



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the City of Forest Park to enhance, strengthen, and grow our city by collaborating with our community to provide the highest level of service. Striving to be recognized as a diverse community that values and respects all members. We will strive to provide fair, professional, and courteous service through transparency and open communication. As we work to achieve this mission, we will have integrity beyond reproach while employing fiscal discipline and innovation. In this work there are no praises and raises for mediocrity.

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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

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

DRAFT REGULAR MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:00pm

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Minister Cook of Rock Church Atlanta

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: Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, Darquita Williams, Deputy Finance Director; Kim Trawick, Human Resources Generalist, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of

Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works, James Shelby, Planning & Community Development Director, Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were three (3) speakers:

LaWanda Folami – In the last meeting, I made an error in a comment that I made; about Seven Pillars Academy Boys basketball team, they are located on Hendrick's Drive, and I said Rock Cut; which they did make it to the playoffs. I would like to thank the 60-70 people who came out Mar. 8th -31st at Unidos Dual Language and each day from the 9th through the 31st, we had at least four readers present per day. I would like to give kudos to you. There was a new bill signed into law, the constitution of carrying law. This is something my city neighbors we should pay close attention to, Senate Bill 319, House Bill 218, we really need to pay close attention to these; I am talking with the colleagues, and I will be calling on some of you to be a part of this, we need to look at how to buy back guns. We have households that do not know the safety and know how to handle a weapon; and we wake up and we hear of an insensibly death has arrived. You are going to be hearing more, it is not about me, it is about us as a team, I would be Mr. Cooper, Chief and those in the county, we all can work collectively to do a buy back. So, Mrs. Gardiner, if you can find some grant money, go ahead and start looking because we are to really need this.

Justin Cook – I am Minister Cook, representing the Forest Park Ministers Association to invite you all and let you all know that this Saturday, April 23rd we will be doing our annual pray and clean event. We will be cleaning the southside of the city. We are partnering with the city and other local businesses. It will start Sat., 8am at Ash Street Baptist Church, 5370 Ash Street, we will meet there for breakfast and directions on how we are going throughout the city. We also have lunch sponsored and getting some cleaning done along with prayer. So come out meet the neighbors, get out in the sun, and get some exercise and this would be a great opportunity, so this is your official invite.

(The mayor and city attorney step away for about 2 minutes)

Samuel Ibanez – Thank you public servants that are with us today. There was a lot of things I wanted to talk about but there is a picture in the front office when I came in asking questions, I saw a picture on the floor of all of you and it was full of dust. The video and audio are not clear. If you get paid weekly, it may not make a difference you get paid every two weeks. You choose to be a servant and thank you, but we need you to come out and look at the businesses to find out what they need, because as customers we are left behind and a lot of people choosing to go to other businesses in other cities, because we do not have that support.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the Council Agenda as printed.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, 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 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2022 - City Clerk**

It was moved to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 4, 2022, with corrections and additions.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Council Approval of the Appointment of a New City Solicitor to the Municipal Court – Chief Executive Office**

It was moved to appoint Andres Marierose as the new City Solicitor.

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

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

- 3. Council Approval of On-Call Real Estate Appraisals and Right of Way Acquisition Consultant Services – Public Works/PBZ/Procurement Division**

It was moved to approve the On-Call Real Estate Appraisals and ROW Acquisition Consultant Services.

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 Math Trail Memorandum of Understanding – Chief Executive Offices**

It was moved to approve the MOU on the Math Trail

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

- 5. Council Approval on Entering an Agreement with Laron Harlem for a Forest Park Mural Project – Procurement Division**

It was moved to approve to enter into an agreement with Laron Harlem to do a Mural Project.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Will this come back to Council with the amount of the agreement?

City Manager – Once the design is done, we will bring it back to council with the cost.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells

- 6. Council Approval to Adopt an Amendment to the Entertainment Venues Ordinance 22-05 for On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol – Legal**

It was moved to adopt the Ordinance Amendment 22-05 for On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol for Entertainment Venues excluding the "hour after venue"

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Councilmember Gutierrez – The recommendation is hour, so why no “hour after venue”?

Councilmember James – I am saying not an hour after because, typically when a venue ends people are going home and to be able to consume alcohol again and you are going home, it puts not only the person consuming in danger but also puts the public in danger. I would rather for them to arrive to their destination alive and others to arrive alive as well. That is why I do not want the hour after.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – We are saying “after the venue closes” that they can still sell alcohol an hour after?

City Attorney – No. We looked around saw how other cities regulate these and so, that is where the “hour before and after” came from. The current ordinance the hours of operation for on-premises consumption is 2am on the weekdays and 12:30am on Sundays, this would be more restrictive of that. If it is a dinner theater and it ends at 10pm, under the way it is drafted, they could go until 11pm, which is still earlier than what is permitted for everyone else, but with that change, basically upon the end of the performance, no further alcohol sales and that is something that I am sure they would be able to live with.

Councilmember Gutierrez – So, the cutoff is still the same, it would not be like, if somewhere the 2am, is the cutoff, our cutoffs are the cutoffs, it is not going to extend an hour to like 3am?

City Attorney – No. They would otherwise have to comply with that strict cutoff, if it is for whatever reasons, it is a very late-night performance, like a comedy club or whatever, just for this specific type, this would not apply to anything else. But if it was a late night, let’s just say the performance ended at 5am, they would have had to have stopped sales at the regular time.

Mayor Butler – I will call for the vote

Councilmember Gutierrez – What are we voting on?

Mayor Butler - the motion was to adopt the Ordinance Amendment 22-05 for On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol for Entertainment Venues excluding the "hour after venue".

Councilmember Mears – That does not include clubs that we have open now?

City Attorney – This only applies to this new definition of entertainment venue.

Councilmember Mears – his comments were inaudible

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Why Councilmember James wants to take the hour away and make sure I understand. Like you stated, if the show or whatever is over at 11pm, how it is written right now, if they go over, they can sell until 12am. And if we take that out it means at 10pm when the venue is supposed to close that is it?

City Attorney – Whenever the performance ends as soon as the performance is over no further alcohol sales.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Okay

Councilmember Antoine – And it does not affect the businesses that is already here? This is for the Main Street area, correct?

City Attorney – No, because none of the existing businesses that have on-premises consumption, would qualify under this definition. The entertainment venue definition is not limited to that area, we certainly could do that, if that was the will of council. This could be wherever you have a commercial facility that meets the definition and would not have to be limited to that entertainment district.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears.

Voting Nay: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

There were several councilmembers speaking at the same time, the Mayor asked for the vote

City Attorney – the vote was 3 to 2, and it passes

Councilmember James – I just want to say, that all it means, in case you do not understand, I will say it again clearly, if you have entertainment or whatever and it ends at 10pm you can still have still have the entertainment go on to 11pm or 12am or whatever, but you cannot sell alcohol during that time. That is all.

City Attorney – The way you worded that is not the way I think, was not the way it was interpreted. So as long as there is a performance going on, whatever type it is, they can sell alcohol, an hour before and the until that performance ends, whatever that is, if it ends as 12am, they can sell until 12am. One thing they cannot do is go past the global prohibition of 2am.

Mayor Butler – Dr. Cooper

Councilmember Gutierrez – This is just medieval, how are people going to come here with more. If they have a performance and then it is over, we are not going pass our time, those times are already set. I feel

Mayor Butler – We already have a vote, if you want to bring it back up again for further discussion, then we could put it back on next meeting's agenda.

There were several councilmembers speaking at the same time

Mayor Butler - Unless Councilmember James, who made the motion, wants to rescind it, or is it if someone who votes in favor of it.

City Attorney – They can move to reconsider the vote.

There were several councilmembers speaking at the same time

Councilmember Mears – I would like to have more discussion on the situation, but

City Attorney – Formally, you would have to make a motion to reconsider the vote and would have to be seconded and they you would vote on that motion and if it...

It was moved to reconsider the previous vote with discussion.

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

Councilmember Mears
Voting No: Councilmember James

City Attorney – That passes, so now you have the issue back on the table, the initial vote still passed but you can reconsider the issue and vote again.

Mayor Butler – Is there a motion on this item?

Councilmember Akins-Wells – A motion on the item that is on the agenda?

Mayor Butler – Yes

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Yes, I so move

Councilmember Gutierrez – Second

City Attorney – to be clear are you moving to approved it as written?

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Yes

Mayor Butler – Councilmember Akins-Wells made the motion and Councilmember Gutierrez seconded, are there any further discussions?

