



# City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Extension – Stipend for First Responders (Firefighters/EMS/Police Officers and Dispatchers – Executive Office

**Submitted By:** Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper

**Date Submitted:** January 04, 2022

**Work Session Date:** January 18, 2022

**Council Meeting Date:** January 18, 2022

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**Background/History:**

The City Council of Forest Park, GA approved on March 27, 2020, and on July 7, 2021, extensions of the additional \$75.00 weekly stipend for First Responders (Firefighters/EMS/Police and Dispatchers) at the forefront of the coronavirus pandemic. The last request for this extension expired on December 31, 2021. The City Manager is requesting an additional extension of this payment stipend until June 30, 2022. With the current surge in cases of the viruses “omicron variant”, I do believe that this continued relief is desperately needed to show our support for front line staff dedicated to helping provide quality services to all residents.

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<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Budgeted for:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>\$9,400 Weekly (\$225,600 6 months)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Financial Impact:**

These funds can be covered from contingency with the understanding that it will be recovered from the next allotment of the American Rescue Fund expected sometimes 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022.

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**Action Requested from Council:**

Approval of First Responder Extension.