

CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, January 03, 2022 at 7:00 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

Website: www.forestparkga.gov YouTube: https://bit.ly/3c28p0A Phone Number: (404) 366.1555 FOREST PARK CITY HALL 745 Forest Parkway Forest Park, GA 30297

AGENDA

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James The Honorable Dabouze Antoine The Honorable Hector Gutierrez The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells The Honorable Allan Mears

> Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager S. Diane White, City Clerk Mike Williams, City Attorney

VIRTUAL 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. Swearing In Ceremony – Legislative Department

Background/History:

The Swearing Ceremonies for Councilmember Kimberly James, Ward 1, Councilmember Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2 and Angelyne Butler, Mayor.

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 December 6, 2021 -S. Diane White, City Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Council Approval of Mayor Pro-Tem – Executive Department

Background/History:

Council approval of Resolution to appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022 calendar year.

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:
 Swearing In Ceremony – Legislative Department

Submitted By: S. Diane White, City Clerk

Date Submitted: December 20, 2021

Work Session Date: N/A

Council Meeting Date: January 3, 2022

Background/History:

The Swearing Ceremonies for Councilmember Kimberly James, Ward 1, Councilmember Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2 and Angelyne Butler, Mayor.

Cost: \$	Budgeted for:	Yes	No
Financial Impact:			
N/A			

Action Requested from Council:

Swearing in Ceremonies

File Attachments for Item:

2. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021

- S. Diane White, City Clerk

CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, December 06, 2021, at 6:00 PM Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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DRAFT WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James The Honorable Dabouze Antoine The Honorable Hector Gutierrez The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells The Honorable Allan Mears

> Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager S. Diane White, City Clerk Mike Williams, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Councilmember Dabouze Antoine at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A	quorum was established.
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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, Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4	~	
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

DIRECTORS PRESENT Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Shalonda Brown, Human Resources Director, Lashawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL 745 Forest Parkway Forest Park, GA 30297 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:

Clayton County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) is available for Tenants and Landlords by applying at relief.claytoncountyga.gov or calling (404)-697-4100 or (770)-997-4511.

Rental Assistance for the City of Forest Park (GA) residents only. Resident can apply by contacting the City Edge Program at (404)-804-5008 or (404)-804-4904. This is one-time rental assistance that can help qualified resident up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Results of the November 30th Run-Off Election were certified today, December 6th, 2021, and are available via the City's website <u>www.forestparkga.gov</u> under the elections banner.

The City of Forest Park has launched our city engagement cards to allow those interested to easily sign up and become part of our email and mailing list for news, events, and operational information from the city. Please pick-up one of our cards at the from the front and share with your neighbors, friends and family who want to stay up to date on what's happening in the City of Forest Park, GA.

CITY OPERATIONS:

Under the Direction of Fire Chief Latosha Clemons the Forest Park Fire Department will be hosting an Officer Candidate School January 10th – January 15th. This is an initiative to develop our next generation of leaders within the Forest Park Fire Department.

On December 5, 2021, the City of Forest Park held its annual Christmas parade and tree lighting festivities. We had an awesome turn out and I want to give a huge thank you to our Recreation and Leisure Department and a special thank you Ms. Myia Williams, who lead the coordination of the parade, the performances, and other festivities of the evening. She did a phenomenal job!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Chief Nathaniel Clark introduced new Police Officer Recruits

Amir Holmes	Kiara Chittick	Roberto Cardenas
Jasmine Mason	London Moriarty	Sierra Jackson, Communications Officer (Dispatcher)

CONGRATULATIONS:

HR Director Shalonda Brown and Deputy HR Director Diane Lewis for completing the requirements through Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to be awarded the Human Resources Certification. OUTSTANDING WORK!

SHOUT OUT:

Give a huge shout out to our Elections Superintendent Ms. S. Diane White for the superior job she and her elections staff did in conducting our 2021 General Elections and the Runoff Elections. Thank you again to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, Clayton County Election's Office, Intact Consulting Services, and all the city departments. Last but not lease I want to thank the residents of Forest Park for exercising your right to vote. Many people forget that it is our local and state elections, not the national elections, that have the greatest impact on our daily lives. I encourage everyone to exercise your right to vote in all elections.

COVID-19 UPDATE: EMS Coordinator Andrew Gelmini

As of December 5, 2021, Clayton County has 35,566 cases of COVID-19 and 731 confirmed deaths; between December 29th and December 5th there were 165 new confirmed cases county-wide. 47% of county residents have received at least (1) one dose of vaccine and 42% are fully vaccinated. Forest Park makes up 9.3% of County cases rising 0.1% from last report. With a total of 3,290 cases as of December 5th are up 35 cases from last week.