Councilmember Antoine – Point of Order – If there was a motion to table this due to the fact that we do not know all the details behind it?

City Attorney – You must dispense the pending motion.

Councilmember James – Let me just have clarity on this item, once again City Attorney. The proposal is for a venue that is having an entertainment or whatever, will be able to sell one hour before the venue starts and when the venue ends will be able to sell one hour after the venue ends.

City Attorney – That would be the hard cutoff, yes.

City Manager – I think there is confusion with this, let us not say the venue, because the thing is, let us just you are at a play, I am going to give you a scenario, you can buy alcohol starting an hour before the play starts, the play is for two hours, you start at 6pm and goes to 8pm; basically what your motion was is that at 8pm, once that play ends and curtain closes there is no more alcohol sale, everybody goes home. But what the ordinance is stating, is that basically when it says until an hour after, is that if the play ends at 8pm and you are having a reception for people to attend, you could still sell alcohol in your venue for an hour after that. Now your reception may go until 11pm, but you would only be able to sell alcohol for an hour after that, because your play ended at 8pm. If that makes sense.

Councilmember Gutierrez – It is not like a club, which is different.

City Attorney – Even at a comedy club, you have set performances that happen and at the end of those set performances what your motion was, is that at the end of those set performances, when that last person walks off the stage, no more alcohol sales, everybody goes home, but as written, we said that if you are there and a lot times the entertainers come out and want to talk/sell their stuff and they want to do all this and what you are telling the venue, is that you can continue to sell alcohol up to an hour the performance ended.

Councilmember James – So, the ordinance that is written is allowing; if it ends, then it ends, I do not understand what the hour after, so, it is the performance, your performance ends then you can continue to sell alcohol one hour after the performance.

City Manager – Correct, because most performances and event venues such as this, they have receptions after the fact.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – I will give an example, because I go out and I have drinks, because I am young, and I enjoy myself. So just this past weekend, we went to a Blues concert, the event was over 10pm, but there were entertainers coming out to sign autographs, sell CDs, t-shirts and people fellowshiping in the lobby. People may want to have a casual drink, you are saying no, you got to get out of here, there is nothing else to do, you must leave.

Councilmember James – I was saying that because I did not realize I was saying I am cutting off your event. The item on the agenda says an hour after so that is where I was getting the confusion, so it is not an hour after the event it is after they are done, it while they are still doing their entertainment or still in their venue.

Mayor Butler – It is like an extension

Councilmember Antoine – Thank you Dr. Cooper for clarifying this for us, that is why I wanted us to at least know more details about it.

Mayor Butler – We are going to call for the vote now.

It was moved to adopt the Ordinance Amendment 22-05 for On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol for Entertainment Venues as written.

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

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

Voting Abstain: Councilmember James

7. **Council Approval of Amending Ordinance 22-06 Pay Period for Council Members** – Legal

It was moved to adopt the Ordinance Amending 22-06 pay period for Council Members to be changed from monthly to weekly.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears

Voting Nay: Councilmember Akins-Wells

Voting Abstain: Councilmember Gutierrez

It was moved to amend the Agenda to present a proclamation to Clayton County Youth Commission.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Mears

Voting Nay: Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells

ADDENDUM:

8. Presentation of Proclamation to Clayton County Youth Commission

Council presented a proclamation to Clayton County Youth Commission

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Butler – Councilmember Mears, I heard that you have something to be proud of, so we are going to start Council comments with you.

Councilmember Mears – I am the proud great grandparent of a little baby girl, born Lindsay Pitts, 7 pounds, 22 inches long. She is doing well, with a head full of hair she is our new addition. I understand I missed a big Easter egg event; Mr. Maxwell did an extremely job with the egg hunt, fun and games and all and I hope everyone had a blessed Easter and appreciate you coming out, your attention and diligence, and we are going to try to do better every week so bear with us, thank you.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Thanks to everyone that attended, shout out to the Clayton County Youth Commission, they could not be here last time when we recognized them, they are doing a lot of good stuff and I am always about celebrating what they do; they did a few voters registrations last year and they are just out there. We had to postpone our wellness day be on the lookout for the new date; our Food Truck Friday will be a mother's day/teacher appreciation theme, because teacher's appreciation is the first of May, so save that in your calendars to come out. I would like to give shout out to Forest Park High School Boys Soccer Team, they are the last 16 top 60 in the state and will play tomorrow. I was at Babb Middle School we secured a donation for their soccer program. Soccer is not a funded sport in our county, so, I am going to gather some people together and we are going to the school board to advocated for that, because that needs to be a school funded sport. Thanks again for coming out and please reach out to us.

Councilmember Antoine – Happy Easter to everyone and thank you for showing up. God bless you all.

Councilmember James – Congratulations to the Recreation Department on their Easter Egg Extravaganza on Saturday, and Free Wishes Foundation on an excellent job. After you do the clean and pray on Saturday, I invite you to come out to Forest Park High School, they have a pop-up shop for those that want to sell their items, they will be there until 3pm. This Thursday, April 21st is the Ward Meeting, it will be virtual and will be broadcast from the high school, because I have another meeting. If you would like to come out, it will be at 5pm, but it will be online as well. Thank everyone for coming out, we appreciate you.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Thanks to everyone for coming out and to let you know that Fun Fridays are on its way back and that is whether or not it is taken out of the budget, it is coming back, because we have sponsors ready to keep the community going and concerts going; June the 3rd Friday will be the first concert. Congratulation to Mr. Tarik Maxwell for a job well done for bring so much excitement, entertainment to our great city. I would also say I had the opportunity to go and speak to some Seniors at Lovejoy High School, because it is bigger about me, Forest Park, it is about our youth, that is coming behind us, an opportunity to speak about their future and importance of voting, because we are responsible for who we put in office and a lot of people are here that want to help the community, bring good to the community and do right by the people; and then you have some people, not just in Forest Park, but all over, that have agendas, ulterior motives and the people are the last thing that is on their mind, so I think if you have an opportunity and run across a kid that has not voted or has not registered to vote talk to them about that importance. Because these kids did not know what councilmember do, what the local mayors do, did not know the ordinances could be changed by governing body members, but there are so many more important things that we can focus on besides when we get paid. Some are here for the money, and some are not, and that was ridiculous for us to pass out of all the things that we can talking about and moving forward on, that is what we have on the agenda to get paid every week. Thank you all so much and have a good night and hope everyone had a happy and blessed Easter.

Mayor Butler – I do want to say that we are doing better, a lot better than we were a few years ago and we are getting better each and every day; the publicity speaks for itself so, I do not want us to understand the significance of all the progress and work we are making and I definitely do not want it to go unnoticed, because it took a lot of effort to get us where we are. I also want to share that April 26th the Forest Park High Chorus department is going to have a virtual concert and called “Together Again” and will be at 11:30 am and we will make sure the flyer is posted and sent out to everyone to enjoy the great sound of the Forest Park Chorus. I would like Chief Clark to speak about the instances that have taken place in the city over the past few weeks, so I ask that the Chief of Police to touch upon what you can because there are ongoing investigations for some of it but, to provide some solace maybe to the community and insight to what is going on.

Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police – Our city has experienced some violent incidents recently due to gunfire and I am sure most if not all here tonight knows the pain that you feel when you lose a loved one; rest assured that the loss of a loved one, any one person is one person too many. Here are some things we are doing, the arrests we have made and ongoing process:

Operation Clean Sweep:

- Addressed violence in part reference gunfire (*loss of one life is one to many*)
- Redeploying resources and overtime will be used to enhance visibility
- Met with another regional agency last week regarding patrol strategies / establishment of a Task Force
- Formed partnership with Clayton County Schools to address gun safety/violence with our youth
- Continue to hold gun safety training for our adults and enhance community partnerships
- Created Special Response Team to augment field operations and Part-A crimes
- Addressed recent shootings (Rockcut Rd. and Ash/Longleaf Drive)
- Enhance our relationship with the community

Will continue to request of the Governing Body/City Manager enhanced training, equipment, and technology which is paramount to 21st Century Policing and the success of any police department.

The incident that occurred last Thursday the 14th; we had four young men, 2 black and 2 Hispanic males that knew each other; they were in a house for hours smoking marijuana and then left. During the course of them leaving, one picked up belongings that belonged to another one and shortly thereafter a fight ensued, racial language ensued and then there was gunfire.

