



**CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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FOREST PARK CITY HALL
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

AGENDA

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James The Honorable Dabouze Antoine
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears

Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper, City Manager
S. Diane White, City Clerk
Mike Williams, City Attorney

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

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

PRESENTATION(S):

1. **Waste Management Presentation – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

Waste Management has been operating a solid waste transfer facility in the City of Forest Park for over 30 years. Mr. Allan Owen, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management will be providing updated information regarding steps taken to mitigate resident issues at or near the transfer facility.

OLD BUSINESS:**2. Discussion and approval Resolution 2021-29 of Cemetery Initiative – City Attorney****Background/History:**

The City Manager is seeking direction from the City Council regarding certain abandoned cemeteries and burial grounds in the city and the maintenance of these sites.

The attached resolution would declare certain cemetery sites as abandoned and authorize the city manager to direct staff to maintain by cutting grass at the entrance ways of said sites and take steps to acquire them by eminent domain pursuant to the authority established in O.C.G.A. 36-72-3.

NEW BUSINESS:**3. Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2021-27 LCI-Transportation Grant - Economic Development****Background/History:**

The Atlanta Regional Commission announced a call for funding for Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)-Transportation projects for Preliminary Engineering (PE) proposals only. The LCI grant program exists to empower communities across metro Atlanta to become more livable, walkable, and sustainable through federal transportation dollars for planning in local communities. LCI funds are designed to help communities by offering more walkable places and mobility options. LCI grants require a local 20% match.

4. Discussion Regarding Homelessness in Forest Park – Legislative**Background/History:**

Councilman Gutierrez would like to discuss the issue of homelessness in the City of Forest Park.

5. Discussion and Approval of Budget Amendment - Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director**Background/History:**

In the August 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the governing body approved a payment of \$14,000 to the Clayton County Water Authority for a custom logo on one of the three Forest Avenue Water Tanks. An additional approval is needed to amend the budget for this expense. \$14,000 will be removed from the Reserve for Contingency and added to the Capital Outlay for Public Works.

6. Discussion and Approval of Budget Amendment - Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director**Background/History:**

The Approved FY22 budget contains a typographical error. The Federal Contribution Act line states \$94,000. The correct amount for this line item should be \$9,400. A budget amendment is needed to correct this error. The difference of \$84,600 will be transferred to the Reserve for Contingency.

7. Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2021-28 & IGA - S. Diane White, City Clerk**Background/History:**

Clayton County Board of Elections has agreed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Forest Park for election equipment for the November 2, 2021, Municipal Elections. By entering into an IGA with Clayton County Board of Elections the City of Forest Park will save \$16,000.00.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for Council meetings should notify the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 404-366-1555.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN CEMETERIES WITH THE CITY LIMITS OF FOREST PARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with being fiscally responsible concerning the use and expenditure of all public funds; and

WHEREAS, there exist certain cemeteries within the corporate limits of the City that are not being maintained and appear to be abandoned inasmuch as they show signs of neglect including, without limitation, the unchecked growth of vegetation, repeated and unchecked acts of vandalism, or the disintegration of grave markers or boundaries and for which no person can be found who is legally responsible and financially capable of the upkeep of such cemeteries;

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-72-3 authorizes counties and municipalities to preserve and protect any abandoned cemetery or any burial ground which the county or municipality determines has been abandoned or is not being maintained by the person who is legally responsible for its upkeep, whether or not that person is financially capable of doing so, to expend public money in connection therewith, to provide for reimbursement of such funds by billing any legally responsible person or levying upon any of his property as authorized by local ordinance, and to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any interest in land necessary for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the City take certain steps (i) to declare such cemeteries abandoned, (ii) to begin maintaining such cemeteries by keeping them clean and free from unchecked growth of vegetation, and (iii) to exercise the power of eminent domain for such purposes;

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Abandonment. The cemeteries listed on the attached Exhibit "A" are hereby declared abandoned.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Maintenance. The City Manager is authorized to direct the Public Works staff and/or the City's on-call landscape maintenance vendors to maintain said cemeteries by keeping them clear of unchecked vegetation, trash, and debris.

SECTION 3. Eminent Domain. The City Manager is authorized to initiate such steps as are necessary to provide for the acquisition of the abandoned cemeteries by eminent domain. The City Manager and the City's outside legal counsel are further authorized to identify and engage appraisers, surveyors, and other consultants to provide appraisal reports, trade fixture reports, sign appraisals, title reports, surveys, legal descriptions, environmental assessments, moving estimates and any other reports (collectively "Reports") that are necessary or desirable to quantify the nature

and extent of the potential acquisition the abandoned cemeteries. Any engaged Consultants are authorized to enter private property on the City's behalf to survey, inspect and appraisal such property for the purpose of quantifying the nature and extent of the potential acquisition of private property rights and to determine just and adequate compensation for such potential acquisition.

SECTION 3. Public Record. This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

SECTION 4. Authorization of Execution. The mayor or is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Attestation. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

[SIGNATURE APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

SO REOLVED this 16th day of August 2021.

