



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 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
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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 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler @ 6:00pm and read the Mission Statement.

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		✓

Javon Lloyd, Public Information Officer, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director, LaShawn Gardiner, Director Planning & Community Development, Shalonda Brown, HR Director, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bobby Jinks, Director Public Works, and Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager**COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:**

- Early Voting starts today October 17 - November 4, 2022. This is not a municipal election; all elections questions should be directed to the Clayton County Board of Elections (770)-477-3372.
 - Weekend voting will be held on Saturday, October 22, and Sunday October 23, 2022.
 - Saturday voting – October 29, 2022, and optional Sunday Voting October 30, 2022.
 - The last day to request an absentee ballot is October 28, and your ballot must be in your local County Board of Registrar's Office hands by the time polls close on Election Day, November 8th, 2022, to be counted. Remember residents do not need an excuse to request an absentee ballot.
- On October 29, 2022 – Recreation and Leisure will host our Fall Festival/Ultimate Tailgate Experience for the UGA vs Florida game. The event starts at 12:00pm.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we are asking city staff to wear pink on Friday, October 21. We will be showcasing our staff via our Social Media page to show our support of the survivors and their families, as well as the family's that loss a loved ones to cancer.
- The City of Forest Park submitted for GMA's Visionary Cities Award. The awards are presented at the Cities United Summit and recognize cities that have executed innovative projects utilizing collaboration, furthering inclusiveness, and equity, increasing civic engagement and contributing long-term value to the community.
- The attached link from the Clayton Daily News regarding all the Events for the weekend of October 7-9 in the City of Forest Park. PIO Javon Lloyd is doing an awesome job getting events/information published. [GET OUT THERE: 5 things to do in the Clayton County area this weekend, October 7-9 | Clayton News Photo Slideshows | news-daily.com](https://www.news-daily.com/news/5-things-to-do-in-the-clayton-county-area-this-weekend-october-7-9-clayton-news-photo-slideshows/)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT/SHOUT OUT:

- Congratulations to our Economic Development Team, and its Director Bruce Abraham on a successful Business Appreciation Breakfast. Thank you for all the businesses that participated, and those expression interest in future participation. We are looking forward to more events and collaborations.



- On Thursday, October 13, Deputy Director's Nigel Wattle, Public Works, Diane Lewis, Human Resources, and Deputy Chief Michael Brunson, Deputy Clerk Michelle Hood, Director LaShawn Gardiner all attended the Emerge Atlanta one-day professional development symposium sponsored by the NFBPA.
- Forest Park Police Officer Sheena Johnson received an award from the Knights of Columbus 50th Annual Public Safety Appreciation Day.
- Congratulations – Planning and Community Development Director LaShawn Gardiner graduating from the 2022 Leadership Clayton Class. This is a nine-month program engaging emerging and existing leaders to broaden their knowledge of community issues, sharpen leadership skills, and challenge themselves and other to seek solutions to key issues affecting our community. GREAT JOB LaShawn.



- 1st Employee Fun Day at Starr Park, which was held on Friday, October 14. Thank you, Mayor and City Council thank you for your participation and for allowing staff the time to enjoy the festivities. I would like to extend a big Thank You to Director Shalonda Brown, Director Tarik Maxwell, and Director Bobby Jinks and all their staff members for the set up, and execution of such a wonderful time for all. We hope to do many more in the future to show staff just how much they are appreciated.

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **City of Forest Park 1st Quarter Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2022-22**– Finance Department

Background/History:

Presentation of COFP 1st Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Chiquita Barkley, Finance Director - Gave an overview of the past, present, and future of the city financial state. The total Revenue was projected at \$34,687,289. The amount that has been collected totals \$7,622,349 which is 22 percent. We are on schedule to exceed revenue projections for this year if we stay on target.

The past misapprehensions will take time and patience, as the items I have identified: financial inaccuracies, improper setup of funds which is work in progress, no consistency in processing and lack of collaboration between finance and departments dated back to 2019.

The present consists of correcting past account issues, being transparent and enforcing accountability. They are still trying to bring aged collections current, working to establish financial GAAP policies, and having staff trained so that they are more efficient and knowledgeable when dealing with payables and other areas of finance.

In the future Incode will push out the cloud ERP system so that we can hopefully do away with E-Gov which we currently use. There will be training for city staff users on financial software processes and policies and there will be an accounts payable options for ACH payments for city vendors. However, finance has a lot of work to do to become current and more efficient.

Our accomplishments to date consist of collected delinquent revenues owed to the city. Real estate taxes equal \$409,722 and personal property taxes of \$264,202. The resolution to tax issues for 2018-2021 and received federal taxes refund in the amount of \$681,925.75. ADP Payroll is expected to launch in November. We have been working to remove former employees from the bank authorizations and update it with current staff. Two of our employees, Nakeeta Davis and Leigh Corley received their Level I Certification in Governmental Accounting, which is a plus. The Empower contributions and loans have been brought current through the first week of October, however; it still requires an audit to be completed for the last 2 years.

Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

Councilmember James – Thank you so much for what you are doing in our financial department. You said there are some things that should not be housed in finance. Can you give me some examples of what you are talking about?

Finance Director – Because of the lack of understanding of the processing of requisitions and purchase orders, we have various departments that bring over their invoices or send an email for finance to create their purchase orders. That is a conflict, finance should not create the purchase order and then pay it. That is room for fraud, which is one component.

The biggest component that we have is personnel files that we currently house and that predates anybody in here. We have tons of personnel files and finance should not have personnel files, so they need to be put back in their proper place. We are going to do that with ADP.

Councilmember James – I was one of those that had paper payroll. Can the reimbursement checks go electronic? When I submit my receipts, they come back in paper form.

Finance Director – We can do that once we go to the ACHP for Peaceful Vendors, but reimbursement checks do not go through payroll, it goes through the payable process. Once we launch the components, then absolutely.

Councilmember James – Empower contribution, in the past we had employees that had issues with reimbursement and paying their loans back. When you say that everything is current, do you know if those employees have gotten their reimbursement?

Finance Director – I am not sure what you are speaking of when you say reimburse.

Councilmember James – There was an issue where loan payments were taken out of their checks and for whatever reason empower was not getting the payments.

Finance Director – That was the problem, the payment was being taken from the employee paycheck, but was not being submitted to empower. To bring the accounts current the monies that had been extracted from their payroll checks when I went through and started going forward and trying to put the monies in the proper place, those monies were then uploaded to Empower. They are not due a refund the money still went into the Empower account towards their loans. The thing is now for me to go back the last 2 years to try and audit their files to make sure that no one has overpaid.

Councilmember James – That is where the audit would come in at, and I know this predates you.

Finance Director – It does, but I have been working with this for several months, we also submitted for amortizations of those loans and of those retirement plans to where we will go back, and whatever percentage they would have accrued during the time of default, then we will correct that wrong. So, if they are getting loans and they are not being paid they need to let me know, because I pay them every Friday on payday. We are still working through this and righting the wrong for those employees. The very last loan document that I received was in June and that predates the entire process, when we learned of all of this

City Manager – These loans are not affecting anyone credit or credit report. They are borrowing from themselves, so it is not being looked at. Even if you default on the loan, it is coming out of your payroll, and it will be converted over to income that you are going to have to file on your taxes. I just wanted to clarify that.

Councilmember Antoine – Good job in 6 months you have turned it around, I am proud of you. Thank you so much for what you are doing for the city. You need help obviously, how many people do you need to have a full staff?

Finance Director – About 3

Councilmember Antione – You need that help, so let us know what we can do on that part. Page 3 on the circle graph, miscellaneous and revenues can you give a list of three things that goes in there.

Finance Director – The aging, sanitation, and property taxes, those are from prior years. So, all that money is captured there. It is money that we did not identify, nor did we expect it. We always keep our figure cross that we can collect.

Councilmember Antione – How many was that?

Finance Director – It was three.

City Manager – it was about 2.3 million

Councilmember Gutierrez – Thanks for the presentations, the charts help. Today, I stopped by the police department, and I asked a gentleman how we treat you. He mentioned to me that he was treated very well but could not pay for his ticket online. Our ticket payment process is that something we can approve upon or is that another technology.

Finance Director – To my knowledge it is already out there for everyone to use. P.D. has an online portal for them to pay for their tickets.

City Manager – It depends on what the ticket was for and if he was past his date. If it were a ticket for him to appear he could not pay for it online. PD do have capabilities for tickets to be paid online.

Councilmember Gutierrez – He said he was playing with his phone, and he got a ticket for that. I was just curious if that was one of the programs that was getting updated, but you saying it is already in place.

Finance Director – That is my understanding. With that in mind, we are looking to do that with all property taxes, for citizens to be able to pay online. We can, add that as a caveat.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Thank you so much for all your hard work. I know it has not been easy and it is not going to get easy anytime soon. You mentioned about everyone going paper, which is going to be tough. I do not know how cost-effective it would be, but have you thought about doing the prepaid cards to have the checks loaded on it? Is that something that we can do?

Finance Director – It is only a few people. I think my first month here councilmember James, and Councilman Mears came on Board with this.

Councilmember Mears – Wanted to thank her for what she is doing and said that she is doing a wonderful job.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. 2nd Reading & Public Hearing of the Ordinance to Establish the Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Forest Park, Georgia

Background/History:

The proposed Ordinance is to establish the Ad Valorem Millage Rate for the City Forest Park for 2022 in accordance with the State of Georgia Code Section 48-5-32. The proposed Millage Rate of 16.743 is the same as 2021.

2nd Read of Ordinance 22-16 – An ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK TO ESTABLISH THE FINAL AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

3rd Public Hearing for Regular Meeting

It was moved to open the public hearing on the Millage Rate

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

There were no speakers for or against the Millage Rate

It was moved to close the Public Hearing for the Millage Rate

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Discussion and approval of allocating funds to the City Edge Project to administer Rapid Rental Assistance on behalf of the city** – Executive Offices

Background/History:

On September 7, 2021, the City Council approved to set aside funds from the first allocation of American Rescue Funds to aid with rental assistance specifically for residents of the City of Forest Park. From the second round of ARPA Funding the City Manager is seeking to allocate an additional \$300,000 in funds to the city's residential assistance program.

City Manager – This is based on the conversation in the last meeting of things, which were requested by Councilmember James, and other councilmembers on their priority list. This was that urgent of a matter, that it should not wait. If the council would allocate those funds, it would be reduced from AARPA allocation to continue to help our residents, because we do have several residences that have applied for funding and are currently on hold.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember Antoine – How do the people doing the program get paid?

City Manager – There is an administrative fee, and those costs went down, because they lost one person, but the program is still going on, so they are getting an administrative cost, which is minor to the entire program. The last few months when the funds started running low, they started reallocating those cost to help with the residence rental payments. The last couple of months they did not receive any payment on that.

4. **Christmas Lights/Decorations** – Recreation & Leisure Services

Background/History:

The current Christmas lights are 10-15 years old and in need of replacement. The City Manager, along with Recreation and Leisure and Public has reviewed the need for the upcoming Christmas holiday season and request \$50,000 to purchase a new set of lights.

City Manager – This is a request to replace not only some of the lights that we previously had that are no longer useful, but to replace them with some of the newer lights that you see in the picture, with some of the arches and things that public works and recreation and leisure thought would be more festive in the city.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

Councilmember James – Agrees with this and thinks the upgrade is needed. Wanted to know if the wreaths are included in this, or just lights?

City Manager – To his understanding it is just lights because the cost starts going up. There are new additions like having the logo engulfed in lights and different things of that nature.

Councilmember James – Can we look at possible upgrading the wreaths, because they are old and worn?

City Manager - Ok

Councilmember Antoine – Wanted help understanding how they got the numbers of 10-15 years.

City Manager – Bobby has been here for twenty plus years, and many of those lights were there when he came.

Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director – The wreaths on Main Street were refurbished about 12-14 years ago and basically all the ornaments you see out there were here when I came here. The only thing that has been added is lights around the track and the Christmas tree. As far as ordering they are on a timeline and if they want to order it needs to be done immediately, or it will not make it in time for them to get them up.

Councilmember Antione – How did you produce the year of how old the lights are?

Bobby Jinks – I have been here 31 years and we have been putting the same ones up and they sent the wreaths off 12-14 years ago to be refurbished.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Thanks for the history of our lights. He is in support of it. He remembers going to the GMA conventions and meeting people that sell these nice lights. I can remember Bobby telling me that people take the bulb part of the lights out and the whole thing goes dark, so keep that in mind when purchasing them.

Bobby Jinks – Technology has increased since that, we would change from regular to LED, but still screw them in. We cannot replace every fixture in one year because it is expensive.

Mayor Butler – If this is the company, it is, it did come from GMA. I am excited, thank you.

5. **Waste Management Contract** - Public Works Department

Background/History:

At the June 6th City Council meeting, City Council approved an extension of Waste Management's Sanitation contract with the city for 120 days with some added additional terms. Per City Council's direction at the June 21st meeting, the previous procurement for a new sanitation contract was thrown out, and the RFP process started over with a recycling component. And at the September 19, 2022, Council meeting, City Council directed the city manager to cancel the sanitation RFP and continue to work with Waste Management.

Sanitation accounts are enterprise funds that generates revenue from the annual billing of residential accounts and the monthly billing of commercial and roll off accounts.

The current billed amount for commercial and residential accounts combined is \$1,500,000. As of July, and August 2022 the combined paid bills by Public Works was \$484,055.55, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,015,944.45, and averaging \$242,027.75 monthly. This leaves a shortage for the next 10 months of approximately \$920,277.50.

The currently billed amount for roll offs is \$1,300,00.00. As of July, and August 2022 the paid bills total was \$551,886.90, leaving a remaining balance of \$748,113.10, and average of \$374,056.55 monthly. This leaves a shortage for the next 10 months of approximately \$2,240,565.50.

Additionally, under the new financial arrangements that was approved by city council June 6, it is costing approximately \$21,000 a month to dispose of containers at the recycling center. This item was “**At No Charge**” previously until July 1, 2022.

With both items combined to complete the 22-23 Fiscal Year; we are asking council to appropriate approximately \$3,160,843.00 in additional funds from the city’s reserve fund.

Comments/Discussion from Governing Body:

City Manager – One reason we have come to the council to ask about this is, because council knows that sanitation is billed on our billing annual statements, with the property taxes. We are asking that these funds be allocated to ensure the funds are there to cover sanitation for this year, and it will be discussed with the upcoming budget.

We ask that these funds be appropriated so that we can pay the bills, while we negotiate with Waste Management to come to terms with the new contract, per council direction. We are asking for the budget amendment to cover that and recover that money as the property taxes are paid for the upcoming year, which is why we are setting the millage price tonight. Property taxes and millage bills will go out and those funds will come back to the general fund, we want to make sure the funds are there to cover while we are going through negotiation with Waste Management.

Councilmember James – I am in favor to make sure the funds are there. I know we went about 10 years with no increase to the residence and commercial for their sanitation services. When was the last increase that was communicated to the residence and/or commercial about sanitation? The reason I ask is, because typically with our sanitation it does not cost the city anything. We receive money in, and it accounts as a surplus at the end of the year that we can use. When was the last time commercial or residential had an increase?

City Manager – That is what we are talking about and again it is built on property taxes, and it is an enterprise fund and that is where the funds come from. They are not coming out of the general fund appropriation. I will let Bobby answer the last time it was done.

Bobby Jinks, Public Works Director – The previous contract has a breakdown of estimated increase for each year. Last year it went up 3.6 percent. Each year it does what the economy does. In here I saw it stated if we sign, back when we did the first one it was going to be a minimum of 10 percent increase, due to inflation.

City Manager – When was the last time we had the actual increase?

Public Works Director – It was 2019.

Councilmember James – The annual property taxes, when is that?

City Manager – If the council vote and approve it, property taxes will be going out within the week.

Councilmember James – Will we be incurring this deficit for the city or are we putting in place some compensation that will come to the residents and the business owners, since they have not had an increase since 2019?

City Manager – This is just money we are asking to appropriate to make sure we have it, while we go through negotiation. Once we go through negotiation and bring that back to council, whatever those rates are we will have to discuss it, and that would be cost that is passed on the following year on the next year property increase not this year.

Previously, we looked through the numbers before the RFP was cancelled, we had enough to absorb what was going to happen, but with the current rates that are being charged, if we continue, we would be in a deficit. As that money comes in from property taxes being paid annually, we do not see that it is going to be 3.1 million dollars. It will be less because we collect on an average of 279.96 per resident. So, we will collect the funds to be able to cover the cost, but we just need to make sure we already have the monies there, in case of a delay in property taxes or anything coming in.

Councilmember James – When we do incur the increase of whatever it may be, we made the increase so that it is not something that would happen every year. We allocated enough so that the CPI interest rate or whatever goes up would not affect our residents. I want to make sure we have that in place too.

City Manager – Yes, mam

Councilmember Antoine – Is this the first time we had this shortage?

City Manager – It is the first time since I have been here, I am not sure what happened previously. It may look like a shortage, but it is an appropriation to make sure we do not hit a shortage. We are trying to be more pro-active than re-active.

Councilmember Antoine – Within the contract did they change our garbage days because I am seeing garbage getting picked up the next day on Tuesday? Do you know about that?

Public Works Director – Dr. Cooper and I have put some fire in some places, and it seems not to be doing much good. When we go into negotiation, I would like extra time to address some of these issues. I brought this to their attention on Friday, to see if we would have a fresh start on Monday. I sent out an email at 7:30 to see if they would be on schedule and to let me know if they got behind. Yes sir, Mr. Jinks, it is on schedule, when I walked in, I found out something different.

Councilmember Gutierrez – Not that there is a problem with Waste Management, I do not like the way we cancelled the RFP and now we only have one choice. It is like we gave them all the cards and I am disappointed in us as a cancelling for just giving this to one person. There is no competition and there is complacency, so we are going to get charged whatever they want to charge, because there is only one person competing. Nothing against Waste Management, I hope they step their game up because trash is being picked up late.

Public Works Director – If Dr. Cooper and I have any say so, there will be repercussions in this contract, because there have not been any in the past 20 years. They could do what they wanted to and there was no financial repercussion for them, but if we have our way, there will be repercussions if they do not hold up to their part of the contract.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – Mike, can you tell us where we stand as far as the negotiation process, because it is costing us more monthly without having a contract?

City Attorney – We have a contract that runs through the end of the year at the rates they presented in the RFP response. That is how we are operating now, notwithstanding these hiccups with operational matters.

The next meeting is on the 25th, with Waste Management representatives here at city hall. They have been given a draft contract and we will receive a response and begin actual negotiation.

Councilmember Mears – I can see they have us in a tuff spot, because there are only 2 or 3 that are big enough to handle our problem. If we can take the money and give it to the city like we got it, the increase is going to come eventually. Everything has gone up, food prices and everything, so you cannot expect it to stay low. It is going to be a hardship for some people with gas and everything going up. If we can recover most of our money, I will accept, because we are going to have to pay the increase anyway.

Mayor Butler – Can you clarify something. When Waste Management did not provide a service public works would come to the rescue and just pickup, and that had been going on for a significant period. Now public work is removing themselves, and rightfully so to an extent and allowing waste management to fulfill their obligation to the city, which is to provide services regardless of how late it may be. This explains why the services may be delayed some, because public works are no longer picking up their slack.

City Manager – Not only that public works does not have the workforce to do it. The elevated issues that came to city manager in the past were turned over to Mr. Jinks, and what we found out is it was Waste Management going back out to pick it up, it was public works going to drop the trash off. We understand the late setouts because you do have those, but when there is an entire block that is something that is different.

This goes back to the email from Councilmember James, about getting the communications out to the residents about recycling and other options of what we have. We have not put out those pamphlets yet, we are still working on that. We do have information out there regarding recycling and things of that nature, with some changes that were made before any negotiations happened. It was about the type of products picked up, how they were picked up (mattress, etc.) things of that nature.

The first meeting we had with Waste Management, they agreed to go back to doing what our contract had stated, that is one reason we are back to doing what the contract stated. They are supposed to be picked up on their regular days, the type of trash and debris. All those things are supposed to be put back into place without all the changes that was made.

Changes were arbitrarily made by Waste Management and dictated to the city and never communicated to the residents. That is one reason you had residence calling us asking why they must call in to get yard debris picked up. Well, that was a change made by Waste Management and the city was not aware of it. That will all be communicated in the contract with a new number to their customer service call center, that they say they have, to get that information out to the residents. The only reason it has not already gone out is because we are waiting to finalize it so we can send all the information to go out and not in pieces.

Councilmember Akins-Wells – So public works was going out to pick up trash on the days they were missing the trash?

City Manager – Somewhat, yes.

Councilmember Akins-Wells - These complaints that you all say we get; I would like to see some of them. Of course, trash pickup is late sometimes, which is everywhere with whomever receives the contract. I would like to see this because I never receive them. To vote on something, I would like to be knowledgeable, so I would have to see them.

City Manager – I agree with you councilwoman, when they come into the city manager the job is to handle the complaint and not let it get to council. We will let you and the rest of the council see those complaints we have received; we have a folder full of them.

Councilmember Antoine – In your negotiation, can you add that businesses and residents cannot wait till the next day for trash to be picked up. You have businesses that put out trash every single day that needs to be picked up and it is not getting picked up then they are putting out more trash and it is really piled up. That is a big concern.

City Manager – Councilman the businesses are build monthly and they pay for how many times a week they want their trash picked up. Once we negotiate these prices we can come back and start looking at how many times we as a city require businesses to be picked up.

One of the things we would not want with certain restaurants is for trash to be sitting out there 2 or 3 days, because it brings vermin and rodents, things like that. The city may put the criteria there (I am not saying this is what is going to happen) that restaurants need to be picked up Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or whatever we deem necessary.

Councilmember James – I would also like to include in the contract the trash can itself, so that they are required to pull it back themselves. They leave the can out sometimes 3 or 4 days after it has been dumped. One resident just leaves their trash can out there and brings the trash to the corner, while the can sits out there the whole time. It needs to be communicated to residents

Councilmember Akins-Wells – What you are saying about the city making Waste Management pickup multiple times, if the businesses are paying once a month, then we should enforce them to have it done not Waste Management.

City Manager – The businesses pay how many times they will have Waste Management to pick up. The city may put the criteria on the commercial businesses such as, for instant restaurants, you cannot throw your food out and have it there for a whole month before you pick it up again. You must pay for at least 3 days a week to have this picked up or whatever the city deems.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the Council Work Session at 7:02pm

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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