



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, June 06, 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
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

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Butler at 6:00pm and she 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, 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; Kim Trawick, Human Resources Generalist, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks, Director of Public Works, James Shelby, Planning & Community Development Director, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Javon Lloyd, PIO

Officer, Latasha Clemons, Fire Chief, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst and Nathaniel Clark, Chief of Police

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager

COMMUNITY INFORMATION/REMINDERS:

- Please be Reminded – Per the State of Georgia and EPD, the City of Forest Park Fire Department would like to remind everyone that we are under an outdoor burn ban. The summer open burn ban runs from May 1 – September 20 and includes 54 counties in Georgia. The burn ban prohibits citizens and businesses from burning yard and land-clearing debris. This rule is in addition to the year-round state ban on the burning of household garbage.
- The Atlanta Regional Commission is currently in the process of updating the Comprehensive Economic Development strategy for our region and would like your participation. You can participate by visiting the City of Forest Park's website at www.forestparkga.gov and clicking on the banner at the top of the page *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Survey (Atlanta Regional Commission)* to complete the survey.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Survey (Atlanta Regional Commission)

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BUSINESS COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS GO

- On Monday, May 30th MARTA Reach expanded into more areas in the City of Forest Park. While the current coverage area under the pilot program was 1.9 square miles, the expansion will add another 7.5 square miles of coverage for a total of 9.4 square miles. For those interested in the coverage areas please visit www.itsmarta.com/reach for more information.

CITY OPERATIONS:

- The City of Forest Park will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on Monday, June 20th. However, please come out and enjoy our Second Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Starr Park, 5031 Park Ave, Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 4:00pm.
- On August 6th, from 12 noon – 6:00pm, the City of Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services will host an Open House at Station One (1), located at 4539 Jonesboro Road. Bring the whole family out and enjoy the day's festivities.
- The City of Forest Park Police Department on-going recruitment has step up its efforts to include a police vehicle with advertisements.



- Our Champions of Forest Park video series showcases key community stakeholders sharing why they believe "Forest Park is on the move." To view the series please visit www.forestparkga.gov/bc-dda

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT/CONGRATULATIONS:

SHOUT OUT

- In observance of the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the City of Forest Park commemorated National EMS Week May 20 -24. The city paid tribute to first responders from the city's fire and Emergency Management Departments for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the local community. As part of EMS Week, the department hosted a special awards ceremony to honor fire and EMS crew members who performed outstanding assessments and treatments to critically ill patients.
- Welcome to our new Deputy City Clerk Ms. Michelle Hood to the City of Forest Park, Georgia. Ms. Hood joins us from the City of Fairburn, Ga, and holds an Associate Degree in Banking and Finance, and a Bachelor's in Business Administration. She has a total of 7 years' experience working within City and County Government and we know will be a great asset to the City Clerk's Office.
- Congratulate Councilman Hector Gutierrez on his appointment to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). Councilman Gutierrez Three-year term begins June 25, 2022 and conclude at the 2025 NALEO Annual Board Meeting. Established in 1976 the NALEO is a 501(c)(4) non-partisan membership organization whose constituency includes the nation's more than 6,800 elected and appointed Latino officials.
- Congratulate Councilman Hector Gutierrez on being selected to be recognized by the Clayton County Board of Education for his service and outstanding partnership to the Clayton County Public Schools. He will receive a Certificate of Commendation from the Board during the Board Meeting on Monday, June 13th.

- Congratulations to Mayor Angelyne Butler for being honored by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, MECCA Chapter. The annual event will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Each year the chapter selects outstanding Black women in the community to honor for their impact on the lives of others both now and in the future. The chapter stated the importance of not only recognizing the high achievements of each other, but also to present what the future can look like for young Black girls. This year they honored our own Mayor Angelyne Butler, and the theme of the program is "Women Lead – BE THE DIFFERENCE."

