



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA
The Honorable Kimberly James
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez
The Honorable Allan Mears
The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
Ricky L. Clark Jr, City Manager
Randi Rainey, City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Pastor Clinkscale led the invocation and prayer.

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK: A quorum was established.

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

John Wiggins, Finance Director; Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director; James Shelby, Project Manager; Shalonda Brown, HR Director; Diane Lewis, Deputy HR Director; Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director; Nigel Watley, Deputy Public Works Director; Fire Chief Latosha Clemons; Deputy Fire Chief David Halcomb; Josh Cox, IT Director; Rodney Virgil, Level 2 Support Engineer; Pauline Warrior, Senior Management Analyst; Javon Llyod, PIO; Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director Marselles Williams, Economic Director; Nicole Dozier, Planning Community Director; Brandon Criss, Police Dept.; Mayor Jones, Police Dept; Dorothy Roper-Jackson, Court Director, and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

There was a motion to adopt the agenda with an addition from the Executive Session for a Settlement Agreement with Gentry.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Approval of Council Minutes from June 26, 2024, Special Called Meeting and Work Session and Regular Meeting from July 1, 2024- City Clerk

There was a motion to approve the minutes with said changes.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were (3) three Public Speakers.

John Randle- concern was the shooting of guns at night. He noted they need speed bumps, cameras, or lights on Burkes and Yancy Road, because of speeding. He noted there are a lot of drug activities going on at Burkes, and Yancy Road toward City View. He thanked Chief Criss and his crew for checking on him.

Mr. Ibenez- thanked them for updating the website. He liked that they were hiring new officers. He noted they spend a lot training the officers and they leave. He would like to know why, and if there is an issue. He noted the people are doing a good job with traffic. Mr. Ibenez wanted to have a moment of silence for the people whose loved ones passed away, like his sister in Mexico. He noted he received a ticket but did not know the court date. He stated he could not go to Mexico because he does not know when he is supposed to appear in court.

Ms. Gwinn- noted that she spoke with the chief and Lt. Wilkerson about events that they put on in remembrance of her son every year. She noted she will not allow the City of Forest Park to tarnish her son's memory; by saying he was a drug dealer when he was self-employed. She noted she did not like the fact that undercover officers were at their event asking if this was where they can purchase drugs. She noted they help the community all the time and it needs to stop today. She noted there is a lack of communication with the community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager, Ricky L Clark, Jr- gave an overview of the operational activities for the month of June. He noted there was a Walk with the Mayor and Clean Sweep. He noted that Ward 1 meeting is on July 18th, Fun Friday is on July 19th, and Ward 4 Block Party is on July 31st. He stated the Home Program is now closed, and they recently opened it

up for a short amount of time for contractors to register. City Manager Clark noted several new businesses have opened in different Wards. He noted they are working to finalize the plans for the city center, and Starr Park. He noted all the monument signs are out and the opening bid was on July 11, 2024. He gave an overview of the different departments throughout the city. He introduced Marcellas Williams as the new Economic Development Director, and Nicole Dosier as the new Planning and Development Director. He noted Mayor Butler, put together an event for the employees to bring their fur babies to work. Mr. Clark noted the event was a huge success.

CEREMONIAL:

National Park and Recreation Month 2024

A proclamation was presented, and the Mayor and Council took pictures.

Director, Tarik Maxwell- thanked everyone for the proclamation, and noted he would not be able to do it without his amazing team.

Glenn Reeves- thanked everyone and noted the city would not be what it is without everyone. He thanked Tarik for all that he does, and for giving him a chance to work with the city. He noted he loves his team, the people he works with, and the City of Forest Park.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was motioned to approve all the items on the consent agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

1. **Council Approval on the Acceptance of FY2023 EMPG from GEMA/HS-Fire and EMS Department**
2. **Council Approval of a Contract Extension for On-Call Landscaping Services**-Public Works Department

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Council Approval of the Atlanta EV Fleet Alliance MOA – Executive Offices**

It was motioned to approve the Atlanta EV Fleet Alliance MOA.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

4. **Council Approval of Task Order FDC 2024.09 for Falcon Design to assist with Bid Assistance and Construction Administration for the Fire Department's Training Center and Vehicle Storage Build Out**-Planning and Community Development Department

It was motioned to approve Task Order FDC 2024.09 for Falcon Design to assist with Bid Assistance and Construction Administration for the Fire Department's Training Center and Vehicle Storage Build Out.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

5. Council Approval of the Forest Park Police Department Mobile Command Center-Police Department

It was motioned to approve the Forest Park Police Department Mobile Command Center.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

6. Council Approval of the Gentry Settlement.

It was motioned to approve the Forest Park Police Department Mobile Command Center.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

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. She noted they do not take the public comments lightly. She will reserve her comments until they have had the opportunity to look further into the complaints. Councilmember James noted she hosts her Ward 1 meeting every 3rd Thursday, at 696 Main Street at 5:00 pm. She stated it is streamed for viewing if you cannot make the meeting. She noted September 28th, the last Saturday in the month that the 5K Kickoff will begin and the Tailgate. She invited all the Forest Park Alumni, business owners, and people to participate in the march. She noted with all that is going on worldwide, if someone tells you they cannot breathe, they are not going to be still, because they can't breathe. She noted she is glad her community is not doing anything like that.

Councilmember Antione – thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilmember Gutierrez - thanked everyone for coming out and welcomed the new employees. He thanked the public comment speakers and noted that is not the perception they want the community to have. He noted they will be working on this. Councilmember Gutierrez thinks people should love one another more and make the world better. He stated it is an honor to serve as their councilman and he is here if anyone needs him.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – she welcomed the new employees. She thanked Officer Dewayne Thomas for being on the grill cooking and giving back to the community. She shouted out to his mentorship program and noted it means a lot, because it is needed in the community. She thanked Nigel, and the public works employees for the work done at Perkins Park. She noted that community policing is very important. She spoke about the public comment made by Ms. Gwinn. Councilmember Akins-Wells noted if community policing was being done, people would know how much he gives back to the community and is not a drug dealer. He has been doing this ever since his brother passed away. She noted she has received several phone calls about how nasty the officers have been. She wants the police to go out in the community and get to know the community they serve.

Councilmember Mears – welcomed Mr. Willie back. He agrees with Mrs. Wells on a lot of things said. He noted they would not want to live there if they were not there. He said he would like to commend public safety for doing a great job and for being there when needed.

Mayor Butler – noted she is used to being a part of a community that protects and serves and expects nothing less in a municipality where she serves and lives. She notes she is going to trust that the City Manager and the Police Chief will make sure the comments brought forth will be addressed sufficiently, appropriately and expeditiously.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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

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

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