



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, May 20, 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 ACTION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were led by Dr. Beeler.

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, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development; 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; Geoff May; Fire Department, Rodney Virgil, Level 2 Support Engineer; Pauline Warrior, Senior Management Analyst; Javon Lloyd, PIO; Kwame Marshall, Media Specialist; Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director; Tarik Maxwell, Rec and Lesure Director; Rochelle Dennis, Interim Economic Director; Authur Geeter, Procurement; Talisa Clark, Procurement; Brandon Criss, Police Dept.; Dorothy Roper-Jackson, Court Director, Talisa Adams Purchasing; and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of item # 4, to move #8 up to #1, and to have a Public Hearing for items #13 & #14.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**Council Approval of Special Called Meeting from May 1, 2024, and the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2024- City Clerk**

It was moved to approve Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2024

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

Abstain: Councilmember James

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were no public comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**1. Council Approval on Establishing the City of Forest Park as a Purple Heart City-Executive Office**

It was moved to approve the City of Forest Park as a Purple Heart City.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember James

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

A proclamation was presented, and the mayor and council took pictures.

The City of Forest Park was presented with a certificate recognizing it as a Purple Heart City.

CEREMONIAL:

Proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week-May 19-25, 2024-Legislative Offices

Background/History:

National Public Works Week is an annual event typically observed during the third week of May. It is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the contributions of public works professionals and the importance of public works infrastructure in communities. The week serves as an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of public works professionals who play a vital role in maintaining and improving the quality of life in cities, towns, and municipalities across the country. It also highlights the significance of investing in infrastructure to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of residents.

The Mayor and Council took pictures.

Key to the City and Proclamation recognizing Sania Nicole Feagin for winning the 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship Tournament- Legislative Offices (Sponsored by Councilwoman Akins-Wells, Ward 4)

Background/History:

The Forest Park City Council would like to recognize Sania Nicole Feagin, a 2021 graduate of Forest Park High School and member of the University of South Carolina Gamecocks Women's Basketball Team, which accomplished a remarkable undefeated record of 39-0 for the 2023-2024 season and won the 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball National Championship Tournament.

The Mayor and Council took pictures.

Key to the City recognizing Justin Eboigbe for being selected by the Los Angeles Chargers in the 2024 NFL Draft

Background/History:

The Forest Park City Council would like to recognize Justin Eboigbe, a proud Alumni of Forest Park High and the University of Alabama. He has been known for earning First Team All-SEC honors and winning the SEC Championship in 2020, 2021, and 2023 while playing for the University of Alabama. The Los Angeles Chargers are selecting Mr. Eboigbe in the 2024 NFL Draft. His mother, Lucy Earl, will accept the key to the City on Justin's behalf.

The Mayor and Council took pictures.

Certificate of Recognition - The City of Forest Park received a certificate for being a 2023-2024 trusted partner in education with the Clayton County Public Schools-Legislative Offices

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park has received a certificate for being a 2023-2024 trusted partner in education with the Clayton County Public Schools.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Financial Reporting of the FY2023-2024 Monthly Financial Report

Background/History:

The Finance Department is presenting FY2023-2024 Monthly Financial review of the City's financials. The purpose of the monthly financial review is to help us know how healthy the City's cash flow is and help

evaluate department performance to see if the executive office needs to reallocate resources to achieve the financial goals for the City.

3. Presentation of the Forest Park Police E-911 Center and Operations-Police Department

Background/History:

The Forest Park Police E-911 Center operates around the clock, every day of the year, ensuring continuous service to the community. Currently, the center comprises four shifts, each staffed with three communication operators, along with a dedicated Manager overseeing operations. This unit plays a crucial role in supporting the police, fire, and code enforcement departments, enabling them to effectively serve the citizens of Forest Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Council Approval to purchase a 2024 Chevy Tahoe from Jim Ellis Chevrolet for the Code Enforcement Department in the amount of \$68,939.00-Code Enforcement Department

It was moved to approve to purchase of a 2024 Chevy Tahoe from Jim Ellis Chevrolet for the Code Enforcement Department in the amount of \$68,939.00

This item was removed from the agenda.

5. Council Approval of a Telework Policy-Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the Telework Policy.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione

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

6. Council Approval of a Consent Agenda Introduction-Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Akins-Well, Seconded by Councilmember James

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

7. Council Approval on the Employee Benefit's Renewal for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the Employee Benefit Renewal for Fiscal Year 2024-2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember James

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

8. Council Approval on Establishing the City of Forest Park as a Purple Heart City-Executive Office

This item was moved to #1.

9. Council Approval of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP)–Executive Office

It was moved to approve the Employee Benefit Renewal for Fiscal Year 2024-2024.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

10. Council of Board Appointments–Executive Offices (Will discuss in Executive Session)

11. Council Approval of the Municipal Court Fines and Fees Schedule-Municipal Court Department

It was moved to approve the Municipal Court Fines and Fees Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione

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

12. Council Approval of a Task Order for Falcon Design to assist the City of Forest Park with Bid Assistance and Construction Administration for Park Signs-Planning and Community Development Department

It was moved to approve the Task Order for Falcon Design to assist the City of Forest Park with Bid Assistance and Construction Administration for Park Signs.

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

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

13. Council Approval of Case # CUP-2024-01- Conditional Use Permit-Planning and Community Development Department

It was moved to recess the regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing Conditional Use Permit Case # CUP-2024-01.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

It was moved to open the Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit Case # CUP-2024-01

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

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

There were no speakers in favor of the conditional use permit.

There were no speakers in opposition to the conditional use permit.

It was moved close the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit Case # CUP-2024-01.

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

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

14. Council Approval of Case # TA-2024-02 – Text Amendment-Planning and Community Development Department

It was moved to enter into a Public Hearing for Text Amendment Case # TA-2024-02.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

There were no speakers in favor of the conditional use permit.

There were no speakers in opposition to the conditional use permit.

It was moved close the Public Hearing for the Text Amendment Case # TA-2024-02.

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

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

It was motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit Case # CUP-2024-01.

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

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

It was motioned to approve the Text Amendment Case # TA-2024-02.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione

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

15. Council Approval to recognize the Forest Park Police E-911 Operators as First Responders-Police Department

It was motioned to approve to recognize the Forest Park Police E-911 Operators as First Responders

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

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

16. Council Approval to Transfer a Service Weapon- Police Department

It was motioned to approve the Transfer of a Service Weapon.

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

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

Councilmember Gutierrez noted that he would like to apologize to the officer that it took so long.

17. Council Approval to award Omega Pest Solutions for City wide Pest Control-Procurement Department

It was motioned to approve the award of Omega Pest Solutions for Citywide Pest Control.

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

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

18. Council Approval of Designating Public Works as First Responders-Public Works Department

It was motioned to approve the Designating of Public Works as First Responders

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

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

19. Council Approval on a Five (5) Stall Portable Restroom for city events in the amount of \$20,250.00-Recreation and Leisure Department

It was motioned to approve a Five (5) Stall Portable Restroom for city events in the amount of \$20,250.00

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears

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

20. Council Approval on Senior Center Floor Repairs-Recreation and Leisure Department

It was motioned to approve the Designating of Public Works as First Responders

Motion made by Councilmember Antione, Seconded by Councilmember James

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James-

Councilmember Antione-

Councilmember Gutierrez-

Councilmember Akins-Wells-

Councilmember Mears-

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

It was moved to recess into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate matters.

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

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

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

It was motioned to reconvene into the Council Regular Session at 10:36 p.m.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

It was motioned to table the appointment to the Planning Commission and Urban Design Review Board.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

It was motioned to reappoint Eric Stallings to the DDA Board.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

It was motioned to approve for the Mayor to execute, amended, and restated settlement, agreement and mutual release with Marta and Scott Castle Associates.

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

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

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

There was a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a general release and indemnification agreement with Resi Holding LLC regarding 1129 Lloyd Drive.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

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

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

There was a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a general release and indemnification agreement with Masood Parast regarding 5684 Ash Street.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

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

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

Attorney Danielle Matricardi asked if both Marta agreements were done.

Mayor Butler noted she did not.

It was motioned for the mayor to execute, an amended, and restated settlement, agreement and mutual release with Marta and MBLL the streaming productions LLC.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antione.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

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