



**CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers, Virtual Meeting Via Zoom and YouTube Livestream

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**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  
Sharee Steed, City Clerk  
Mike Williams, City Attorney

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**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:****INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:****ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:****PRESENTATION(S):**

1. **Ward 4 Yard of the Quarter - Councilwoman, Latresa Akins-Wells**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (Please adhere to the 3 minute time limit)**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:****APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. **Council Approval to Adopt the Council Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2021 and the Special Called Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2021 Sharee Steed, City Clerk**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. **City Manager would like to confirm the hiring of the new Director of Finance**
4. **Approval of Resolution 2021-18 - Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Georgia Section 319(h) Non-Point Source, Implementation Grant FY2021 Green Infrastructure - LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst and James Shelby, Director of PB&Z**
5. **Council Approval of the Replacement of Two (2) Pumpers and One (1) 75' Quint Aerial to be paid from Fire Department's SPLOST funds - Deputy Chief Clemons and Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director**
6. **Council Approval of the Legislative Offices Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds - Sharee Steed, City Clerk and Darquita Williams, Interim Deputy Finance Director**
7. **Council Approval of the Police Department Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds - Chief Nathaniel Clark and Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director**
8. **Council Approval of the Executive Offices Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds - Dr. Cooper, City Manager**

**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:**

**2. Council Approval to Adopt the Council Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2021 and the Special Called Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2021 Sharee Steed, City Clerk**



CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL

**City Council Work Session**

Monday, April 05, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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**DRAFT Work Session Minutes**

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

Sharee Steed, City Clerk

Mike Williams, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 6:00pm

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:** All were present, and 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 <i>(via zoom)</i>		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The Oath of Office for the City Manager was administered to Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper by Mayor Butler.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Deputy Fire Chief, Clemons and Division Chief, Joel Turner

Deputy Fire Chief Clemons reported on the following: Forest Park Fire continue to monitor the overall health of the Forest Park Community through our partnership with Clayton County Board of Health.

As of April 4, 2021, there has been over 22,469 cases in the Clayton County area with 219 Positive Covid 19 Test reported between 03/29-4/04. Clayton County accounts for 2.6% of the total cases in Georgia. More importantly, Forest Park accounts for 2138 cases, roughly, 9.5% of the cases in Clayton County.

Demographically speaking, Female's account for 56.3%, Blacks 53% and ages 30-44 account for 26.6%, all the highest amongst other groups in Clayton County.

**Vaccines:**

1. Residents may call the Health Department Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line @ 888 457-0186 Mon. - Fri. from 8am to 8pm and Sat. & Sun., from 8am to 5pm.
2. Clayton County Health District continues to vaccinate by appointments "only" at Mundy's Mill High School. Residents may call Clayton County Health Department at 678-479-2223 to schedule an appointment.

There are several Mass Vaccination Sites (accepting up to 42,000 available appointments per day).

1. <https://myvaccinegeorgia.com>
2. Mercedes Benz Stadium (accepting up to 42,000 appointments per week)
3. <http://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us> or call 888 457-0186 to schedule an appointment.

Additional locations are:

- Walgreens
- CVS
- Walmart
- Ingles

Everyone is still highly encouraged to follow good personal hygiene practices

- wash hands frequently
- use hand sanitizer
- maintain physical distancing
- and use masks

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion to Approve the Fire Department Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds – Director of Fire, Chief Don Horton & Interim Director of Finance, Darquita Williams

**Background and Summary:**

The fire department will be hosting a Fire Recruit Academy starting April 7, 2021 to help fill 17 current vacancies. Funds are needed to cover the cost of books, background checks, EMS mannequins, ACMABT-subscriptions to sign up for clinicals to be performed at Piedmont Hospital, and certifications of EMT and EMT-A. The Fire Department did not account for the Recruit Academy in the FY 21 budget; thus no funds were allocated for this training. The Fire Department is requesting the following budget amendment from

their Computer Outlay line item to their Training Aid line item. This transfer will not have a negative impact on any of the involved line items.

**There was no discussion on this item.**

2. Discussion to Approve the Parks and Recreation Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds – Director of Parks and Recreation, Tarik Maxwell & Interim Director of Finance, Darquita Williams

**Background and Summary:**

Due to COVID 19, the Parks and Recreation department has not been able to utilize funds that were originally allocated for various indoor activities. The Parks and Recreation department would like to continue providing the citizens of Forest Park with great entertainment and wonderfully experiences by offering more outdoor events and festivals during this 3rd and 4th quarter. The Parks and Recreation department is requesting the following budget amendments. These transfers will not have a negative impact on any of the involved line items.

