



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

Monday, January 3, 2021, at 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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

**DRAFT REGULAR 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 Butler

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** The invocation and pledge were provided by Dr. Rose M. Greene.

**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, Mayor Pro-Tem |        | ✓       |
| Latresa Akins-Wells  | Council Member, Ward 4                |        | ✓       |
| Allan Mears          | Council Member, Ward 5                |        | ✓       |

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Director, Javon Lloyd, PIO Director and Joshua Cox, IT Director.

**PRESENTATIONS:****1. Swearing in Ceremony – Legislative Department**

Mayor Butler recognized Congresswoman Nikema Williams.

The oath of office was administered to Councilmember Kimberly James, Councilmember Dabouze Antoine and Mayor Angelyne Butler.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)** There were no comments.

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

Councilmember James motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:****2. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021 - S. Diane White, City Clerk**

Councilmember James motioned to approve the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****3. Council Approval of Mayor Pro-Tem – Executive Department**

Councilmember James motioned to appoint Councilmember Hector Gutierrez, as Mayor Pro-Tem seconded by Akins-Wells.

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

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

**Councilmember James** – thank you to everyone that came out tonight. I appreciate it and I am honored. I am thankful to God for the great things he has done. I look forward to serving the city for another (4) years. Happy New Year!

**Councilmember Antoine**- thanks to everyone that took the opportunity to come tonight. This is special to me; I know if it was not for God I would not be in this position and I am grateful. I will go back to my country and tell the people they can become a mayor or a member of council if they put God first. As you know, Ward 2 is the best ward; you know we are going to take care of business. You have my number, let's go to work and God bless you all. Thanks for the support. I love you.

**Councilmember Gutierrez** – it is nice to see everyone and Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. I hope everyone had good holiday. I am excited the elections are over I hope now we can come together and look forward to our future. All the people that ran against the other candidates talked business and shared ideas they had. Any good ideas that you had bring them forward so we can make this the best city for our people. Happy Birthday to Councilmember Akins-Wells. As a teacher we are going back virtual, so everyone please be safe. Hopefully it will not be for long because I do miss the children and I believe we need to be in the classroom. We will not have a Food Truck Friday this month due to Covid and the weather. We will come back strong next month we will be celebrating Black History Month. Make sure you come out and celebrate the culture with us. The employees here at Forest Park do a phenomenal job putting these events together. Please be safe.

**Councilmember Akins-Wells** - thank you so much Councilmember Gutierrez for the birthday wish. Congratulations to the governing body. I would like to thank the Douglas Brothers Foundation over Christmas holiday we gave out over 400 toys at the gym to kids in Forest Park and surrounding cities. Thanks to the Fire Department who is always hands on with anything I have going on in the city. Sargent Sparks, Officer Marks, Officer Green, *Jaques* Wells and Curt Simmons thank you! I could not do it without you. Happy New Year to everyone and thank you all for coming out. I hope you all have a blessed New Year.

**Councilmember Mears** – I want to tell everyone how much it means to us to see a good crowd for this swearing in ceremony. I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Take care of yourself, protect yourself from Covid. Get tested and wear your mask. I am glad to see everyone that is here. I hope to see this room filled each meeting so that you can see how we are taking care of your business. Thank you.

**Mayor Butler** – I want to thank everyone for being present with us here tonight. I want to thank the residents for their confidence in me and for electing me for another (4) years. Rock Church of Atlanta you did an amazing job at the Toy Drive a few weeks ago. Thank you for your continued commitment to our community. I would like to recognize my family that is here; thank you so much for being here. I strive every day to make you guys proud and I hope I am living up to that.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember James motioned to adjourn the Regular Session, seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells. The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

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