



**CITY OF FOREST PARK**  
**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
745 Forest Parkway  
Forest Park, GA 30297

## MINUTES

**Kimberly James, Chairwoman**  
**Avery Wilson, Vice Chairman**  
**Eliot Lawrence, Member**  
**Yasmin Julio, Member**  
**Debra Patrick, Member**

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Chairwoman James called the Urban Redevelopment Agency meeting on July 11, 2024, to order at 5:33 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Kimberly James  
Avery Wilson  
Eliot Lawrence

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager  
John Wiggins, Director of Finance  
Nigel Wattlely, Deputy Director of Public Works  
Rochelle Dennis, Main Street Manager  
Charise Clay, Economic Development Staff Assistant

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** Avery Wilson made a motion to adopt the agenda with the subtraction of item 4 CTEC Solar and replace it with Falcon Design Engineering Approval; also adding item 7 Geo Technical Proposal Approval. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approval of June 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Avery Wilson made a motion to approve the June 27, 2024, meeting minutes. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 2. Gillem Groundwater Wells Update

Michael Monteleone, with Oasis Consulting delivered the update:

- He provided a map highlighting all the groundwater wells around Gillem. Recently, soil with high levels of lead have been found in the southern parcel along with buried leftover medical supplies. Contractors will be reimbursed by the Army for the work they perform moving the soil. The cost to remove the soil is estimated to be around \$350,000. Conversations around potentially extending Oasis' current contract for another year were had as well.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 3. Oakmont Industrial Group Presentation

Tom Cobb of Oakmont Industrial Group delivered the update:

- The group discussed their plans for purchasing and redeveloping 10- acres on the back of Waken Foods at Gillem Logistics Center.

Avery Wilson made a motion to approve the design presented by Oakmont Industrial Group. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

#### 4. ~~CTEC Solar~~ Falcon Design Engineering Approval

Mrs. Dennis delivered the update:

- Falcon created a proposal for the road extension of Metcalf Road at Gillem Logistics Center.

Avery Wilson made a motion to approve the proposal from Falcon Design. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

#### 5. Financial Report

Mr. Wiggins delivered the update:

- Ending balance for the URA Army Checking is \$3,841,917 and URA Kroger Checking is \$4,528,973. The year-to-date operating revenue totals \$4,373,305. As of June 2024, the budget balance totals \$3,473,347.00.

#### 6. Geo Technical Approval

Mrs. Dennis delivered the update:

- She provided the board with 2 proposals for geo technical services for the Metcalf Road extension. It is the recommendation of staff & Falcon Design to move forward with the proposal from Grounded Engineering Services.

Avery Wilson made a motion to approve the proposal for Grounded Engineering Services. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

#### 7. Economic Development Update

Mrs. Dennis delivered the update:

- The Forest Park Business Association will be hosting a luncheon at Miss Jerrie's Cafe on July 18, 2024. The Clayton County Economic Development department and Truist Bank will be partnering with us on the event. Several new businesses have opened within the City and the Economic Development Department have hosted ribbon cuttings for them. Project Splash is moving along amazingly. 751-771 Main St. has

been sold with the intent of redeveloping it into a mixed used facility. Last year a provisional application to the GA Main Street program was submitted and accepted. As of July 1, we have submitted a full application for our Main Street to be for members of the GA Main Street program. Starting in late summer, a new event series "Up Early On Main" a mini- market of sorts will begin.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *(Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Avery Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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