If we go back to the incident on Rock Cut Road, we had several young youths between the ages of 14 and 16, performing some illegal acts. Again, they knew each other, they attempted to take actions against one another, and gunfire ensued. On this particular case, we have arrested one male, identified another one so, one at large and waiting to apprehend him. We are doing things a little different, and when you do different things, you get complaints. So, I am telling the governing body that you might get some complaints, but you have elected for me to serve in this position, as your police chief, we are going to do things a little different. We refuse to allow anyone to take control of our city, let us do some things differently.

Councilmember Antoine – Thank you for demonstrating your own confidence and I am 100% confident in your plan and it is effective and that is why we elected you to come in this position. The constitutional carry law makes it hard on police to regulate such type of law; you do not even need a permit to carry a gun anymore so, is violence going to increase or decrease. The police department needs not only resources, but it also needs our help to be vigilant and to educate our young people on how to not use gunfire.

Councilmember Gutierrez – As an educator, this is too close to home, black and brown kids, our community just killing each other and that is not good. I just want to challenge our citizens here in the city, we must step up; it takes

a village to raise these children. Sometimes children have children, young youth having babies, single parent home, grandma home, and it is hard growing up in this generation, it is not like when we grew up. Social media has it where you are connected to the world from these devices, but you are really disconnected from the person next to you, because you do not effectively communicate. I am sure most of these arguments happened because there is not effective communication, they just do not know how communicate and things escalate; when you do not have nothing, respect and pride is all you have so, no one is going to take that from you. We need more mentorship programs.

Councilmember James – I would just piggyback on some comments previously stated, the access to guns and drugs is a big major thing. I am looking to the Drug Task Force, because someone is supplying the kids with these things, and we have to get a handle on it. Kudos to you and I know that you have a lot of work to do, and I feel bad about what happened, it was not my decision, we just must make sure that those that do have guns know how to safely keep the guns away from kids.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – I know that violence is going to happen everywhere, things are going to happen everywhere and that is something we cannot control. But I will say that you have some officers and people that get out here, I saw a video of you Sgt. Lewis that went viral, of you on Facebook, getting out the car dancing with the kids, just little small stuff like that makes a difference. So, we are hearing and seeing what is going on in the community that I grew up in and the changes that have been made, there use to be a group called something like the brotherhood/Big Brother, that took young men and talked with them, we need that back in the communities, and not just with young boys, or black kids, with kids period, we need that. That is something that I to work on, maybe Sgt. Lewis, I know you are good with getting out into the community and fellowshiping, maybe we can get together and come up with some kind of program, that is not costly, to these youths together in the community and make an impact and just not talk about it, but actually be about it. If anyone would like to work with this, this is something everyone would be inclined to work together on and definitely think it is something we need to do, because we have a voice and we need to use our voices to be a part of the change.

Mayor Butler – I would like to join you also, but in part of the conversation with Senator Ossoff today, the topic of the guns and mental health came up. So, there is some funding that the county is going to receive help and hopefully it will funnel down to the cities, or we do a joint initiative with the county in general. But to address the mental health aspect that goes into these situations because for someone to resort to violence versus a conversation to handle a dispute there is a disconnect somewhere. And so there is no one magical answer, I think there is a lot of mitigating circumstances that lead to unfortunate instances like this but it is going to take a collective effort to try to bring some resolve and I think what you are hearing today is that the council is committed to assisting you chief, and bringing some resolve to our community.

Councilmember Mears – you are headed in the right direction, but remember, trouble is like a rolling stone, you have to keep it moving and I would be interested in knowing the people that caused most of the shootings if they are from Forest Park or are they transients. The problem to me seems that we have people on the west and east of us, use Forest Park in the middle back and forth looking for guns here and there, and if you keep them moving and do not let them settle in. Could you give us, collectively, idea whether these persons live in Forest Park is making the crime or are they outside coming in.

Chief of Police – Yes, some are externals coming into the city. We have been working on as far as gathering the intel with a database to have stored and with the Task Force, we will be focusing on using that intel to deploy our resources.

Mayor Butler – I would like to say, we do have someone here who is certified to assist with the mental health aspect and that is our very own Nashe Jones and so she has done a lot in the community and then also the mental health

aspect for our officers, because that goes overlooked sometimes as well, so it is going to be a comprehensive initiative to bring forward.

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

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Council Regular meeting at 7:54pm

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