The 20 to 50 age group shows the highest percentage of positive cases with African Americans showing the highest positive case percentage followed by Caucasian. Cases peaked in August and September and then fell dramatically, remaining low. The 65 to 85 age group has the highest vaccination rate.

There are still breakthrough cases of COVID-19 as people are still unvaccinated and not using precautions when around others. Boosters are available for those that qualify. The current recommendation for boosters is at least (6) months after receiving the final dose of the first series for Moderna and Pfizer or (2) months after receiving the single dose Johnson and Johnson. People can text their zip code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find local vaccine providers. Contacting your Primary Care Physician or local pharmacy to see if they are giving vaccines or visit vaccines.gov. The Clayton County Health District is giving vaccines based on availability and are rotating their locations to allow for easy access. They are requesting people wishing to receive the booster to call and make an appointment for a booster at (678) 479-2223 and are currently giving boosters at the Battle Creek location Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-4pm.

The CDC has also recognized that Omicron Variant has been found in the U.S. As of today, Omicron is found in 15 States: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. The majority of these cases can be traced to contact with people from the South Africa region. There is still a lot being learned about Omicron. It has shown a rapid spread and is still being studied to determine the vaccines effectiveness against it. With Omicron variant the CDC has changed recommendations to everyone over 18 get a booster but the old recommendations are being observed as well of Age 50+ especially with underlying medical conditions, 18+ if working or living in a high risk setting or long-term care setting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Compliance Engine – Fire Department

There was no discussion or comments from the governing body.

2. Council Discussion on Canceling the December 20th Work Session and Regular Council Meeting – Executive Offices

There was no discussion or comments from the governing body.

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

Councilmember James motioned to recess into Executive Session at 6:15pm for litigation, real estate or personnel and Councilmember Mears second. The motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears. Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried. Councilmember Mears motioned to reconvene back into Work Session at 6:56pm and Councilmember James seconded. The motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mears motioned to adjourn the Council Work Session at 6:58pm and was seconded by Councilmember James. The motion carried.

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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Councilmember Dabouze Antoine at 7:00pm *(Mayor was present but did not have a voice to speak).*

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were provided by Pastor Rickey 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		~
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2, Mayor Pro-Tem		~
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		~
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4	~	
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		~

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL 745 Forest Parkway Forest Park, GA 30297 Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Director, James Shelby, Planning, Building and Zoning Director, Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were two speakers:

1) **Shalonda Schoonmaker** – there will be COVID-19 relief efforts at Gateway Restoration Church located at 4981 Phillips Drive. We have been a part of the "Choose Healthy Life Initiative" started in Washington D.C. with Senator Warnock, AI Sharpton and others that wanted to ensure that certain communities were provided relief; Clayton County was an area of concern. We have been doing COVID-19 testing and vaccinations since January. We will be administering testing and vaccinations, community health and wellness screenings on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 4981 Phillips Drive. We will also be at Rock Church of Atlanta on Saturday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 10am-2pm at 4815 Courtney Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297. We will be given out a \$50 Walmart card for those who get a vaccination, a booster or a second shot. We would love to share this with the community as an incentive. We will also do a virtual round table beginning Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and every other Tuesday until the 21st of December. I have a QR Code to share with anyone with questions about the event. Dr. Kay Stephens an epidemiologist will be on the platform to answer any questions about the vaccine. If you have any questions, you can always call me at 678-671-8336. On Thursday, December 16, 2021, we will be providing Christmas basket to the Police and Fire Departments.

2) **Samuel Ibanez** – thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak. He congratulated everyone that was reelected. He spoke on ethics and addressed his concerns with bike lanes, rental homes, and apartments in the city. He said residents need more information about what is going on in the city. He said no one knew about the Christmas parade/festival; this has happened every year.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

Councilmember James motioned to amend the Regular Agenda to add an item #4 - Approval of Settlement Agreement with Chris Matson and Councilmember Gutierrez seconded.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021 - S. Diane White, City Clerk

Councilmember James motioned and was seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to approve the Council Work Session and Regular meeting minutes from November 15, 2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2. The Compliance Engine - Fire Department

Councilmember James motioned and Councilmember Mears seconded to approve the Compliance Engine.

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

3. Council Approval to Cancel the December 20th Work Session and Regular Council Meeting – Executive Offices

Councilmember James motioned and was seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to approve canceling the December 20, 2021, Council Work Session and Regular meeting.

