



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, April 04, 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

ACTION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:02pm and she read the Mission Statement.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were led by Pastor Ricky Schoonmaker.

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; Shalonda Brown, Human Resources Director, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Update from City Edge on Rental Assistance Program – Executive Department

Background/History:

City Edge is giving Council an update on the Rental Assistance Program.

Mrs. Shalonda Schoonmaker and Ms. Beeler gave an update on the Rental Assistance program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were no Public Comments

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the Council Agenda with adding Confirming Dr. Cooper to the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Board as agenda item number 13.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2022 - City Clerk

It was moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes from March 21, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember James

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Confirmation of Appointment to Urban Design Review Board and Oath of Office – Legislative Department

It was moved to appoint Karyl Cosey Clayton to the Urban Design Review Board

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

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

4. Council Approval of the Modifications to the City of Forest Park's Personnel Policy & Procedures – Human Resources Department

It was moved to approve the modifications to the City of Forest Park Personnel Policy & Procedures excluding Rule 5 - Employment Practices

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 to Surplus Rear Seats for Chevy Tahoe – Police Department

It was moved to approve the surplus of the Chevy Tahoes rear seats

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

6. Council Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Trinity EMS Billings (TEMS) – Fire/EMS Department

It was moved to enter into an agreement with Trinity EMS Billings (TEMS)

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

7. Council Approval of the Main Street Streetscape Phase IIA-Light Service Agreement Between Georgia Power and City of Forest Park – Department of Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the agreement with GA Power for the Mainstreet Streetscape Phase IIA

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

8. Council Approval of the Main Street Streetscape - Light Service Agreement Between Georgia Power and City of Forest Park to Retrofit seventy-five (75) existing light fixtures – Department of Planning & Community Development

It was moved to approve the agreement with GA Power for light service to retrofit 75 existing light fixtures in the Main Street Streetscape

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

9. Council Adopting Ordinance Amendment 22-03 on Clarification of On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol – Planning & Community Development Department

It was moved to adopt the Ordinance Amendment 22-03 on Clarification of On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

10. Council Approval of Resolution 22-14 Establishing Priority List for Capital Projects -Department of Planning and Community Development

It was moved to approve Resolution 22-14 Establishing a Priority List for Capital Projects

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

11. Council Approval to Purchasing New City Flags with New Seal – Chief Executive Offices

It was moved to approve the purchase of new city flags

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

12. Council Adopting Ethics Ordinance Amendment 22-04 Providing for a Financial Penalty to Elected Officials – Legal

It was moved to adopt Ordinance Amendment 22-04 to the Ethics Board Providing a Financial Penalty to Elected Officials

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

ADDENDUM(S):

13. Council Confirming the Appointment of Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper to the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Board

It was moved to confirm the appointment of Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper to the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Board

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

Mayor Butler administered the oath of office to Karyl Cosey Clayton to the Urban Design Review Board.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember Antoine – Good evening, everyone, thank you all for coming, those that are watching per YouTube, just like City Edge mentioned, I encourage everyone to take advantage of their services. This is the first time ever in the history of Forest Park that we have these opportunities. I would encourage them to work with the Clayton County Grant Center for those that City Edge cannot help or assist. I love you all and the city of Forest Park is moving forward in a great direction, God Bless you.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Hello and good evening, thank you for coming out. Today I was privileged to go on a ride-along with Bobby Jinks, thank you for allowing me the time today. We went through some areas in the city and my ward and saw some spaces I never been in before. He gave me a tour of the public works, and maintenance building and what all they do there. Tomorrow, I will do a ride-along with code enforcement and Wednesday with police. Hopefully I can do the fire department someday. Thanks to all that came out to Food Truck Friday, we switched location to Lee Park, thank you CM Antoine for allowing us to be there and it was a great event with a great attendance. I was a little fearful since we changed that residents/visitors would not attend, but it was amazing and I think it will be our new location so, shout out to public works and Tariq Maxwell. The following day we had our clean up, on Jonesboro Road and thanks to Boy Scouts Troup 919 and the Brothers of my fraternity, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity from Kennesaw State, who came down to help me in the cleanup, as well as other community members that assisted. On April 16th we will have a wellness day, partnering with a non-profit to educate community on healthy eating, it will be held at the park and is posted on our social media pages and on April 13th we will be at the library hosting a reading to children event, registering people for library cards and this will be in collaboration with Ms. Sabrina Hill, School Board Representative. There will be games for the children and information for parents on the services our library offers. Welcome to all the new employees to our family and congrats Dr. Cooper on being appointed to another board. Our high school FCCLA went to state two weeks ago and on their way to nationals.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Thank you for coming out, you could have been somewhere else, but you are here dealing with city business. I would like to congratulate Mr. Bobby Jinks on 30-years of service with the city of Forest Park and congratulations to our fire chief, Chief Clemons is a phenomenal woman and is doing a great job at making changes and she is doing great things in taking over the fire department so, thank you. Congratulations to Sania Feagin and the South Carolina Gamecocks and to correct myself on Mr. Jinks 30-years of services, it is 30-years of marriage.

Councilmember Mears – Thanks everyone for being here tonight and I am glad we are changing the billing on the fire department, because ambulances are most important and we must be funded with it so, way hopefully we will get our money brought up to where we can continue to have good service, new equipment, and trained people.

Councilmember James – During the city manager's report, he mentioned Ms. Virginia Ford, Ms. Jean Robinson, Ms. Doris Freeman, Mr. Lamar Ford, Ms. Ruby, and Mr. Walter Goodman, who took the time out of their schedules to purchase and distribute a variety of fruits to our fire stations within the city so, again thank you. Congratulations to all new employees. We are planning to have neighborhood captains in Ward 1, if you are on my messaging system, you have received the information about that; it is to provide me with information on areas that need cleaning or any safety issues, if you are interested in being a neighborhood captain make sure you reach out to me on that. She shared pictures from April 1st food give-away and hunger walk and thanked those that participated in the hunger walk and the biggest contributor was Technique Concrete and thanked the hunger walk team for being contributors. They raised \$937.00 with support from our businesses, communities, parents, students, and elected officials. Thanks to JenCare, who donated the shaved ice; Forest Park High students who were able to help distributed the food to over 150 families to included 300 children and almost 100 Senior Adults. Thanks to CM

Mears for his attendance, and it was an honor to serve the community. On May 21st, we will do the Senior caravan, where will be honoring our 2022 graduating seniors. Happy Birthday to all those who have birthdays in April, I am glad to see we are starting our birthday cards back for our city employees. I would like to say a special note about Sania Feagin, who is a graduate from Forest Park High School, and if you do not know University of South Carolina, which is the school that San is attending, their team won the championship for the Women's league.

Mayor Butler – I want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues and welcome our newest members to the Forest Park family. I partnered with the Motherless Daughter Foundation and today was the start of our inaugural youth in aviation program, where we sent a lot of kids over to the airport where they will learn the ins and outs of the world of aviation; from being a pilot, to working on planes, flight attendant, etc. Had an amazing group of young kids and I am happy to be a part of that. We are in the GA Trend, there are two articles in it, and the GA Trend has about a distribution range of about 70,000 people. I want to highlight this in addition all the great things that Chief Clemons is doing, is the national attention that Forest Park is getting and I had the opportunity to attend a conference in Michigan this past week and when I spoke, I got goosebumps when people came up to talk about how they, this conference is different from GMA or NLC, where we have participation from the south and east coast, but being in Michigan there were participants from the west coast; I met the mayor hometown, but people are watching us and they are seeing the progress that we have done over these last four years. So, the attention is there, it was an honor to speak. We had a few articles in the Atlanta Business Chronicle and their circulation is about 23,000 with about 475,000 monthly visitors to their website and addition to all their subscribers which is about 45,000; the forum that I attended this past, they have 2,500 members in 36 states. And when I tell you, that you should be applauding and standing to your feet, because of all the great things that are going on in the city. One thing that I am most proud of is, about two weeks ago, I had the honor of appointing Kimberly James as Chair to the Urban Development Authority Board, and I said it then and will say it again, I could not think of a better person to pass the torch to and as a result of her being placed on this board, my continued chairmanship of the DDA and then the chair of the DA, for the first time we will have a joint economic development initiative. What that signifies that we are going to be on one accord, we are going to have a joint meeting and retreat, where we discuss our individual roles and responsibilities and what that will look like in moving the city forward, I am excited about that. There are a lot of other cities, when I spoke about this the past week, which wanted to do something similar. So, we are going to set the model on that joint initiative. Thank everyone for everything that they are doing in the city and know that we are being looked at across the nation and it is for all the right reasons. Walking with the Mayor will be April 16th, it is pet friendly, I recently became a pet mom and one of those people that I used to always talk about. You will get to meet my beautiful baby, her name is Madame Mayor, and she lives up to that wholeheartedly. I hope to see everyone there.

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 7:50pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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