



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, June 03, 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
Michelle Hood, Interim City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 7:03 pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were led by Bishop Forten.

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; 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; Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director; Tarik Maxwell, Rec and Lesure Director; Rochelle Dennis, Interim Economic Director; Talisa Clark, Procurement; Brandon Criss, Police Dept.; Dorothy Roper-Jackson, Court Director, and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to approve the agenda by deleting item #6. Per the charter, Mr. Clark recommended the confirmation of Nicole Dosier as the Community Development Director, and Sidney Williams as the Economic Development Director for the City of Forest Park.

Mayor Butler noted those would be items 6 and 7.

It was moved to adopt the agenda with the changes recommended.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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 May 20, 2024 - City Clerk**

It was moved to approve Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were 3 public speakers:

Carl Evans- noted that there is still a problem with the phones and staff have started working on the issue, but they should never have changed the phone system. He noted that they are not staffed properly at the recreation center to handle all the phone calls in the city. He noted that he is having problems getting through to the home program and that no one picks up the phone. He noted it does not make sense that you must get 2 quotes, whether it is electrical, HVAC, or roofing but you only have one contractor down for doing the work. He noted the tree roots on some of the streets are 4 to 6 inches high and you must get in the opposite lane to keep from hitting them. He noted there are several streets with holes that are not being fixed but they can pave the driveway by Pizza Hut which makes no sense.

Mr. Holtzclaw- noted there was a sign put up at 730 Scott Road in April. He noted that the lady at that address thought the city was trying to take her property, but he assured her that was not so. He noted he went to the Community and Development Department and was told everything he needed to know was on the sign, but finally received a letter the day before the meeting. He noted on April 13th there was a group of people that came out and parked at 730 Scott Road and 0 Scott Road He noted they picked the sign up from 730 Scott Road and put it at 0 Scott Road. He asked if the development department could change the zoning from single-family to something else without any of them knowing about it.

LaWanda Folami- introduced the 2024 Junior Varsity Volleyball Champions of Forest Park Recreation and Leisure Center. She noted for the last 20 years she has been sponsoring banquets for the City of Forest Park. She noted that the girls were scholars and that she holds them to a standard. They must maintain an A or B average to play sports. She said they needed something in the budget to salute these children when they accomplish such goals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager, Ricky Clark – noted he would like to apologize to Mr. Carl if he called the office and could not get an answer. He noted the team will look into what happened. He noted there was a change with the phone system because the residents were calling, and you could not find out where they were going. He gave an update on the Home Program, noting nothing is perfect but they have used several medians to communicate with the residents in each ward and contractors all over. He noted the program was authored and funded by the governing body totaling 1.2 million dollars. They received over 200 applications but there is a process for verification and eligibility. He noted these are not the City of Forest Park dollars, but a federally funded program. He noted there are a total of 9 different contractors, and over 8,000 postcards were mailed to inform the community about this program. He noted they saved 250 thousand dollars by doing this program in-house. He stated he is proud of Ms. Warrior and the Council Aides for their help with this program.

Pauline Warrior, Senior Management Analyst – thanked the participating residents. She noted they have worked feverishly to bring a program with integrity, and that they can be proud of. She stated everything that is done, is done with the residents in mind. She noted they have nine qualified contractors, and they went through a studious process to protect the residents of Forest Park. She stated everything they do is done with transparency and integrity, and if there are any questions she is always available and happy to answer them.

Mr. Clark noted the Wage and Compensation Study is underway and the results will be back in late August. He noted they will do an end-of-the-year 4th quarter retreat, where they can go into detail. He noted the operational audit for each department that comprises the executive team is complete, and there is some preliminary work to do before it is presented. Mr. Clark showcased the finished headshots done by the PIO Department and finished by introducing the new employees to the City of Forest Park.

Councilmember James asked for a point of order. She noted that she had questions about the regular minutes draft. She wanted to go table them because they did not contain the governing body's closing comments.

Danielle Matricardi noted there should be a motion to reconsider, and since the vote was unanimous any member can make the motion.

There was a motion to reconsider the meetings from May 20, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

CEREMONIAL

Proclamation: Recognizing Municipal Court Clerks Week, June 10-14, 2024-Municipal Court Department

Background/History: Governor Brian Kemp proclaimed and recognized the week of June 10-14, 2024, as Municipal Court Clerks Week. This is a special time to celebrate and honor the invaluable contributions of municipal court clerks. This recognition highlights the importance of the work that each of us does every day in serving our communities with dedication and professionalism. The court is an extension of public safety, and clerks work just as hard to help improve the safety, and quality of life in the community.

Ms. Dorothy Jackson thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. She noted she and her staff have worked hard and tirelessly to get to where they are, and she is very proud of them.

The Mayor and Council took pictures.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:**2. Council Approval of Case # RZ-2024-01- Rezone request for 0 Ferguson Ct. from RS to RM- Planning and Community Development Department**

It was moved to recess the regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing for **Case # RZ-2024-01- Rezone request for 0 Ferguson Ct. from RS to RM.**

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

It was moved to close the Regular Meeting to enter into a Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

It was moved to open the public hearing for Case # RZ-2024-01- Rezone request for 0 Ferguson Ct. from RS to RM.

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 in favor of the rezoning.

There were no speakers in opposition to the rezoning.

It was moved to close the Public Hearing for Case # RZ-2024-01- Rezone request for 0 Ferguson Ct. from RS to RM.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

3. Council Approval of Case # TA-2024-03 – Text Amendment to increase the number of units per acre by way of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP)-Planning and Community Development Department

There was a motion to open the 2nd Public hearing for Case # TA-2024-03 – Text Amendment to increase the number of units per acre by way of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

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 in favor of the Text Amendment.

There were no speakers in opposition to the Text Amendment.

It was moved to close the Public Hearing for Case # TA-2024-03 – Text Amendment to increase the number of units per acre by way of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

There was a motion to approve the rezoning request for 0 Ferguson Court.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

There was a motion to approve the Text Amendment to increase the number of units by way of a Conditional use Permit.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Council Approval of Nutanix Software and Support Renewal – IT Department

There was a motion to approve the Nutanix Software and Support Renewal.

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 of an Active Directory Rebuild – IT Department

There was a motion to approve an Active Directory Rebuild.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

Council Approval of a Task Order for Precision Planning Inc. to perform General Contractor Procurement and Contract Administration for the Rite Aid Renovation (Grapevine) Project-Planning and Community Development Department

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Council Approval of Nicole Dosier as Planning and Community Development Director.

It was motioned to approve the appointment of Nicole Dozier as the Planning and Community Development Director.

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

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

7. Council Approval of Sidney Marsellas Williams as Economic Director.

It was motioned to approve the appointment of Sidney Marsellas Williams as the Economic Development Director.

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

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James- thanked everyone for coming out and the new employees for joining the team. She congratulated the new appointees for being a part of and for selecting this city. She told Mr. Evans they were going to get things worked out. She congratulated the volleyball team and the Director of Recreation and Leisure for all the hard work that has been put in. She noted the Ward Meeting recording should be out this week and can be found on the website. She noted she hosts this meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at 696 Main Street, at 5 pm.

Councilmember Antione – thanked everyone.

Councilmember Gutierrez – thanked all the new employees. He thanked all the public comment people for coming and sharing the things that need to be fixed as a city. He told Mr. Carl that he was sorry he had to go through that, but Ms. Warrior would get back to him. He noted that his Food Truck Friday event will be on Friday and asked them to come out and watch a movie. He noted Saturday he will have a clean-up. He noted that he would like the New Economic Director to give Mr. Frank and others a courtesy call when something is going on their road, which only contains 3 houses.

Councilmember Akins-Wells- welcomed the new employees and thanked the city manager and the chiefs for bringing great talent to the City of Forest Park. She congratulated the girls' volleyball team on winning their championship and noted the kids are our future. She noted they do a lot of things in the community and need to make sure they are giving back to the children. Mr. Wells stated they should not have to go out and find sponsors when doing things that help make the city look good. She noted that she agrees that the phone services in the city could be better, but she trusts the city manager to do what needs to be done. She noted that Friday will be June 21st from 7 to 11 pm. She noted that she and the Push 2 Movement will be doing a Love on the Green which will be held in September. She stated they are inviting all the churches, and if anyone had a choir that would like to come out and sing, please do. They are aiming to bring people together on a different level. She wants to bring the gospel and go fellowship with the community because she loves them. She noted there will be a back-to-school bash in August, August 12th there will be a car and bike show. Councilmember Akins-Wells noted that Ward 4 newsletters have been mailed out and if you have not received them, let her and the Council Aides know. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilmember Mears – wanted to thank the new city employees. He noted there is a weekend crew from Code Enforcement that rides the city because this is when a lot of infringements are happening. He apologized for missing acknowledging Mr. Willie Finch at the last meeting.

Mayor Butler- welcomed the new members to the Forest Park family, and noted they are coming in at the perfect time. She noted they are part of some historic movement and progress that is going on in the city. She noted

Walking with the Mayor will resume this Saturday and they are partnering with Girl Track. Mayor Butler noted it is the 2nd Saturday at 9 am and you can bring your furry babies.

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 7:51 p.m. for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate matters.

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 adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session Meeting at 9:18 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

There was a motion to approve the acquisition of 5210 Springdale for \$850,000.00.

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

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

There was a motion to approve the acquisition of 5258 Springdale for \$450,000.00.

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

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

There was a motion to approve the acquisition of 5273 Springdale for \$135,000.00.

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

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

There was a motion to approve the acquisition of 5887 as a backup offer for \$650,000.00.

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

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

Mr. Clark noted for clarity and for the record to allow the City Manager to amend the budget as necessary to accomplish these acts.

It was motioned to allow the City Manager to amend the budget as necessary to approve such acquisitions.

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 appoint Mr. Yoni Cortez to the Urban Redesign 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 appoint Lois Wright to the Planning Commission.

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

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.

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

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

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