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

4. Council Approval of Settlement Agreement with Chris Matson – City Attorney

Councilmember James motioned and was seconded by Councilmember Mears to approve the settlement agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James – have a merry Christmas! This will be the last meeting of the year. I will be cancelling my monthly ward meetings that take place on the third Thursday of the month. I want to say thank you to all that went out to vote. We are excited about four more years. We are looking forward to some great things. Thank you so much, enjoy your families and stay safe. – I want to thank everyone that put pressure on Norfolk Southern Corporation about the train. We are working to keep the train from being parked and blocking our city streets. Please spread the word.

Councilmember Gutierrez – I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas. It is our last meeting, make sure you spend it with family. Do not stress yourself about gifts or material things. It is about being with family and enjoying the presence of the people around us. On Friday, December 10, 2021, I will have a Town Hall Meeting to provide a recap of some of my accomplishments as a councilmember, the City of Forest Park and my colleagues. The event will begin at 5pm-9pm at 850 Main Street. There will be a special guest onsite for pictures "Santa". We will also watch the movie "The Grinch". Come out and enjoy some free food. We will also have a pinata so come and take a shot at it. Commissioner Aleika Anderson had a clean-up in our city on Saturday. Thank you for promoting that and showing up in our city! Thank you, Mr. Ross. Panthers in Action will host the Senior Ball on Saturday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 6pm-9pm. You may RSVP with Ms. Stone by contacting her at 770.825.3898. The event will be held at 5087 Park Avenue (Mary Ann Connelly Senior Center). Thank you for coming out. Be careful when you are in the school zone. Please slow down and be careful. Enjoy your holiday. Merry Christmas and thank you for coming out,

Councilmember Mears – I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas. I want us all to remember the reason for the season. If you are able, please help someone in need. I want to congratulate the mayor (Mayor Angelyne Butler) on her fabulous win as well as Councilmember James for doing a great job. I think we have a good crew. We are going to move the city forward. See you all next year, thank you.

Mayor Butler – *(the City Manager read the mayor's comments)* thanks to everyone that came out. This is the last meeting of the year. It is going to be a great new year. I am looking forward to it. There will be a Christmas Outreach "Hunger No More" at Rock Church of Atlanta. There will be a toy giveaway, health screenings, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations and much more. The event will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 10am-2pm at 4815 Courtney Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297. You will be required to provide proof of children, or they must be present to receive toys while supplies last. Thanks to all that reached out regarding the mayor's daughter; she has made a full recovery. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Antoine – whatever you are doing at the end of the year, is most likely what you will be doing at the beginning of the year. We started this year so strong, and we ended strong. We here at the city really care about your interest. We have exciting work planned for the city. Please share the word. Yes, I love to see the same faces but what about your neighbors that do not know when the Mayor and Council meet. Share the information about the council meetings on Facebook or knock-on doors; invite them to come. I say together, let everyone know that Forest Park is a place where you would want to live, work, and play. Thanks to the business owners, churches, and employees. Believe me, this is a dream team. Everyone that works for the city is an all-star. Shout out to the Police Department for the new recruits. I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager – you can now visit the Kroger Ocodo website. They are now beginning the testing phase of home delivery service. I would also like to send condolences to the family of one of our employees Ms. Alysa Hemphill, during the loss of her mother.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember James motioned and Councilmember Mears seconded to adjourn the Council Regular meeting at 7:26pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried.

File Attachments for Item:

3. Council Approval of Mayor Pro-Tem – Executive Department

Background/History:

Council approval of Resolution to appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022 calendar year.



City Council Agenda Item

Council Approval of Mayor Pro-Tem - Executive Department Subject: S. Diane White, City Clerk Submitted By: December 20, 2021 Date Submitted: Work Session Date: N/A Council Meeting Date: January 3, 2022 **Background/History:** Council approval of appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022 calendar year. Cost: \$ -0-Budgeted for: Yes No **Financial Impact:** No Financial Impact **Action Requested from Council:**

Approval of Mayor Pro-Tem

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MAYOR PRO TEM (MAYOR PRO TEMPORE). AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOISE OF THIS RESOLUTION. AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY, AS NECESSARY, PROVIDING FOR A EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

WHEREAS the City Council desires to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem (mayor pro tempore); and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that the foregoing appointment is necessary and beneficial to its citizens and to the efficient operation of the City.

THERFORE, IT IS NOW RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 <u>Appointment</u> – The City Council hereby appoints

_____ as the Mayor Pro Tem (mayor pro

tempore) for the 2022 calendar year.

SECTION 2 <u>Approval of Execution</u> – The Mayor of Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other necessary acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of Forest Park. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 3 <u>Severability</u> - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4 <u>**Repeal of Conflicting Provisions**</u> – All City Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

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

SO RESOLVED, this 3^{rd} day of January 2022.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

ATTEST:

____ (SEAL)

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney