensitivity surrounding Sickle Cell Disease.

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### THANK YOU!

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FUNTIME BOWL P&N ENTERPRISE COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR **COOK & COOK INSURANCE** CHRISTIAN'S PHARMACY & HEALTH SERVICES TRUSTEE DRUGS & MEDICAL SUPPLIES CLAYTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AUTHORITY, INC. LOUISIANA SEAFOOD OCEAN SEAFOOD AND CHICKEN **DISCOVERY TERIYAKI WINGS** METRO PC T-MOBILE SHOE WORLD **OMEGA SENIOR CENTER** RUMORS ADULT ENTERTAINMENT JOHN FINE FOOD RAY'S SOUTHERN FOOD INTERNATIONAL DISCOUNT FLEA MARKET

Forest Park municipality: Forest Park police station, Forest Park park and rec, Forest Park human resource, Forest Park public works, Chief Nathan Clark, Deputy Chief Sandra Johnson, Chief Brandon Criss and staff

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SOLOS BARBER SHOP

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7 PILLARS CAREER ACADEMY FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER

TRUIST BANK

WHOLESALE FOOD

BEAUTY & NAIL SHOPS THROUGHOUT FOREST PAPER 19



### File Attachments for Item:

### 2. FUTURE FIREFIGHTER GIRLS CAMP - Fire Department

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Slots are limited and will be selected on a first-come first-serve basis. Applications are available online.









Do you know a female youth interested in exploring a future career in fire service? The Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services Department is hosting a camp for girls who want to learn the ins and outs of what it takes to become a certified firefighter. The one-day program will be led by successful female fire professionals and cover the following topics:

- Fire Service History
  - Physical Fitness
- Fire Behavior
- First Aid
- Fire Extinguishers
- CPR

### FREE EVENT

Camp slots are limited, and participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2023. Access the application at:

### www.forestparkga/fire

(Click on the Girls Future Firefighter Camp tab on the left-hand side of the webpage.)

File	Attach	ments	for	Item:

**3. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from Sept 5, 2023** - City Clerk



### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, September 05, 2023 at 6:00 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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### DRAFT MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Pro Tem James.

### ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large- Arrived at 6:05 P.M.		✓
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1		<b>√</b>
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		<b>√</b>
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		<b>✓</b>
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		<b>√</b>
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		<b>✓</b>

Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director; LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development; Javon Llyod, PIO, Shalonda Brown, HR Director, Diane Lewis, Deputy HR Director; Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director; Bruce Abrahams, Director Economic Development; Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief; Police Chief; Brandon Criss; Tarik Maxwell, Parks and Recreation, and Joshua Cox, IT Director, Authur Geeter, Procurement Manager.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

 Council Discussion and Approval of Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2023-04)- 5370 Ash Street – Planning & Community Development

### **Background/History:**

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a private school and daycare for students, specializing in STEM learning methodology at 5370 Ash St. This property is located within the Single-Family Residential District (RS). Per Section 8-8-28 Single Family Residential District (RS), Places of worship, private schools, and daycare centers require conditional use permits to operate in the Single-Family Residential District. A church currently exists on the subject property. The Planning Commission recommended the **Denial of a Conditional Use Permit** at its meeting on June 15, 2023, based on the potential of a liability of children and adult activities that include clinics, recovering alcoholics and offenders mixing. The following combination would not be allowed as a combined use. The City Council tabled this item for 30-days at the August 7, 2023, meeting to allow time to receive additional information from the applicant.

**Lashawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development**- The applicant provided a clarification letter of intent stating how many students the school would support from K-12, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The applicant also provided clarification with their school accreditation, in which staff verified the legitimacy; she noted verifying their state registration with the Secretary of State and being credited with the Georgia Association of Christian Schools along with their exemption status.

### **Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember James-** What about the Conditional use related to the facility?

**Lashawn Gardiner -** The original application had multiple uses. The applicant clarified and reduced the number of uses for their intent, which would only be the school and the existing church.

Councilmember Gutierrez- What about the comment about the children mixing up with sex offenders?

Lashawn Gardiner -The original application mentioned having some Alcoholics Anonymous and other adult programs to help adults; she noted due to the age groups and combinations, that was part of the denial.

Councilmember Gutierrez- It happens in churches, this due to it being a Christian school?

**Mrs. Gardiner** - The problem was how the applicant presented the information in the application and did not clarify wanting to do the school as a conditional use.

**Councilmember Mears**- What about the board's decision on changing the information?

**Lashawn Gardiner** - The original application needed clarification of the requested uses.

**City Manager, Ricky Clark -** Based upon there being a variation of uses that have been proposed and should the item be approved, how would the city ensure that the business itself is operating under the approved use that the governing body allows?

**Lashawn Gardiner** – I recommend the approval with the conditions as follows:

- ➤ The applicant provides staff with a copy of the licensure or updated exemption from the State Department of Early Childcare.
- ➤ The applicant applies for a business license, and the license must remain current as long as the school is in operation at 5370 Ash Street. The Conditional Use can or shall be revoked by the city if a business license is not applied for and kept current.
- The only operations at the location shall be the school and church.

**Mayor Butler-** Can you clarify the recommendation to deny the permit, and if it would no longer be the case to operate and use the facility as a children's and adult activities that include clinics, recovering alcoholics, and defending offenders mixing?

Lashawn Gardiner- That is no longer the case.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Council Discussion and Approval of Use of Summary Minutes in Lieu of Verbatim Minutes— Executive Offices

### Background/History:

The Open Meetings Act further requires that minutes of Council meetings be prepared and available for public inspection. However verbatim minutes are not required under the Open Meetings Act. Instead the Open Meetings Act provides that the minutes "shall be promptly recorded and such records shall be open to public inspection once approved as official by the agency or its committee, but in no case later than immediately following its next regular meeting" and that such minutes "shall, at a minimum, include the names of the members present at the meeting, a description of each motion or other proposal made, the identity of the persons making and seconding the motion or other proposal, and a record of all votes. The name of each person voting for or against a proposal shall be recorded."

It is proposed that the City of Forest Park discontinue the preparation of verbatim minutes of its public meetings and begin to utilize summary or action minutes meeting the minimum requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Additionally, City Council meetings will continue to be audio and/or video recorded.

**City Manager -** Streamlining the process of doing verbatim and moving to summary minutes. The minutes will continue to be recorded via audio and will be on file. The Clerk's Office will provide a record of all the actions relative to the council meetings 48 hours after each meeting and will provide by the next meeting a general summation of items and dialogue on what happened. If any council member wanted to add verbiage to a meeting, the Clerk would include the verbiage without doing a full synopsis and complete verbatim set of minutes.

### Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

**Councilmember Guiterrez**- For the record, I read all the minutes.



3. Council Discussion and Approval of Animal Control Agreements with Lake City and Riverdale—Police Department and Legal

### Background/History:

It is proposed that the city update its Intergovernmental agreement with Lake City under which Forest Park provides certain animal control services to Lake City. The agreement was last updated in 2011. It is also proposed that the identical agreement be used to provide animal control services for the City of Riverdale.

Under the new agreement, the basic services would remain the same. However, the fees have increased as follows:

Increase from \$6 to \$15 per day for kenneling of animals

Increase from \$40 to \$50 for animal disposal

Increase from \$15 to \$35 for pickup fee for all animals collected during normal business hours

Increase from \$60 to \$75 for pickup fee for animals collected outside of normal business hours

The agreement also provides that all fines and fees collected in any municipal court (Lake City or Riverdale) for animal control violations will be paid to Forest Park to offset some of its expenses in providing animal control services.

**City Attorney -** The agreement has been in place for over a decade without being updated. The fees were paid to Clayton County for use of the kennel where animals are sheltered and there is an opportunity to update the agreement.

### **Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember Guiterrez-** What about the number of staff members working at the kennel, what cities are being serviced, and what about prioritization?

City Attorney - There are 2-3 staffers.

Captain Whitehead- They currently have two staffers.

**City Manager** – We can monitor it based on the demand to see how many additional staffers are needed. There could be a price increase to offset the cost of additional staff if needed.

Councilmember Akins -Well- We do not need the services if that is all the city is making.

City Manager - The last report shows the city only had five monthly calls.

**City Manager-** We can table the item to have the Chief of Police provide more information.

**Mayor Butler**- What about the longevity of the agreement?

**City Manager** - The agreement was a ten-year agreement.

### Council Discussion and Approval of Truck Operating Hours Ordinance – Police Department and Legal

### **Background/History:**

It is proposed that the city ordinance be amended to prohibit tractor-trailers and large trucks from operating in residential areas between 10pm and 7am. Our current ordinance does not sufficiently address the matter of trucks operating in or around residential areas.

This ordinance would prohibit the operation of excessively loud trucks or engines within any residential area, or within a radius of 500 feet therefrom. Additionally, no truck, tractor or large truck shall be allowed to enter, park or stand within any residential area between the hours of 10pm and 7am.

**City Attorney** - Police Chief Criss wanted to address the issue. The current Ordinance is vague on establishing violations and would like to add specific hours with a noise condition; noted recommending approval.

5. Council Discussion and Approval of Resolution to Request Local Legislation to Increase Hotel-Motel Tax – Executive Offices and Legal

### **Background/History:**

It is proposed that the City Council initiate the process of increasing the Hotel-Motel tax to 8% by approving a resolution calling on the Clayton County Legislative Delegation to pass local legislation authorizing the City of Forest Park to do so.

The City currently imposes a 3% hotel-motel tax. State law provides that cities can increase the tax to up to 8% after adopting a resolution urging the passage of local legislation by the Georgia General Assembly. Once the local legislation is approved by the General Assembly, the City may thereafter approve an ordinance providing for the increased tax and the usage of the additional revenue.

Under the State law, the revenue from the tax must be used as follows:

The first 3% may be used for general fund purposes.

The next 3.5% must be used for promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows within Forest Park by contracting with a destination marketing organization (such as a convention and visitor's bureau) for such purpose.

Any amount of the final 1.5% that is not used for promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows shall be expended for tourism product development.

State law defines "Tourism product development" as the expenditure of funds for the creation or expansion of physical attractions which are available and open to the public and which improve destination appeal to visitors, support visitors' experience, and are used by visitors. Such expenditures may include capital costs and operating expenses. Some specifically named items in the state code include:

Meeting, convention, exhibit, and public assembly facilities;

Visitor information and welcome centers;

Wayfinding signage;

Museums, art galleries, gardens;

Parks, trails, and other recreational facilities; or

Performing arts facilities.

**City Manager -** This is part of the 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities being considered for the legislation session. The current rate is 3%. If approved, the Resolution would be submitted to the Clayton County Local Delegation to representatives and senators to have introduced in the upcoming general assembly in January.

### 6. Council Discussion and Approval of Resolution Recognizing Cancellation of 2023 Municipal Elections – Executive Offices and Legal

### Background/History:

The qualifying period for candidates in the 2023 municipal elections closed on August 24, 2023. As of the end of the qualifying period, only the incumbents in Wards 3, 4, and 5 qualified as candidates with no opposing candidates qualifying in each ward.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-285 (j) provides that "in the event, there is no opposed candidate in a precinct in a general or special municipal election, no election shall be held in such precinct unless a write-in candidate has qualified as provided by law or unless there are issues to be submitted to the electorate within a precinct."

As of August 31, no person quailed as a write-in candidate, and there are no ballot questions submitted to the voters of the City of Forest Park in the 2023 municipal elections.

By operation of State law, no 2023 municipal election shall be conducted because there are no opposed candidates in the 2023 municipal election, no write-in candidates have qualified as provided by law and there are no issues to be submitted to the electorate.

The resolution acknowledges the cancellation of the 2023 elections under State law and directs staff to take the necessary steps to inform the voters of the cancellation.

**City Manager -** I placed the item on the agenda for transparency purposes. The law and statutes are clear to not hold a municipal election due to no opposing candidates. If passed, proper information will be distributed via postcards to residents, notifying them there will not be a November 7, 2023 election.

### 7. Council Discussion and Approval of City-Wide Janitorial Contract – Public Works Department

### **Background/History:**

LEGISLATURE FOR CITY-WIDE JANITORIAL CONTRACT

The City of Forest Park solicited citywide janitorial services to various departments throughout the City of Forest Park. Each contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services.

The City of Forest Park reserves the right to add or delete facilities/spaces as deemed necessary during the terms of the contract. The term of the contract is (3) three years, with an additional (2) two-year option which will be brought back at that time to the City Council for approval.

The cleaning schedule of all buildings may be modified at the City of Forest Park's discretion throughout the life of the contract. The work shall be scheduled at such times as to avoid interferences with normal or specific activities that may occur in the facilities of the various departments.

The Request for Bids was broken down into 2 different documents.

Bid 1-A: Included City Hall, Human Resources, Planning and Community Development, and The Council House. **Klean Pro Facility Services, LLC** was the lowest bidder at \$2,700.00 per month.

Bid 1-B: Included Public Works and the Police Department. **AT Trash Valet** was the lowest bidder at \$5,950.00.

The Department of Public Works will oversee this contract and the contract will be appropriately funded by each individual department listed. Any other city space will be negotiated by the departments individually.

City Manager- Why does the contract did not cover all facilities?

Mr. Geeter – The Parks and Recreation and the Fire Department identify their own staff to clean their facilities.

**Chief Clemons** - The Fire Department maintains 3 fire stations but does not maintain the administrative offices.

**Tarik Maxwell, Director Parks & Recreation**- It was in our budget, so we hired staff to clean facilities all day instead of once daily.

**Mr. Geeter-** The janitorial services contract had been completed twice with a Request for Proposal (RFP) and bid in previous years and noted having issues with labor cost and decided to break the bid down into two bids. Bid 1-A would include the larger facilities such as City Hall, Human Resources, Planning and Community Development, and the Council House. Prospects could bid on both bids but could only win one. The larger firms were the ones to have previous contracts and had issues with labor. I would like to acquire local janitorial firms and eliminate having to get a bond.

Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

Councilmember James- Will the amounts still be around the same price?

Mr. Geeter - The prices are lower.

**Councilmember Akins -Wells-** What about the three-year contract and trial period?

**City Attorney** - The city could cancel at any time with a 30-day notice.

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

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It was moved to recess into Executive Session at 6:32 pm for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate matters.

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

It was moved to reconvene into the Council Work Session at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine. Voting yea: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Wells, Councilmember

### ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the September 5, 2023, Council Work Session at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine. Voting yea: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Wells, Councilmember



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### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Butler.

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

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		✓
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		<b>✓</b>
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**City Manager** – Recognized new hires: City Clerk Randi Rainey; Josh Cox, IT Director recognized IT Senior System Engineer Rodney Virgil; Mr. Clark noted new hires in the Fire Department; and Mr. Jinks, Public Works Director, recognized Ms. Carter.

Mr. Clark noted street resurfacing on Pine Ridge from the Lake City side to the Forest Park side. He reminded citizens of the 9/11 Memorial Service that will be held on September 11, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Gillem Public Safety building and will be hosted in conjunction with the Fire Department and Public Safety.

With the Revenue Recovery efforts through the auditing of the Georgia Power accounts, the city was able to save \$15,000 for FY2023 and will be receiving roughly \$92.67 back from taxes that have been paid on the Georgia Power bills from the city seeing the city is exempt from paying taxes.

### PRESENTATIONS:

### Forest Park Fire & EMS Announces its Newest Paramedic – DEONDRE ROBBINS

### Background/History:

Forest Park Fire & EMS is pleased to announce its newest Paramedic. Congratulations to **DEONDRE ROBBINS** for obtaining his Georgia Paramedic license. Paramedic Robbins satisfied the national standards for certification on August 7, 2023, with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

**Chief Clemmons** – Deondre spent his own time and money to attend Paramedic School. We are short on paramedics, and this is our advanced level of care for our residents. He will be training EMTs that will be on the trucks with him. He has the clinical hours and the institutional hours to provide this level of care to the citizens of Forest Park. He is not just a paramedic he is a registered paramedic and can take his talent anywhere.

**Deondre Robbins -** It was a long journey. I have my mom, two kids, and my wife here. The fire chiefs and lieutenant were there to support me on this journey. It is an honor to be here, I hope to serve you all and the citizens of Forest Park well.

**Chief Clemons -**This is part of that paramedic initiative that we just implemented, and we can give back to them because the money came out of their pockets.

**Councilmember Antione** – City Manager can we get an update about the new variant of Covid that is here?

**City Manager** – We will work with the Emergency Management Service to provide some information on what we are facing in the fall of this year.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – I was going to ask about the money we took away and the hours we took away, and now that it is coming back can we look into giving that back? Maybe can can be on the next agenda.

**City Manager** – I think it was done via an emergency order and ran parallel to the issuance of an Emergency Order from the City of Forest Park. We can get some information to the councilmembers on this.

### 2. Clayton County MathTalk Math Trails – Recreation and Leisure Department

### **Background/History:**

The goal of this project is to use MathTalk and Sidewalk Math overlays along with student-designed overlays to enhance mathematical literacy in Clayton County by creating opportunities for community members, including parents and students, to engage in mathematical discussions, games, and applications while at play in the community.

Marinda Baker- Project Manager – Gave an over of the MathTalk Math Trails. Which creates opportunities for children. The goal of this project is to use MathTalk and Sidewalk Math overlays along with student-designed overlays to enhance mathematical literacy in Clayton County by creating opportunities for community members, including parents and students, to engage in mathematical discussions, games, and applications while at play in the community.

**Tarik Maxwell** – We are looking to add this to Bill Lee Park, Second Street Park, Theater Drive Park Perkins Park, and Alden Drive Park. These locations will not only connect with the City of Forest Park, but we are trying to make it state and county-wide.

**City Manager** – These plans have been on the books for two years to do the installation at Starr Park. My advice to them was instead of making it a One-Stop shop we make it a tour to get the kids to all of the parks to connect them throughout our city and connect them via the arts and the historical abstracts. This way people can continue to learn the history of the city.

### **Comments/ Discussion from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember James** – Is this something that we have to approve?

**City Manager** – I do not know that you have to approve this, because the city already approved the IGA or Memorandum with MathTalk. Also, this is 100 percent funded by the Clayton County School. I asked them to come for an update to see if it is the desire of this governing body to install it all in Starr Park or spread it around the city.

**Councilmember Antione** – What about the Special needs kids? How many artists does this take?

**Marinda Baker** – I think partnering with the teacher and parents will allow them to send out a focus group. This allows for the differentiation of all able communities. It depends on the artist because sometimes we have more than others, and their schedule is always flexible. It should not take as long as it has in the past to complete them.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – I loved the presentation, and I am very excited about this. We have a high bi-lingual population and maybe in the future consider that.

**Marinda Baker –** All of our math has Spanish translation.

**Councilmember Gutierrez –** What about the upkeep, will you all take care of that?

**Marinda Baker –** Yes, we actively monitor and do retouch.

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Councilmember Gutierrez – Will we have a launch?

Marinda Baker - Yes.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – Thank you I think it is a great idea to put in all the parks because they are a part of this community as well. So, thank you all.

**Councilmember Mears** – Thank you. Are there any upfront costs?

**Miranda Baker** – It is already funded by Clayton County Schools.

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

There were (2) two public speakers:

**Zack Parker** – I have come before you and asked several questions in the last several meetings and you have not responded to one. City officials continue to retaliate against me for asking questions and speaking out against them. Thanks for not doing this at the last meeting as it has been done in the past. There are no rules stating I cannot say names here, but you threatened me twice to be thrown out of this space. You attempted to suppress my First Amendment Rights here in front of everyone, meaning the handful of people who participate in these meetings. It is evident looking around this room, it is evident no one running against the current council members and by the voter turnout. There are about 20,000 residents and the elected offices get less than 5 percent voter turnout.

I have continuously tried to be a part of this community and have been put at arm's length by you and previous city managers and the councilman who was shot near his home. It is my intent to continue to criticize each one of you for not performing up to the citizens' expectations. I do believe that I am reaching some citizens, and council people, who realize I am only trying to hold this government responsible for their shortcomings. I am glad you held this meeting today directly after the holiday. If the city attorney would allow me to have access to open records requests and not make up rules that would be wonderful, but I continue to be stoned walled. Tonight, there will be a vote to use summary minutes in lieu of verbatim minutes. It seems the government wants to do the minimum amount possible in their transparency. There have been detailed minutes for years, but not that I come to start holding you accountable they are being voted out of the agenda minutes. The last two meeting minutes online are draft minutes, and my guess is you are voting on that tonight and those minutes will not be on record in print. Thank you for listening tonight, not interrupting me, and enforcing fake rules.

Lawanda Falomi – I received a lot of calls on the approval of the regular meeting minutes agenda. They thought the chair was being harsh on one of the subordinates. It was necessary corrections, to get the approval. I would like to thank the citizens for making sure that our incumbents were able to return, without anyone running against them. We were having problems receiving information on the redistricting in the mail, so I called a community meeting. We are headed down a new pathway and you have to be focused to make a change. I have been getting calls about environmental research, Waste Management and we need to look into this.

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

It was moved to adopt the agenda.

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:

 Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2023 -City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes from August 21, 2023.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

 Council Approval of Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2023-04)- 5370 Ash Street – Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2023-04)- 5370 Ash Street.

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

### **Comments/ Discussion from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember James** – I would like to make sure the approved motion includes the recommended conditions by the director.

Councilmember Akins-Wells - Withdrew her motion.

It was moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2023-04)- 5370 Ash Street with staff recommendation.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

5. Council Approval of Use of Summary Minutes in Lieu of Verbatim Minutes – Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the Use of Summary Minutes in Lieu of Verbatim Minutes.

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

### **Comments/ Discussion from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember James** – I do hear Mr. Parker's sentiments on the minutes, and I was one of the ones who liked verbatim minutes. Because of the toll it has on staff if the summary is not detailed enough, we can always add to it. It is not to keep us from being transparent, it is to make things a little more efficient for our staff.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – I agree with Councilmember James, I think it will be easier for our staff. I do want to address his comment about the minutes right now before we vote on the summary minutes. They should be on the website verbatim and I want to make sure we get that taken care of.

**City Manager** – We will make certain of it. Once the minutes are approved, they should be final minutes. The approval for tonight will be for all subsequent meetings including these tonight.

 Council Approval of Animal Control Agreements with Lake City and Riverdale – Police Department and Legal

It was moved to approve the Animal Control Agreements with Lake City and Riverdale.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

### **Comments/ Discussion from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – We only have two Animal Control Offices, and it does not seem worth it with the small amount of money we are receiving from these municipalities. My question is, besides the 15.00 and the 50.00 we charge, is there more?

**Chief Criss** – No mam, anytime there is a trip there are a few associated with it. As of now, Animal Control would be a backup for Riverdale. For instance, if all of the Animal Control in Clayton County was tied up or there was an extended ETA that would be the only time, they would reach out to us. We do have an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake City and we probably get 1 to 2 calls a month to handle their issues.

**Councilmember Antione** – I think it is a good idea, the population in Lake City is less than 2,000 people.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – I just want to support you chief because we all rely on one another. I do not understand the fees, but I know you are charging what you should.

**Councilmember Mears** – In these new numbers did we factor in the wear and tear on the trucks, fuel, and equipment?

Chief Criss - Yes.

**Mayor Butler** – This contract is for 10 years?

**City Attorney** – The original contract was 5 years and we reduced it to 10. There is a provision where we can terminate If we have the desire too.

Councilmember Mears – So we have the option to back out if we see fit or if it is not suitable to our benefit?

**City Attorney** – Yes, there is a notice provision, we just let them know.

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

Mears

Voting Nay: Councilmember Akins-Wells

### 7. Council Approval of Truck Operating Hours Ordinance – Police Department and Legal

It was moved to approve the Truck Operating Hours Ordinance.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

### 8. Council Approval of Resolution to Request Local Legislation to Increase Hotel-Motel Tax – Executive Offices and Legal

It was moved to approve the Resolution to Request Local Legislation to Increase Hotel-Motel Tax.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

### **Comments/ Discussion from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember James** – I think this is going to help, I have had calls of residential homes operating similar to a hotel/motel and I want to make sure we do everything we can to make sure this is not happening in our residential area.

**City Manager** – We are aware of the increase in calls relative to the Airbnb situation. We have an RFP we are about to elect to create legislation to directly enforce Airbnb. We are going to push that forward, but it is separate from this tax.

**Councilmember Mears** – I think we need to enforce something because it is taking over in my Ward 5, and we need to get a handle on it.

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

### Council Approval of Resolution Recognizing Cancellation of 2023 Municipal Elections – Executive Offices and Legal

It was moved to approve the Resolution Recognizing Cancellation of 2023 Municipal Elections.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

### **Comments/ Discussion from Governing Body:**

**Councilmember James** – Congratulations, to Wards 3,4 and 5.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – Thank you all for the trust you put in me.

**Councilmember Akins** -**Wells** – Thank you all. It is bittersweet because I feel we are taking away the people's voices. Even though we are the only ones that are on the ballot, I did not know it was state law and we would be breaking the law if we had an election, otherwise, I would not support it. I do want to make sure we get those cards mailed out to everyone because we had issues informing the people about the

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ward lines. I want to make sure every resident in Forest Park is informed on why we are not having an election.

**Councilmember Mears** – I agree with Mrs. Wells on this. I am happy it turned out like it did, but I want everyone to understand why the process went the way it did.

City Manager – We will start working tomorrow with our PIO to develop some language relative to the redistricting and what those Ward maps look like now. Our PIO shared with me just before the meeting the tool is on the website, and you can type in an address and get that information. Thanks to the Deputy City Clerk, Ms. Michelle. She went through every street in this city to ensure the information that was sent to us matched what was in the county. I do not know how she did it, but it took a full 8-hour day that matched what the state got to us. We will work with the PIO office to get those cards out now that we have more time.

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

### 10. Council Approval of City-Wide Janitorial Contract – Public Works Department

It was moved to approve the City-Wide Janitorial Contract.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

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

**Councilmember James** – Noted the Code Enforcement Department is hosting block parties all over the city. Ward 1 is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> on Kennesaw Dr. and Rushmore Place. September 21<sup>st</sup> is the monthly Ward meeting at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center and Mayor Butler will host it. Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is <sup>the</sup> Forest Park Homecoming Parade and Sept 29<sup>th</sup> is the Homecoming Game. Google File is up, and you can use this to sign up to play in the Alumni Flag Football game.

**Councilmember Antione** – Shoutout to the new employees and thanks for joining the All-Star team. Wanted to ask Georgia Power about the increase in the power bill, which could be a concern. Is asking the Mayor and Council, if they could possibly help provide some type of Utility assistance. God Bless you all, and Good seeing you.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – Gave a shoutout to the EMT person and is glad to have people like him working in the city taking care of the people. Running uncontested I was looking for the debate that the Ministers Association always put up because he had a lot of points to highlight. I will continue to serve, and I am glad the city will be able to save some money. This Friday is Food Truck Friday, and we will be showing the Little Rascals, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We are looking for vendors for the Hispanic Heritage Month on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to anyone in the city if you want to be a part of this cultural celebration. Cleanup day for Ward 3, will be the following day on Saturday, the actual location will be on social media.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells -**Thank you for coming out, things are getting better. The reason I vote against things is because it has to make sense to me. I am always advocating for our residents and our employees, and I am not the one to put more on them, especially if they are not being paid for it. That is the reason behind my vote. I am a voice for the employees and residents and say what they cannot.

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Happy anniversary Mr. Geeter, and thanks for all you do for the city. Welcome to the new employees, we are happy to have you. Shoutout to the chief, she has a girl future Fire Camp on October 11<sup>th</sup> for girls ages 12-17, and it is from 9 to 6 p.m. at Gillum Public Safety Building. I would like to let her use the rest of my time to speak, this is a great thing, and it is giving back to the community.

**Chief Clemons** – We are offering a free girl's camp and it is happening at fire stations throughout the nation. I wanted to bring it to the City of Forest Park, for the young ladies in this community. It provides an opportunity to learn about this profession. Also, I hope to tour over the dispatch, so they know that is another additional option.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** – I would like to show appreciation to all our directors and employees. We are up here twice a month making decisions, but you all are here every day. So, thank you all for everything you do.

**Councilmember Mears -** My Block Party will be next Thursday at Cedar Circle with Code Enforcement in Ward 5. If you have questions, you can get them answered. I always recognize the sexy Senior Citizen of the night, which is Mr. Willie. We appreciate you coming and living here in Forest Park all your life.

**Councilmember James** – I want to recognize the City Manager; he had an all-white event, and it was beautiful. He raised over \$30,000.00 for the City of Forest Park beautification efforts. He also unveiled the One-Click app, which you can download; and if you see things going on in the city, it will go directly to the department and Mr. Clark will get a copy as well.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** -Everyone was talking about their block party, and I would like to thank Director Walker, for bringing something different. People do not see Code Enforcement in the community fellowshipping and informing them on what they do. So, thank you and your staff for that.

**City Manager** - I would like to briefly go over this Legislative agenda because certain elements require an actual vote of this body and I want to make certain this body is in favor of the submission for this year's 2023-2024 legislative priorities. The priorities include Economic Development, Broadband Accessibility, Elections, Housing, Public Safety, and Transportation. I have seen Congressman Scott's office support local federal funding initiatives for these types of projects in other communities, so we are seeking approval to move forward to see if we can get some of those same dollars.

**City Attorney, Mike Williams**— If we are going to vote on approving the legislative agenda, we first need to vote to amend the agenda to add that hen vote on the legislative agenda.

It was moved to amend the agenda to add 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities.

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

### 11. 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities

It was moved to approve the 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities list.

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

**City Manager** – Councilwoman Wells has Fun Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 11 p.m. at Starr Park, with guest artist Ear Candy. Councilmember Gutierrez's Block Party will be held at Edmonds Elementary School from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26. There will be free food, music and fun.

**Councilmember James** – We would like to continue to pray for the mayor as she had to leave for an emergency.

**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 enter Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate matters at 8:04 p.m.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

It was moved to reconvene back into the Council Regular Session at 9:42 p.m.

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

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

### ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Council Regular Session at 9:45 p.m.

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

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

### File Attachments for Item:

**4.** Council Approval of Resolution Terminating Authorization for Double-Time Overtime Pay for **Public Works –** Executive Offices

### **Background/History:**

At the August 7, 2023, Council meeting, the City Council temporarily authorized "double-time" pay for Public Works employees for a period of 90 days to assist with catching up with grass-cutting around the city. The city has since caught up with the grass-cutting. Accordingly, it is proposed that the City Council now terminate the authorization for "double-time" overtime pay.



### **City Council Agenda Item**

Subject:	Council Approval of Resolution Terminating Authorization for Double-Time Overtime Pay for Public Works – Executive			
Submitted By:	City Attorney			
Date Submitted:	September 13, 2023			
Work Session Date:	September 18, 2023			
Council Meeting Date	: September 18, 2023			
employees for a period	Council meeting, the City Council temporarily authorized "double-time" pay for Public Works of 90 days to assist with catching up with grass-cutting around the City. The City has since s-cutting. Accordingly, it is proposed that the City Council now terminate the authorization for pay;			
Cost: \$ variable	Budgeted for: X Yes No			
Financial Impact: No	further expenditures would be made.			
Action Requested from Approval of the resolution				

### RESOLUTION NO.

### A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE DOUBLE TIME OVERTIME PAY FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

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

WHEREAS, at the August 7, 2023 Council meeting, the City Council temporarily authorized "double-time" pay for Public Works employees for a period of 90 days to assist with catching up with grass-cutting around the City;

WHEREAS, the City has since caught up with the grass-cutting; and

WHEREAS, having met its goals of getting caught up the grass-cutting, the City proposes to terminate the authorization for "double-time" overtime pay;

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

**SECTION 1. Termination of Double Time Overtime Pay.** The City Council hereby terminates the authorization for "double-time" overtime pay for public works which was approved on a temporary basis at the August 7, 2023 City Council meeting.

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

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

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

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

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

### SO RESOLVED this 18th day of September, 2023.

	Mayor Angelyne Butler	
ATTEST:		
City Clerk	(SEAL)	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
City Attorney		