**There was no discussion on this item.**

3. Discussion to Approve RESOULTION 2021-16 the Adopt-A-Road Initiative - Councilman, Hector Gutierrez

**Background and Summary:**

Implementing the Adopt-A-Road program/Resolution will help encourage more participation amongst groups in the community with keeping the City clean. Community groups would be able to adopt a road in the city and would be responsible for completing an organized clean-up at least once a month.

**There was no discussion on this item.**

4. Discussion to Approve the Finance Department's Budget Amendment - City Manager, Dr. Cooper & Interim Finance Director, Darquita Williams

**Background and Summary:**

Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA & Advisors is actively completing the FY20 financial audit for the city. There is currently \$8,250 left on the contract to bill out; however, Mauldin & Jenkins has notified us that the current "Work in Progress" bill as of March 31, 2021 is \$25,000 which results in an overage \$16,728. These overages are due to audit inefficiencies extending the audit past the projected completion date. We are requesting the following budget amendment to cover the cost of the Work in Progress bill. This transfer will not have a negative impact on any of the involved line items.

**There was no discussion on this item.**

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

**It was motioned to recess into Executive Session at 6:10pm.**

Motioned by Councilmember Means. Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

**It was motioned to reconvene back into Work Session at 7:06pm.**

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 motioned to adjourn the Council Work Session at 7:07pm.**

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

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

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 The Honorable Allan Mears

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager  
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**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:08pm.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was done by Bishop Paul Fortson of Paradise Church in Christ

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:** All were present, and 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 <i>(via zoom)</i>		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓



**PRESENTATION(S):**

1. Ward 4 Yard of the Quarter - Councilwoman, Latresa Akins-Wells

**This item was tabled.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit) – There were three (3) Speakers:

- JoAnn Thomas – Asked where are we now or what was done about the cleanup at Ft. Gillem? I am asking because there is no insulation in our apartment and the air, dust, and everything else comes in on us. Around my window seals are black and I have a breathing problem. Did they extend the date from March 26<sup>th</sup> for us to respond, because we have not heard anything as of yet.
- Lawanda Folami – I am representing the concern citizens of Forest Park. I would like to recognize our new City Manager; we do know that you have a task and a job, and we want you to know if we can be of any assistance to you to just call us. Would also like to thank Ms. Shalonda Brown, there has been a lot of great comments coming out of the community on how she held the city together, by upgrading human resources and making the staff feel comfortable and they see the change. I get a lot of calls about a lot of things and would just like to say the community is talking about Ms. Brown and kudos to you. I also would like to speak about Park Holland, residents gathered to talk about the toxin and the hazards out there. I have with me tonight Senate Rep. Scott, and we would like to know what the solution is going to look like.
- Dianne Lunsford – Did you know, I saw on TV the 10 Worst Cities in GA, that Forest Park was number 10. Our neighbors Hapeville and College Park are ranked the same. This is embarrassing, I was floored when I saw this information, it references that we are mostly *(inaudible)* and renters, which I am not, have been a homeowner for 42 years. Secondly, the Forest Park Police Department has been a big concern of mines, we had mass exodus Mr. Dabouze *(inaudible)* we have had over 120 murders, *(inaudible)* we had old officers who knew the city and most of the folks in the city, but now we new recruits that do not know the city and you do not see them or interact with any of them. I am also against the public safety building being built and have the public safety director of all things, I believe our city is not big enough for something like that and we are just getting top heavy. I would like the area to go to, that is on the parkway, to be for the fire department only. Station No. 2 is on a dire need of being demoed and fix up the police department's headquarters, if that is what needed, they have been taken care before. Also, Mr. Gutierrez, your adopt a street would be a wonderful idea, however, I only know of two residents who pick up trash that is not just on their street, I wish you luck with that.

Mayor Butler thanked Rep. Scott for being in attendance and ask him if there was anything he would like to say.

- Rep. Scott, I am just here in reference to the concerns of Ft. Gillem, just trying to find what the next steps, because is it in my District, so I want to be involved and know the next step and how we are going and how we are going to help the citizens that live in that area?

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

**It was motioned to Adopt the April 5th Regular Agenda with adding Item #7 - Approval of Reclassification of the Economic Development Staff Assistant position to Project Manager, along with related job description.**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

Wells, Councilmember Mears

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Council Adopting the March 15, 2021 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

**It was motioned to adopt the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021.**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. Approval for the Fire Department Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds – Director of Fire, Chief Don Horton & Interim Director of Finance, Darquita Williams

**It was motioned to approve the Fire Department's Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds.**

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James

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

4. Approval for the Parks and Recreation Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds- Director of Parks and Recreation, Tarik Maxwell & Interim Director of Finance, Darquita Williams

**It was motioned to approve the Parks & Recreation Department's Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds.**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

5. Approval of RESOLUTION 2021-16 the Adopt-A-Road Initiative - Councilman Hector Gutierrez

**It was motioned to Approve Resolution 2021-16 Adopt-A-Road Initiative.**

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

6. Approval for the Finance Department's Budget Amendment- City Manager, Dr. Cooper & Interim Finance Director, Darquita Williams

**It was motioned to adopt the Finance Department's Budget Amendment.**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

**ADDENDUM:**

7. Approval of Reclassification of the Economic Development Staff Assistant position to Project Manager, along with related job description – City Attorney and Bruce Abrahams, Economic Development

**It was motioned to Approve Reclassification of the Economic Development Staff Assistant position to Project Manager**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

**Councilmember James** – Thanked everyone for coming out, this is a first being open to the public since COVID, and we are social distancing, wearing our masks, we appreciate you being out tonight. I would like to inform the public that Trustees Drugs, located at 385 Forest Parkway, they are administering the Moderna two-shot vaccine, please call them at 404-366-9088 to set up an appointment. Neighborhood meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have some great information to share with the public.

**Councilmember Antoine** – Thanked everyone, we see new faces, because the city is reopen and we invite you back. Thank you to all the departments we could not do this without each of you and continue to know that we have great things going on with this city.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – Welcome everyone back and my apologies for not being there physically, but thanks to everyone that attended the meeting. We had a busy weekend, we reopened everything back up; we started off with a bang with a food partnership, and hopefully this partnership is a long lasting one. I spoke with the representative with Muslims for Humanity, and he stated that we potentially could have a food giveaway monthly here in the city, at no cost to us. So, I am excited to give out food boxes to the community. Had my first Ward 3 cleanup, few in numbers, but that is okay, going to meet with some business owners in the area, because I saw a lot of trash from certain businesses, so maybe we can hold them a little more accountable for keeping the city clear of trash and not just making money off the communities. Thank you, Ms. Lunsford, for your kind words about the Adopt-A-Road initiative, I am really excited about this project. Be on the lookout the next few weeks, we are going to be putting out around the City the two (2) little libraries, that the students painted, as a teacher, I am always promoting literacy. So, if you have any books have or would like to see in the libraries, please contact me. Ms. Thomas we are working on the problem in Holland Park, we are working on this problem and I will give you and others an update soon. I have an event for teenagers called Snack and Paint, co-hosted with our Teen Council, more information will be posted to our social medias.

**Councilmember Wells** – Welcome Mr. Cooper, I support you and hope you come in and do what needs to be done in the City of Forest Park. You have walked into a whole lot of stuff, but good luck and do not give up on us, we are a great city, regardless of what the news says or what disagreement we are having, Forest Park is a great city. Wellness for Wells every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm at the gym. We been doing this for two (2) months now, the community loves it, and it is free. The Easter Basket give-away, I teamed up with the Pastor of my church, Living Faith International Church on Old Dixie Hwy, to give Easter Baskets to all the kids that attended, thank you Pastor Tucker and Living Faith for continuing to be a vessel in our community. There will be a documentary filmed on the “Choices You Make”, it is about a young male athlete who attended Eagles Landing Christian Academy and went to Tallahassee to attend college and was murdered. I am assisting the mother with recruiting young adults between the ages of 15 to 25, and have been affected by gun violence, whether a family member or they were a victim, to be in

the documentary that will be filmed on April 17<sup>th</sup>, here in Forest Park. Thank you, Tariq Maxwell for the Easter Egg event and all the other events, that you have brought to the City.

**Councilmember Mears** – Warm welcome to the new City Manager, I am glad to have him here and know he will do a real good job, congratulations. Thanks, and congratulations for a great job to Mr. Maxwell on his work with the Egg Hunt on Saturday, he organized a lot of activities for the kids to enjoy. Thanks to everyone that came out to attend the meeting as well as those on zoom.

**Mayor Butler** – The Easter Egg event was amazing, and I would like to thank everyone for attending. Thank you, Representative Schofield for being with us today and would like to make remarks? Rep. Schofield, do you think you could come back and do a full presentation a post legislative update?

**Representative Kim Schofield** – As you know this session, I will be putting out my newsletter and the wrap-up session, but we know we are in a battle right now for bill SB202, the voting rights bill, that was signed into law by the governor. This bill has some grave consequences when it comes to our voting rights and privileges. One of the things it does is takes away local control and gives power to Secretary of State to control all the election boards. And we know that is problematic in a lot of ways; it also prohibits anyone that is in line to vote to receive water or snacks and again that is important, because when we are voting during this season, you cannot withhold just basic needs of water and food, it just does not sense, there are a lot of things and provisions in this bill that are definitely going to hurt us and so what we are continuing to do is to move forward; as you see on the news we have been holding the corporations accountable for supporting the bill and your State Legislators, Senate and House, are still going to fight to the bitter end even though it is into law, we know that the next step is going to be in the courts, but even with it being in the court, there are still some actions that we can take and we know we are going to vote, we have to vote. It is not an option of how we will vote it is where and it is a must for us. I will continue to bring you updates, but this was a bad bill, all the way around, and this session was again a contentious session. We had probably over a thousand bills on the table and the bills are not equitable. Reach out to me at [kim.house.ga.gov](mailto:kim.house.ga.gov) or 404-656-0220, I am always here to answer any questions. Will continue to update and keep you in the know, but we have work to do. Yes, I can come back and thank you for the opportunity to speak.

**Mayor Butler** – Ms. Thomas, as Councilmember Gutierrez stated, we have not forgotten about the meeting that we had a week or so ago, in fact, staff will be meeting tomorrow, I believe we are in the process of evaluating a proposal to have an additional environmental assessment done, we have made contact with the property management company and we are going to look at all options available and then we will report back to the community shortly thereafter. We have everything even close to finalized just to present all options.

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

**It was motioned to recess into Executive Session at 7:37pm.**

*NOTE: Councilmember Antoine and Adkins-Wells left the Council Meeting at 7:38pm.*

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

**It was motioned to reconvene back into the Regular Meeting at 8:25pm.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**It was motioned to adjourn the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting at 8:26pm.**

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

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**CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

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**DRAFT SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

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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  
Sharee Steed, City Clerk  
Mike Williams, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The Special Called Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Mayor Butler.

**ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:** Roll call was done and a quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large <i>(via zoom)</i>		✓
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1 <i>(via zoom)</i>		✓
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2, Mayor Pro-Tem <i>(via zoom)</i>		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3 <i>(via zoom)</i>		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4	✓	
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion and Approval of RESOLUTION 2021-17 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement and Related Documents to Finance the City's Capital Projects- City Attorney, Mike Williams

**It was motioned to approve Resolution 2021-17 authorizing an IGA and related documents for finance the City's Capital Projects.**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**It was motioned to adjourn the Council Work Session at 4:05pm.**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

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**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. Approval of Resolution 2021-18 - Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Georgia Section 319(h) Non-Point Source, Implementation Grant FY2021 Green Infrastructure - LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst and James Shelby, Director of PB&Z**



**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CLAYTON**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-18**

**A RESOLUTION BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AS A CO-APPLICANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY (CCWA) TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000.00 FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, UNDER GEORGIA SECTION 319(H) NONPOINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR FY 2021, TO PROVIDE FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE AND ADDRESS URBAN WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION IN THE WEST JESTERS CREEK WATERSHED; THE PROJECT START DATE OF AUGUST 1, 2021, ENDING JULY 31, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, green infrastructure is an approach to water management to protect, restore or imitate a natural water cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, green infrastructure enhances community safety and quality of life by restoring wetlands, planting trees, or retrofitting existing infrastructure to produce expected results that will benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, West Jesters Creek is a tributary of the Flint River that begins from two smaller streams in Forest Park near the Pine Ridge Road area and flows south, meandering its way through the cities of Forest Park and portions of Lake City, Morrow, Clayton County, and Jonesboro where it empties into the Flint River near State Route (SR) 138; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources FY2021 Georgia Section 319 (H) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant period is now open with a deadline of April 30, 2021 for water quality and non-point source pollution projects; and

**WHEREAS**, there are green infrastructure opportunities at two (2) separate sites in Forest Park: (1) City of Forest Park, Starr Park Design and Construction, and (2) City of Forest Park, Police Department Headquarters Design by retrofitting and enhancing existing infrastructure basins and swales as part of efforts to improve water quality in the West Jesters Creek Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the total projected cost of the Starr Park renovation project is \$12,450,000.00, with a match of \$12,100,000.00, and the maximum federal award to any individual project is \$400,000.00, the city's request is \$350,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia, hereby authorize the Planning, Building and Zoning Department as co-applicant with the Clayton County Water Authority to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for green infrastructure opportunities to improve water quality and non-point source pollution in the Jesters Creek Watershed.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of the court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** Repealer. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.

**SO RESOLVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.**

**CITY OF FOREST PARK**

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Angelyne Butler, Mayor

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Kimberly James, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1)

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Antoine Dabouze, (Ward 2)

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Hector Gutierrez, (Ward 3)

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Latresa Akins-Wells, (Ward 4)

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Alan Mears, (Ward 5)

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

(THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK,  
GEORGIA)

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY