



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Monday, August 05, 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: Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Elder Cook led the invocation and pledge.

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; Nicole Dozier, Community Development Director; Tarik Maxwell; Rec/Leisure Director; 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, Josh Cox, IT Director; Rodney Virgil, Level 2 Support Engineer; Kwame Marshall, Multimedia Specialist; Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director Marselles Williams, Economic Director; Brandon Criss, Police Dept., Dorothy Roper-Jackson, Court Director, and Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the consent agenda.

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was moved to adopt the agenda with three additions: the Dabouze and Hamilton contract, the CIPHERONI and Werner Contract, and the Settlement Agreement with Marta and ATL Freight. LLC.com.

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:

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2024 - City Clerk**

It was moved to approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2024

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes) There were six (6) Public Speakers:

Frank Holtzclaw- noted that they said there would never be overdevelopment on Scott Road, and now it is happening. He noted the Mayor wanted Lorenzo Kendrick to come up and speak at the July meeting. He noted everything he said was untrue. He noted Mr. Kendrick never spoke with every residence, he has never spoken to him and has never spoken to his neighbors. He noted Mr. Kendrick did speak with his wife and let her know what his intentions were. He noted that Mr. Kendrick had two pieces of property with the same landmark number and would like to know why.

Ms. Evans -noted she participated in the Home Program from Ward 2 and wanted to thank Mr. Antione and the rest of them. She noted that the contractors would start working at her home Friday, and she wanted to thank them.

Dwayne Thomas- noted he is a Forest Park Police employee for the new Impact Team. He wanted to thank Councilmember Akins-Wells, and Councilmember Gutierrez for their dedication, and for allowing them to collect sneakers at the local office. He noted the mentoring group has made a huge impact and he is grateful. He noted they have provided over 50 pairs of sneakers to the youth ages 3-18 years of age and some adults. He noted giving back to the community brings him joy. He noted they are in the process of partnering up with the Recreation and Leisure Center and stated to all the parents with young boys ages 11-16; this Saturday will be the first meeting. The location is 696 Main Street from 6 am-4 pm, and they will be serving and uplifting the youth in the city.

Ms. Mitchell- wanted to inform them Waste Management had not picked up her debris in 2 weeks. Even after 3 calls to speak with someone, they do not come. She wanted to know how it would affect her taxes if she went with

another Waste Management Company. Ms. Mitchell noted she was told recycling and waste go to the same location. She wants to know if this is so, why they are paying twice.

Mr. Ibanez- noted they have been doing a good job. He noted there are still a lot of tickets, and someone told him to let me work with you. He noted he wanted to thank the council people who were willing to work with him. He noted it is 2024 and it is time for change.

Ms. Donna Barkley- noted that has questions about the Home Program. She stated her friend is getting her home done, and she has not received an email since June 24th. She stated she needs her home done and she hopes that they come on and do it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ricky Clark- wanted to share 2 new initiatives. He noted the PIO Office is working on showcasing and broadcasting the amazing employees who do the work around the city. He noted they have been able to piece together something called 60 seconds, to showcase the men and women of the Forest Park Fire Department. He noted the second initiative they will carry out for the remainder of the year will be a trolley. He noted it will allow the stakeholders and citizens to get on a bus, on the 4th Wednesday of every month and tour Fort Gillem, the Downtown Area, the Farmers Market, and everything in between. He noted the tour is free. He wanted his assistant to share the name because it was her idea.

Samaria Mccoy- noted it would be called Off the Rails in Forest Park.

City Manager Ricky. Clark- noted he would like all of the Governing Members to hop on the Trolley to make it more personable. It will also allow citizens to ask and get answers to questions they may have. He noted it is a real Trolley that will be in the city every 4th Wednesday of the Month.

CEREMONIAL:

Proclamation - City of Forest Park 811 Day

Background/History:

The Clayton County UCC has partnered with Georgia 811 to promote 811 Day each August for the past total 2 years to coincide with the onset of peak digging season. The initiative was designed to heighten contractor and homeowner awareness of the national 811 notification system. By calling 811, Clayton County residents notify area utility operators, including the City of Forest Park, of their intent to dig so that the utilities can be located ahead of the project. The 811-notification system is paramount to the prevention of damage to underground utilities and the safety of Forest Park, Clayton County residents.

The proclamation was read.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

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.

John Wiggins -noted he was giving a summary of the June monthly report, which is the last report for FY 2023/2024 for June 30, 2024. John noted the YTD for revenue was over 37 million, and the expenses were over 35 million, with a difference of over 1.9 million dollars. He noted that is the start of year end and they are now in year. He noted finance will be coming back to do budget amendments. He stated they still have invoices from the previous year and are still cleaning things up. He gave an overall of the General Fund by departments and all other funds.

Councilmember Gutierrez- noted he wanted everyone to see the city budget compared to other places where it goes into just one pot. He noted the city was diversified and they invested in different initiatives and departments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

3. **Council Approval of the purchase of firefighting equipment and medical supplies from cooperative agreements with Municipal Emergency Services (MES) and Boundtree Medical-Procurement Department**
4. **Council Approval of the purchase of Youth Sports Uniforms (Annual Contract) for use by the Recreation & Leisure Department – Procurement Division**
5. **Council Approval of the purchase of Artist Performance Fees for Forest Park Day on August 17, 2024, with Green Light Presents, LLC. -Procurement Department**

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **Council Approval of a Street Dedication Sign located at Hendrix Drive as Bishop Paul L. Fortson Drive in honor of Bishop Paul L. Fortson-Legislative Offices**

It was moved to approve the Street Dedication Sign located at Hendrix Drive as Bishop Paul L. Fortson Drive in honor of Bishop Paul L. Fortson.

Councilmember Akins-Wells

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

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

Voting No: Councilmember Antoine

Councilmember Akins-Wells- noted this was her idea. She wanted to say thank you for everything he has contributed to the City of Forest Park. She thanked him for being a bishop, a friend of the community, and this is well deserved. She noted she can remember as a little girl, and everyone started talking about a gym

that was going to be on Hendricks Drive. There were not a lot of things for the kids in the community to do and you brought that. Councilmember Akins-Wells stated from the little kids of Forest Park, who are now grown adults thank you. Thank you for contributing to our community, and for being a leader in our community. She stated we love you and appreciate you.

Bishop Fortson- started by thanking and for all his great blessings. He noted he knew his birthday was this month but did not know this was going. He noted he would like to thank the Mayor and Council. He noted this is an honor. He noted you do things in life not looking for anything back, but you cannot go wrong helping someone else. He noted the Lord has put it in his heart to help others. He thanked the Mayor and Council again and noted they are doing a fantastic job, and that he is there for them when they need him.

7. Council Approval for Additional Plan Review and Inspection Fees for the Fire Marshal's Office-Fire and EMS Department

It was moved to approve the Additional Plan Review and Inspection Fees for the Fire Marshal's Office.

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 on a Legacy Masquerade Ball- Recreation & Leisure Services Department

It was moved to approve the Legacy Masquerade Ball.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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

9. Motion to Ratify contract with Boze Allen, and Hamilton.

It was moved to approve the contract with Boze Allen, and Hamilton

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

10. Motion to Ratify an Engagement Agreement with CIPHERONI and Werner.

It was moved to approve the agreement with CIPHERONI and Werner.

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

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

11. Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to Execute a Settlement Agreement and Release with Marta and ATL Freight LLC.com.

It was moved to Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Settlement Agreement with Marta and ATL Freight LLC.com.

Motion made by Councilmember Akins-Wells, Seconded by Councilmember James
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Akins-Wells, Councilmember Mears

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James- congratulated Bishop Forten and thanked him for all of the service he has done in the city and abroad. She thanked everyone for coming out. She noted Mr. Clark or Mr. Jink will address that. She noted the process is to call and make an appointment and they will come out. She noted the Recycling Education needs to be happen and that the recycling days are not recycling days. She thinks it is unfair, because there are a lot of people that recycle. Councilmember James stated she is happy about the developments going on in the city, and trusts the employees and staff, and knows that they have integrity.

Councilmember Antione- thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilmember Gutierrez- wished the Bishop a Happy Birthday. He thanked him for the years of service in the community. He noted they have two trash pickups now and noted they are not paying double, because they are not paying for recycling right now. He noted with Scott Road Development, some of them did not approve of it not because they are against development, but because the location was not appropriate. He thanked Mr. Thomas for what he does in the community.

Let the record reflect Councilmember Antione Dabouze walked out at 8:05 pm.

Councilmember Akins-Wells- congratulated Bishop and thanked him for all he has done in the community. She noted that Ms. Michelle from Paradise worked with her and was very hands on, and she thanked her. She thanked Ms. Donna for her comments and wanted to speak on Officer Thomas behalf. She noted if anyone knew kids that needed a pair of shoes to let them know, and she will make sure they get a pair of shoes. She stated they should hold them accountable because they work for the citizens. Councilmember Akins-Wells noted she would like to bring to their attention that every time she speaks, Councilmember Antione gets up and walks out, which is rude and disrespectful. She thanked the Council Aides and everyone who participated in the Back-to-School Bash. She noted Fun Friday is August 16th, and Forest Park Day is August 17. She thanked Mr. Clark for all that he does and thinks the Trolley idea is amazing. Councilmember Akins-Wells thanked the people who worked under the directors and noted they played a huge role in the success of the city.

Councilmember Mears – thanked everyone for coming out and noted they always need good men around like him. He noted is the place to get your business taken care of. He noted Mr. Willie Finch is in the back, and he hardly misses a meeting. He thanked him for coming.

Councilmember Gutierrez- wanted to thank the police department, and noted they were out there greeting the children. He noted Councilmember Akins-Wells forgot to inform the people that they are giving away a car at Forest Park Day.

Mayor Butler- thanked everyone for coming out. She stated that Bishop Forten and his family have always been there when she called and welcomed her with open arms. She noted this was just an inkling of gratification to show how much they love him; and thanked him for all that he does. She noted how grateful she was for everyone in general, and noted the city would not be what it is without everyone. Mayor Butler stated, the Forest Park that once was 7 years ago, is not the Forest Park they speak of today. She thanked Chief Clemons and noted her breakfast was amazing, to hear all the things she accomplished under her leadership. Mayor Butler noted this is a pinnacle time for Forest Park and stated we are all a part of history.

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 8:05 p.m. for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate matters.

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

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

It was moved to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session Meeting at 8:37 pm.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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

There was a motion to Approve the Amended City Manager Contract and Authorize the Mayor to sign it upon completion.

The motion was made by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Akins-Wells.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

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