Chief Nathaniel Clark introduced the following new employees – Good evening, the first employee is Tyshay Briley, comes to us as a Staff Assistant, from the City of Fairburn and Lindsey Barrett has been assigned to communication, as an E911 operator.

COVID-19 UPDATE: EMS Coordinator, Andrew Gelmini

As of June 6, 2022, Clayton County has had 59,580 cases of Covid 19 and 907 confirmed deaths. Between 5/30 - 6/5 there were 352 new positive cases in Clayton County, a slight increase from last month. Case breakdown shows approx. 57.7% of Cases to be female and 41.1% Male with the remaining 0.2% to be unknown.

Forest Park continues to make up 8.8% of County cases which is a 0.1% decrease from last month. Forest Park shows a continuation of 5 -12 new cases a week.

The 30 to 39 age group shows the highest percentage of positive cases with African Americans showing the highest positive case percentage followed by Unknown ethnicity and then Caucasian then other and lastly the Asian population.

55% of County residents have received at least 1 dose of vaccine and 49% are fully vaccinated. 54,299 citizens have received the additional booster dose as well making up 19%. All this shows a total of 39% of Clayton County Residents that are fully vaccinated with an additional dose. The 35 - 64 age groups show the highest vaccination rate.

County wide there were 352 confirmed Covid 19 cases between 5/30 and 6/5 of those cases 133 were unvaccinated, 21 were partially vaccinated, 108 were fully vaccinated, 90 were fully vaccinated with a booster. 11 unvaccinated, 3 Fully Vaccinated, and 1 vaccinated with a booster were hospitalized, with 0 deaths.

The CDC continues to encourage and recommend vaccination and boosters for Covid 19 which are available through several means. The current recommendations for vaccines are anyone 5 years and older. The current recommendation for boosters is at least 5 months after receiving the final dose of the first series for Moderna and Pfizer or 2 months after receiving the single dose Johnson and Johnson. A second booster dose is currently being recommended to people 50 and older with underlying medical conditions and should be administered at least 4 months after prior dose was received.

To locate a vaccine site, contact your primary medical provider. Then you can text your zip code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find local vaccine providers. Contacting your Primary Care Physician or local pharmacy to see if they are giving vaccines and boosters or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). The Clayton County Health District is giving vaccines based on availability and are rotating their locations to allow for easy access. They are requesting people wishing to receive the vaccine or booster to call and make an appointment at (678) 479-2223 or visit www.claytoncountypublichealth.org. All this information is also available on the city website under the fire department tab under covid 19.

Andrew Gelmini EMS Coordinator announced the name of fire personnel who received awards. I would like to explain to you the awards that were given out and the names. The awards that were given out are from 2015-2018, when we were unable to host a ceremony. The two awards that were given out were the Trauma Save Award and the Medical Save Award. The Trauma Save Awards were given to members of the department with outstanding assessment of treatment to critically injured patients. That without the intervention of EMS would not have survived that event. These include falls, vehicle accident, industrial accidents, shootings, stabbings, and other injuries. This award comes with a maroon ribbon to be worn and displayed on the uniform for a single save and with a maroon and white ribbon for multiple. The medical save very similarity is given to members that perform outstanding assessment and treatments for critically ill patients. This can include things such as heart attacks, strokes, and sepsis. This award comes with a yellow ribbon to be proudly displayed on the uniform for a single save and yellow and white for multiple.

Members Receiving Medical Save Awards:

Firefighter Paramedic Smith, **FAO-Multiple**
 FAO Barlow- **Multiple**
 Landrum-**Multiple**
 Paramedic Oglesby, Firefighter AEMT- **Multiple**
 FAO Tant, **FAO -Multiple**
 EMS Coordinator Gelmini
 Gaskin
 Loggins FAO Busby

Morris-**Multiple**
 MA Coordinator Armstrong, **FAO-Multiple**
 FF Paramedic Cook, Firefighter - **Multiple**
 Arana-**Multiple**
 Whitley-**Multiple**
 Captain Hogan Lieutenant
 FAO Daniel Lieutenant

Members Receiving Trauma Save Awards:

Firefighter Paramedic Smith, **Multiple**
 Firefighter Paramedic Channell
 FAO Morris Battalion
 Captain Hogan
 Firefighter Paramedic Cook
 Firefighter AEMT Arana

FAO Morris
 Battalion Chief Flagg
 FAO Flood
 EMA Coordinator Armstrong
 FAO Daniel
 FAO Busby

In memory and recognition of John "Clay" Gaddy, who was lost in the line of duty serving the citizens of Forest Park in 2021, he is awarded a Multiple Medical Save earned during this time.

Council Woman Akins-Wells- Is the city doing anything to recognize them. I know they can go and get all the certification, but to me this is huge. I think the city should recognize them, those that are working hard to get certified so that they can better serve our community. Huge shout-out to Chief Clemmons and the entire fire department, for everything that you do and to all the men and women of the Fire Department.

City Manager - Yes, that was the award.

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **Council Review and Consideration of the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Initiative – Donation of Clean Air Purifiers** – Chief Executive Office

Background/History:

Following the guidelines of EPA's Clean Air in Buildings Challenge, the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Initiative sets forth to optimize indoor spaces and educate communities on the importance of better indoor air quality.

The City Manager was contacted by Ms. Felicia Davis, a Forest Park resident regarding the Timolon Corporation donating several air purifications systems to the city. The Timolon Corporation Sr. Vice President, George Negron sent to the city manager a grant award notification letter on behalf of the IAQ Initiative. This grant is to cover the full cost of installation of the EnvironKlenz Air Systems and indoor air quality monitors within the City of Forest Park Municipality Buildings and Senior Center. These systems have been installed within the classrooms of the Atlanta Public Schools. The City Manager is seeking council direction on accepting this grant with the understanding that on-going maintenance cost would be the responsibility of the city.

Comments/Discussion from the Governing Body:

George Negron, Timolon Corporation - The good part about it is that there is an incognito system in here today protecting this room. I was a part of these installations in DC Public Schools, Chicago Public Schools to right here hopefully in Atlanta Public Schools. This is a DOD technology, originally designed for decontamination for biological and chemical agents. It is a small space and do not require additional equipment or added resources to the city. They are very energy efficient, sustainable and do a lot more than pathogen removal. Our concern here is removable pathogen and airborne containment, it also takes care of the mold, mildew, bacteria, and odors.

Today this program is not only going to help protect the indoor spacing, but we are also providing that air indoor monitoring and community assessment, to be able to provide that data back to you and to DC for some future programs and future grants. I am happy to answer any questions about the technology and the program.

The program itself was originally, PPE experts in our company, Timolon Corporation. We have been in business for about ten years serving the armed forces and government entities. We are responsible for opening about 150,000 classrooms during the pandemic We are U.S. manufacturing and made technology headquartered in Bernardo Springs, Florida. With manufacturing facilities in Iowa, Kansas, and Ohio. Our sole purpose is to protect the indoor environment no matter where we are so, in closed spaces with the removal of a patent cutting edge technology. The grant requirement is simple, we will provide some surveying data of indoor quality measurements, that data is given back to the city and is not shared with the public.

We use the sensory data from the community and such questions are: How comfortable do you feel with the air quality? What is your level of comfort with the air ventilation system? We are taking that data back to add some additional programs with the Cares Act Money, to be brought back into the communities that need them the most. This is the preapproval letter that has already been submitted and signed, we visited the facilities and have done our assessment of how many units needed. That will be a total of 25 units that will be spread out among the locations. We will set up the indoor quality monitors that are hooked up to LTE's, not using any of the current infrastructures or Wi-Fi. Every month we will provide an indoor air quality report that will show the measurement of the particle matter of 2.5 which is the most common particle matter that can spread immune viruses. Then we will provide an actionable plan of how the air quality rates to the EPA Standard Act and other facilities that we have measured as well. All the data can be used as pro-active measurement and to let the community know of the good work that is being done. The amount of ventilation that has been increased as well as where we stand with other counties.

We are working on the clean air building challenge, initially laid out by the EPA in Washington. We are using the exact same framework. Beyond providing you a piece of equipment, we are giving you indoor air quality monitoring and providing the community advocacy and awareness. We will be giving out awareness

material in this neighborhood and many others, throughout the state to educate that it is safe to come back into the enclosed space. We will let the know this is done through an improvement ventilation and survey people along the way.

This is a noninvasive system made here in the U.S., it is a 15x15x19inches. It has three stages of filtration first the environment technology, which works to remove 99.9% of mold, viruses, bacteria, and odors. Then you have a medical grade HEPPA filter and two 9-watt germicidal UV bulbs, that has been third party tested and validated to have it in the government building. Science will be provided to make the community and everyone aware of what is being done, we will hand out literature to occupancies that contain QR codes that can be scanned. So again, it is not about the solution but the awareness so the community can understand what is being done. Then we will be hosting community events to help educate people on air ventilation and air quality.

The benefits of clean air So we are hoping to make this a long-term project, not just here but in other counties. To know the effect, it has had on the building occupancy. I think we all know the benefits of clean air and the health studies tied to it and the long-term community and classrooms affects. So, we are hoping to make this a long-term project, not just here, but in neighboring counties to let them know the affect it has had on the building occupancy.

We spoke to the City Manage, the maintenance is up to the city, it is not a requirement of the program. We will provide you the discounted government rates, but it is not a requirement to take this equipment and the equipment will the property of the city as well. Here is a short list of schools and government municipalities and some resource that will be shared with the occupancy and visitors.

Comments/Discussions from Governing Body:

Mayor Butler - Council there is a paper in front of you on how we will move forward with the questions and comments. Per the charter everyone is allotted 3 minutes if you choose to speak or not. Then if the chair chooses to there will be another round after everyone has spoken for 2 minutes.

Councilwoman James - Thank you Ms. Davis, for bringing this to the city. I think it is wonderful opportunity to add quality to the air. How long Have you all been in Business? Then on the requirement, I think it say it is not mandatory, but it says once per quarter we must complete an online survey. Is that a survey we will put together? Then the maintenance to maintain it, say it is not required, but how much would it be.

George Negron - The technology for two decades, but we have commercialized it if for about 10 years. That is just an online survey on the benefits and air ventilation. We will send a survey link. Changing out the filters is not a requirement. So, the cartridge is every 6 months and is around 70 dollars. And the filters are every 2 years and is around 100.00 and is about 1.00 per sq. ft for treatment. When you look at HVAC it is around 15.00 a sq. ft and maintain of the same space.

Councilman Antoine - This is a no-brainer, thank you so much.

Council Gutierrez - I teach at Atlanta Public Schools, and I have one in my room, and you can feel the difference in the air. I do not have any questions and I appreciate you Ms. Davis for bringing this to our city. Thank you.

Councilwoman Akins-Wells - Thank you Ms. Davis for bringing this forward. I have a few questions, I notice it only says municipalities building, senior building and we have other departments as well, like police

dept., recreation building and the jail. And what is the maintenance, I see it says the city will be responsible, but I would like to know what the maintenance cost is.

George Negron - We cover those, the recreation building, public works building all the buildings on campus, we cover. The cartridges are changed every six months, which is around 80 dollars, and the HEPPA filter is every two years and is a hundred dollar change out.

Councilwoman Akins-Wells- It is totally worth it, thank you so much.

George Negron - Absolutely. You are welcome.

Councilman Mears - We are in the process of changing the equipment in the building, will this be a major change over if we adopt to get this equipment.

City Manager - No, sir we are changing the HVACs in the building, this equipment is portable.

George Negron - It is going to help when you are doing the construction.

Mayor Butler - You say that you can take over the maintenance for a fee, and what is that fee? Even if we maintain ongoing maintenance or do someone from your company come out? What is the average life?

George Negron - The fee is included in the cartridge and the change out and disposal of it, which is 80 dollars for cartridge and 100 dollars for the filter. Either/or and it will be added to the cost. We do a lot of work in the area and can do that or train staff to do it. It does not require any disposal or hazmat. The average life is 10 years with a 5-year warranty.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Council Discussion and Adoption of Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Legal

Background/History:

It is proposed that the City adopt an ordinance regulating short-term rental properties that are marketed through companies like AIRBNB or VERBO. This is partially in response to recently adopted legislation which requires those properties to pay the local hotel-motel tax. The City is in receipt of tax proceeds for properties that it has no record of.

The proposed ordinance would require properties to provide appropriate information to the City in order for us to ensure that tax receipts are properly accounted for. It also establishes certain requirements to ensure that these properties do not become a nuisance to the City.

Comments/Discussion from the Governing Body

Councilwoman James - My question is on page 26 and 29. Page 26 section 9.16.5 Acknowledge and agree that violation of this chapter may result in immediate termination of the agreement and eviction, from the short-term rental unit. Can someone explain what eviction of short-term rental. In my mind it is an individual that may have rented a home that from another state and there is loud noise or whatever the case, how does this process work. Can someone explain that to me?

Attorney Williams - The owner of the unit will sign that acknowledgement up front agreeing to any major disruptions at the Airbnb and the examples are people throw big parties and the police come out. If that scenario was in Forest Park, they will note the violation and could essentially kick everyone out. That is the arrangement that would be in place.

Councilwoman James - By law I guess we could do that. On page 29, explain how the hotel and motel tax work.

Attorney Williams - We are authorized to impose a hotel and motel tax. Last year legislature was adopted, that requires short term rental Verbo, Airbnb, to collect these taxes to the city. It is a percentage of about 6%, I believe and is an additional tax placed on the rental rate. That is what sparked this issue, we were getting checks from Air BnB but, we could not relate it to a particular property because, there was no record of it. Then we were back and forth we the Air BnB asking for more information. This is an attempt to address that. We are requiring they register upfront. Now when we collect the tax, and we will be able to match the tax with the unit being rented.

Councilwoman James - The advertising. How will we know what residential home has a unit that they are renting?

Attorney Williams - There are two parts. One is self-regulation, the honor system where we are relying on owners to self-report and if they do not, we would have to take some steps and monitor the web pages and the advertisement. A lot of times code enforcement will hear because of complaints and identify these units. But a combination of those three. There will be an initial rap up of trying to identify all the locations. They can pop up overnight, someone may decide they are going to be out of town for the summer and lease out there home for a few months, then they can register through Airbnb, but will also have to register with us.

Councilman Gutierrez - Yes, for the record Airbnb are the ones that figure the fee out correct. The person as a rental automatically tacks on that tax. So, we do not have to track anybody down.

Mayor Butler - So, we discussed this earlier today and the application fee is 150.00 dollars and to me that is low. But I do understand that the fees that the city access to various entities will be brought back to us for review and this will be one of them. But the language for the motion will include, but the penalty portion of it as well, correct.

Attorney Williams - The penalty portion, I believe we wanted to amend the language related to the fee to establish it at 150.00 dollars or such other rates established by council by resolution So, we just need to add that assuming other council willing to adopt this. I will provide you all to add that language.

Councilman Gutierrez- Yes, I remember. So, I was talking to one of the council members in the City of Morrow and they were telling me how they found funding for their events. I was told certain events were funded through like the hotel taxes and Airbnb and they have a separate account like the initially would visit Morrow, like tourist. That could be something we could also implement money toward. Somethings that will attract people and vendors here.

3. **Council Discussion and Approval of Waste Pro Contract**– Public Works

Background/History:

Waste Pro was the top ranked bidder in the City's recent Request for Proposals for solid waste collection and disposal. Over the past several weeks, City Staff has been negotiating final terms of the contract. The final negotiated contract is attached. Among the key provisions are the following:

With the exception of recycling, the waste collection requirements are substantially similar to the services provided under our existing contract with Waste Management.

Waste Pro will be responsible for establishing an education program informing residents and businesses of all the services to be provided under the contract.

There will still be four Clean Sweep events each year for residents.

Elderly and disabled residents will still be provided back door pick up if requested.

Waste Pro will be required to establish a dedicated customer service call center to receive complaints from customers. Complaint information, including efforts to resolve such complaints, must be shared with the city.

A key improvement from the existing contract is the introduction of liquidated damages. Section 6 establishes set fines for certain failures of Waste Pro to meet the service standards expected of it. The fines increase if the violations continue. For example, if Waste Pro fails to collect at a residence and does not correct the problem by the next business day, \$150 is deducted from the City's bill for that month. The amount increases for each occurrence to \$300 if the failures continue per the terms of the contract.

A significant difference from the existing contract is that recycling services are no longer provided. There are a number of reasons for this: (a) the cost per ton for recycling is significantly higher than the cost per ton of regular waste; (b) the City's experience with recycling has been poor given the amount of contamination in the recycling bins resulting in the majority of what was meant for recycling being rejected and sent to the regular solid waste stream; and (c) the current market for recycling has made it cost-ineffective. A significant number of neighboring jurisdictions have also eliminated recycling. Until the market changes, the costs of recycling outweigh the benefits.

Staff believes this contract to be a significant improvement over our existing arrangement with Waste Management.

Comments/Discussion from the Governing Body:

Waste Pro, Bob Wolk - Good evening, if you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them for you.

Councilwoman James - My recommendation is to table this because I do not know if I will be able to get all the questions answered. The reason why is, because one of the things that disturb me is the recycling. I think that we are going backwards to not include recycling. I would like the proposal to include this. One of the reasons we put the contract out in the first place was the liquidated damaged. So, I do not know if this is the appropriate time to address this now.

Mayor Butler - Yes, we can.

Councilwoman James - The liquidated damages, I believe our current vendor did not want to utilize the liquidated damages based on the current contract, so we put it out for bid. So, the first question is with the

liquidated damages that Waste Pro is agreeing to do, do we also have that conversation with our current provider, for liquidated damages.

City Manager -Yes, we did councilwoman, we gave our current vendors the first option to come by and discuss it and they chose to allow us to go through the procurement process.

Councilwoman James - When you went through the procurement process did you allow the liquidated damages conversation to be had?

City Manager - Yes, that was part of the RFP, but the difference here is we went to our current vendor to negotiate before we ever went to RFP. We wanted to talk to them to see if we could mitigate or amend the contract, because we felt it would have been better and less disruptive at that point. The current vendor declined to discuss that and said they would welcome participating in the RFP process, so that is why we went forward with the RFP process.

Councilwoman James - You all know that is my big thing recycling and I remember years ago when we first learned that our recycling was contaminated. Jeff Eddy was the director at the time we talk about educating and making people aware of how to recycle better. We get 10,000 dollars annually for education and I have not seen any of. I am a big pusher for this recycling, and I do not want to move forward with a contract that not include recycling. There are other things concerning also.

Councilman Gutierrez - I agree with my colleague. It is not like we are trying to invent something new. I cannot consciously make that decision knowing I am not contributing to providing cleaner spaces with contaminating. I would like to see a proposal that include recycling as well.

Councilwoman Akin-Wells - I am not big on recycling although it is a great thing. With Waste Management, whom I am not a great fan of when it comes to being in Ward 4. I do not think they are all bad and somethings can be worked out, and recycling is one of the things we were talking about. My issue is the complaint was that recycling was ending up in the same place as the trash. So, we need to figure that part out before we say we just want to recycle. Just because we say we are recycling do not mean that we are really recycling. I would like to table this as well, I would rather work with Waste Management and come to a compromise than to move on to the next. So, I agree with my colleague. I rather work with who we have and come up with something better.