Mayor Angelyne Butler

Council Member Kimberly James, Ward 1

Council Member Dabouze Antoine, Ward 2

Council Member Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3

Council Member Latresa Wells, Ward 4

Council Member Allan Mears, Ward 5

ATTEST:

City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Listing of Abandoned Cemeteries

1. Rock Springs Church Cemetery located at 730 Conley Road
2. Forest Park Lodge of Odd Fellows Cemetery located at 732 Conley Road
3. Macedonia Cemetery located at 734 Conley Road

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Council Approval Resolution 2021-29 of Cemetery Initiative – City Attorney

It was motioned to approve Resolution 2021-29 Cemetery Initiative

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Approval of Resolution 2021-27 LCI-Transportation Grant - Economic Development

It was motioned to approve Resolution 2021-27 LCI Transportation Grant.

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

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

4. Approval of Budget Amendment - Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director

It was motioned to approve the Budget Amendment to move \$14,000 from Reserve Contingency to Capital Outlay - Public Works for the logo to be place on the Forest Avenue Water tanks.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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

5. Approval of Budget Amendment - Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director

It was motioned to approve the Budget Amendment typographical error in the Federal Contribution Act line which stated \$94,000 to correcting is to say \$9,400 and transferring the \$84,600 into the Reserve for Contingency.

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

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

6. Approval of Resolution 2021-28 & IGA - S. Diane White, City Clerk

It was motioned to approve Resolution 2021-28 and the IGA with Clayton County Board of Elections.



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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

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ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation – Mary Ann Connelly

Background/History:

Council would like to present a Proclamation to the family of Mary Ann Connelly

5. Council Approval for Twenty (20) Surplus City iPhones for Sister Cities (Haiti) Initiative – Executive Offices

It was motioned to approve twenty (20) Surplus City iPhones for Sister Cities (Haiti) Initiative.

Councilmember Antoine good job executive office.

Motion made by Councilmember Antoine, Seconded by Councilmember James.

Councilmember Akins-Wells I have a question, for all of the stuff the city has as far as surplus, we have two other Sister Cities, are we just focused on Haiti or are we focused on the other two as well. I am not opposed to it; I just want to ask a question.

Councilmember Gutierrez I think the other ones we do not have advocates for?

Councilmember Akins-Wells who is our advocate for Haiti?

Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears. Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Akins-Wells. The motion carried.

6. Council Approval to Amend Maintenance List of Abandoned Cemeteries – Executive Offices

It was motioned to Amend Maintenance List of Abandoned Cemeteries.

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

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

7. Council Allocating Funds to City Edge Project to Administer Rental Assistance for the City – Executive Offices

It was motioned to approve Allocating Funds to City Edge Project to Administer Rental Assistance for the City.

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

Councilmember Gutierrez - I would like to hear from them and how the community can access them, where they are located and what the application process is. I know that it is a religious organization I just want to make sure, I just want people to understand that anyone can apply.

Bryan Beeler, CEO City Edge Projects (Nonprofit Program/Gateway Restoration National Network), - this program in particular is a rental assistance program for the residents of Forest Park impacted by COVID either through being sick or laid off by their job. This is a chance to assist them, we are trying to keep the residents here instead of being displaced and going elsewhere. The funds received will be paid to the landlord directly. We will also require them not to evict the people after they received their money. We will make sure we do everything that we can to keep the residents here in Forest Park and help them get back on their feet; those that have been impacted. We will have a process to vet them and to make sure

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING - Council Approval on the Ordinance 2021-12 to Establish the Final Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Forest Park – Interim Finance Director**

Background/History:

The proposed Ordinance is to establish the Ad Valorem Millage Rate for the City Forest Park for 2021 in accordance with the State of Georgia Code Section 48-5-32. The proposed Millage Rate of 16.743, is the same as 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:****APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 3. Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021 - S. Diane White, City Clerk**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4. Council to Approve the Appointment of Fire Chief Latosha Clemons as the City of Forest Park's Emergency Management Director – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

The City Forest Park's Emergency Management Director is responsible for coordinating all activities necessary to protect Forest Park residents from natural, technological, and manmade disasters and other emergencies that threaten the city.

- 5. Council Approval for Twenty (20) Surplus City iPhones for Sister Cities (Haiti) Initiative – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

It is requested that council authorizes the City Manager to not purchase the new phones, but utilize twenty (20) surplus city iPhones, along with approved laptops and iPads for this Initiative.

- 6. Council Approval to Amend Maintenance List of Abandoned Cemeteries – Executive Offices**

Background/History:

It is requested that city council authorizes an amendment to the approved list to add Elam Church Cemetery on Elam Church Rd in Forest Park as the fourth. This current cost would be set not to exceed \$45,000 annually for all four cemeteries.

- 7. Council Allocating Funds to City Edge Project to Administer Rental Assistance for the City – Executive Offices**

Background/History: