



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

Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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

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 at 6:00pm by Mayor Butler.

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		✓

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**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.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- We are currently working to relaunch a monthly newsletter that will be distributed electronically month from our Public Information Office. Please ensure you sign up for our news and information via our Citizen Engagement Card or visiting the City of Forest Park's website www.forestparkga.gov

SHOUT OUT:

A huge shout out goes out to all the men and women of the Forest Park Police Department on a successful "Shop with a Cop" event the department was able to ensure 20 local families had a very merry Christmas. This was a two-day event funded by personal donations from police officers who wanted to brighten the holiday season for local children.

Thank you to Forest Park Police Department for your commitment to keeping our residents and business owners safe during the holiday season by initiating Operation Christmas Presences.

Forest Park Fire Department for their Christmas Delivery initiative that help feed and provide presents for families in our community.

Huge Thank You to Jonesy's Place and owner Nachae' Jones for hosting 1st of many appreciation luncheons for our Fire Fighters to help keep their spirits up during this time of unprecedented challenge. Ms. Jones thank you for your continued generosity and compassion to our first responders.

COVID UPDATE: EMS Coordinator Andrew Gelmini

As of December 26, 2021, Clayton County has 38,689 cases of COVID-19 and 743 confirmed deaths. Between 12/20 and 12/26 there were 1,813 new confirmed cases county wide. 48% of county residents have received at least 1 dose of vaccine and 43% are fully vaccinated. Forest Park makes up 9.1% of county cases dropping 0.1% from the last report. With a total of 3,290 cases as of 12/26 up 217 cases from last month.

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 peaked again in the second week of December. The age group 65 to 85 has the highest vaccination rate.

The EMS and EMA Coordinators are tracking 20 current legitimate exposures or positive cases of city employees currently under the new CDC and City COVID-19 procedures are working with them to return to work. The primary departments affected at this time are Fire and Police. With travel and the holidays, we had a large spike in cases which is partially attributed to the Omicron variant spreading rapidly but at this time showing less severe symptoms

in most cases. The CDC updated isolation and exposure guidelines on the 24th and again on the 27th to reflect the current recommendations based on CDC studies which the departments have adopted in the most recent update that went out. (7-PD, 8-Fire, 3 CH, 2 PW)

The CDC continues to encourage and recommend vaccination and boosters for COVID-19 which are available through several means. The current recommendations for vaccines are anyone 5 years and older. 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. You can also contact your primary care physician or local pharmacy to see if they are giving vaccines or visit www.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 vaccine or booster to call and make an appointment at (678) 479-2223 and are currently giving vaccines and boosters at the Battle Creek location Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9a-4p.

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 by Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells at 6:10 pm.

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

Councilmember James motioned to reconvene the Work Session seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez at 6:55pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember James motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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