Mayor Butler - Do we currently have recycling?

Councilwoman James - We do not currently do recycling even though we have a recycling day. The thing that happened a few years ago, is the recycling was contaminated and got rejected. Therefore, they were no longer accepting the recycling for the City of Forest Park, because of the rejections. I would like to educate the resident on recycling. Just a few weeks ago we had Earth Tomorrow here, and today proves how educating people about what can and cannot go in the recycling bins is helpful. We get an annual 10,000 dollars to do the education and it needs to be utilized. To answer the question. No, we are not doing recycling now, but it is something we are currently paying for.

Mayor Butler - The council wants to table this and go back to the drawing board with Waste Management. There was a piece about the fines, which was a major issue with Waste Management from what I understand. Ultimately, it is the council decision, but in this limbo phase, when does Waste Management contract expire.

City Attorney - The end of the month.

Mayor Butler - We still have not come to terms with their 6-month extension.

City Attorney - We have a draft agreement, and it has not been finalized, but it has been shared. We have received some feedback, but we are not all the way there.

Councilwoman James - I put a star by the last piece. In the agenda it states the fees for commercial waste are set and Exhibit B- they represent significant increase over the existing rates and so this to me can be very costly for our current business owners. If there is a significant increase in commercial waste, I do not want to drive businesses away because we got an increase. I do not want to increase what the city must pay either.

Councilman Gutierrez - I like the part of initiating the cleanup. I think whomever the best offer have is who we should go with. These are taxpayer dollars, and it is for our people. I would like to say, before we never as a city with the old director of Public Works, had some ideas to tag some bins. If we take a shot to educate the community and it fails, we can come back and say we are wasting money on this, the community is not buying in. We do not have that yet because we have not tried it. I am all about educating our people.

Councilman Antoine - How do the City Manager feel about this.

City Manager - I take my directions from the council. I do support it and I so know these are questions we had discussions with Waste Pro. The discussions that we had in-depth and there are items in both proposal, which is what council hired us to do the RFP, go through the proposals and come up with the best, that we thought would be the best for the residence and then bring it to council. We felt the contract we negotiated was best for residence. We know that there is an increase, but there is an increase across the board. There is an increase in Waste Management, there is an increase with everything. I support this but, again I take my directions from council

Waste Pro, Bob Wolk -I will point out that we did discuss recycling with the city during our negotiation and those options are still available.

City Manager -That would increase the household by 46.00 dollars per household. Which again at this point the rates that we have now we felt that as a city we could move forward without those increases. We do have options in the contract that we can come back and renegotiate with Waste Pro, as the way we pay. This could come into a reduction or not because of the tonnage. Our tonnage proposal was very high for our city. We had to go off RFP from the previous contract we did with Waste Management, because we could not get the data to show what we actually tonnage was. Our tonnage for waste and bulk items was extremely high and we felt with the data we had, we did the best contract we could with the open options of Waste Pro, the City Attorney, me, and Mr. Jinks, to come back to the table and renegotiate after a year of collecting that data.

4. **Council Discussion and Approval of Waste Management Contract Extension**– Public Works

Background/History:

It is proposed that the City extend its existing contract with Waste Management for a period of 120 days to provide for an orderly transition to Waste Pro. The draft agreement provides for such extension. [ADD ADDITIONAL TERMS AS NEGOTIATED.]

Comments/Discussion from the Governing Body:

City Attorney Williams- I would like to point out the description that was published on the agenda was preliminary, we haven't really had a meeting with Waste Management, but we have shared with them a proposal that would extend our existing contract out through the end of the year December 31, at their RFP quoted rate, there will be an increase. Those were the terms that was requested by Waste Management for the extension. What we added has not been agreed to, a buyout of the contract. We are not sure how long the transition will be if you were to change from Waste Management to Waste Pro. We initially asked for 120 days, and they came back with 6 months. Now, we agreed to the 6 months at the staff level but, there will be a buyout if the transition cannot occur earlier. That last piece is what is still being negotiated.

Councilwoman James- Mike, is this what was sent out with the proposal. Is that what we are voting on?

City Attorney Williams- That is what we will ask you to consider, subject to some modifications based on whatever feedback we received from Waste Management. The email that went out had a draft contract extension along with a revised description.

Councilwoman James- I do not have it in front of me so this is on memory. The contract we are trying to extend is for 6 months and it will be whatever the RFP rate that was quoted. Will that include continued recycling, even though the recycling piece at this point is contaminated but, if we do the education piece it does include the recycling.

City Attorney Williams- Yes, the services do not change.

5. IGA (Inter-Governmental Agreement) Joint Crime Suppression Team – Police**Background/History:**

Based on violent crime rates increasing across our cities, a Joint Crime Suppression Team would be ideal to call upon when assistance is needed in our neighboring municipalities. This Task Force will provide consolidated police action to target drug crimes, gang activity and violent crimes that occur throughout the County irrespective of jurisdiction boundaries.

Comments/Discussion from the Governing Body:

Chief Clark- We have had various meetings about creating the crime suppression team to focus on various violent crimes, throughout the whole Clayton County area. We come to you tonight for approval to sign off on this agreement.

6. Council Discussion on Approving Court ware Software (JusticeONE) - Police**Background/History:**

We are requesting to switch from our current court solution, CentralSquare ONESolution IJS, to JusticeONE Court ware Solution.

There are numerous benefits to switching from CentralSquare ONESolution IJS to JusticeONE Court ware. JusticeOne Court ware will save the department time and increase our overall efficiency in processing citations, docket preparation, and all other municipal court duties. ONESolution IJS is antiquated, and it is extremely difficult to obtain software support from CentralSquare.

When using ONESolution IJS, the steps that we must take to complete the process from the initial citation entry to the disposal of the case is manual and time consuming. We have been experiencing issues with uploading the citations from CentralSquare RMS to IJS. For months, we have manually entered each citation into IJS. The process could take an entire day to complete. As of today, CentralSquare has not been able to identify the issue. The JusticeOne Court ware solution will allow our department to perform in a more efficient and effective way to serve the citizens for Forest Park.

Comments/Discussion from the Governing Body:

Mayor Butler - If approved the courts will be removed the Police Department. Is Judge Freeman on board with this?

Chief Clark - Yes. That is true Correct. I am going to ask our clerk manager to come up and elaborate

City Manager - I am here to answer any questions related to court ware. What we are currently using is ONESolution IJS, there has not been any updates and we are running into a lot of issues. The program is not operating properly, we are not able to identify anyone with that system to assist us, because of the technology system being antiquated people that support it barely know what we are talking about when we request assistance. We did research a couple of the court ware systems that the municipalities are using in Clayton County as well as other counties and they all are using court ware. With court ware we will not have to manually enter citations. I have a staff that include myself and two other clerks, it takes all day to enter 50 tickets that are received over the weekend. We had over 100 tickets over Memorial Day weekend, and we are manually doing this. With court ware, a lot of the things we need to do will be more automated. For example, we can just push a button and the citations would be uploaded and all we would have to do is validate it by making sure that the information the officer has matches what we have for court. It will also help us with attaching the criminal history and the driver's history. This is a solution already built-into court ware, right now we are having to contact the 911 people to run the criminal history, because we do not have the ability to do so ourselves. so, this system will save a lot of time and energy, because we are doing everything manually.

Council Gutierrez - The cost is \$25,000?

City Manager -Yes, that is for license, and annually training. What we are paying for now is equivalent to that, but we are not getting any support. We must pay for the system either way but, at least pay for one that operates properly. That is annually council and the upgrade to that is in the budget of the court, because we are looking at splitting the court from the P.D.

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 7:01pm

Motion made by Councilmember Mears, Seconded by Councilmember James.

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