



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

Monday, November 01, 2021, at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers and YouTube Livestream

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

DRAFT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Mayor Angelyne Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were provided by Pastor Clinkscales.

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, Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		Via Phone ✓

Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director, James Shelby, PB&Z Director, Joshua Cox, IT Director, LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, PIO Director, Javon A. Lloyd, Michael Brunson, Deputy Police Chief and Latosha Clemmons, Fire Chief and Division Chief Joel Turner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes) *There were no public comments.*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was motioned to Adopt the Agenda with any Additions/Deletions.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Council Approval of Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2021** - S. Diane White, City Clerk

It was motioned to Approve the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2021.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Approval to Retire Forest Park K-9 "Yoeri" – Police Department**

It was motioned to Approve to Retire Forest Park K-9 "Yoeri" and to include the kennel.

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

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

3. **Council Approval of a Bi-Lingual Pay Incentive – Chief Executive Office**

It was motioned to Approve a Bi-Lingual Pay Incentive.

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.

4. **Council Approval of Parks and Leisure Budget Transfer of Funds - Interim Finance Director/Parks & Leisure Director**

It was motioned to Approve Parks and Leisure Budget Transfer of Funds.

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. Council Approval of a Citywide Janitorial Services with American Facility Services, Inc. – Procurement Department

It was motioned to approve a Citywide Janitorial Services with American Facility Services, Inc.

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.

6. Council Approval to Enter into an Agreement for On-Call Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance Services with MaxAir Mechanical and The Plumbing Shop dba Quick Action Plumbers– Public Works/ Procurement Department

It was motioned to approve to Enter into an Agreement for On-Call Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance Services with MaxAir Mechanical and The Plumbing Shop dba Quick Action Plumbers

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.

7. Council Approval to Adopt GDOT's Procurement Policy for The Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services – Procurement Department

It was motioned to Adopt GDOT's Procurement Policy for the Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services.

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.

8. Council Approval to Adopt the Ordinance 2021-13 Amending the Local Vendor Preference – Procurement

It was motioned to Adopt the Ordinance 2021-13 Amending the Local Vendor Preference.

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.

9. Council Approval of New Citywide Banners – Executives Office

It was motioned to table the approval of New Citywide Banners.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Antoine.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James - thank you everyone for showing up and being a part of our meeting this evening. We have an Election tomorrow so make sure you go out and exercise your right to vote in the election. The October Neighborhood Meeting is out on YouTube so make sure you tune in to that, I think it is on the City's website as well. We look forward to continuing servicing you.

Councilmember Antoine – spoke on the Georgia Film Academy. I think that is a good idea because we have a lot of our young people looking into that field. Secondly, the energy assistance program is still going on at the community center. I invite everyone to share the information with others. I hope we take advantage of that because people are still in need of help. It is my honor and privilege to first thank the Mayor and Council. In 2020, we adopted the Sister Cities initiative that is when a partnership with *Mi Bali* and the City of Forest Park with the partnership with mission work. Marc Faublas Romulus the congressman from the district and the owner of the radio station in the district. The things that we send he is on the radio promoting Forest Park. The mayor and some other people have been on the radio station. The radio station is the only voice there is no television there is no mail to get the information out. Radio is the only source of communication. I have the Chief of Police from Mirebalois Haiti, Ocean Frederique. They came to see how government looks like in America. Thank you to this young man for allowing them to see the police department. They are going to go back and give hope to the area. This is what you do when you vote on Sister Cities so these people have hope to know that one day you guys may be able to train a firefighter or a police officer. This is not my initiative in 1950 President Eisenhower founded this organization. Several cities throughout the country have adopted another city that is overseas. Thank you all for accepting them, they will be going back on Thursday to a country that suffered an earthquake and where the President was assassinated and all the other things that is going on. Thank you all for what you do for these people. God bless you all.

Councilmember Gutierrez – hello, thank you all for coming out. I am a little disappointed that we did not get any public comments tonight. I really enjoy hearing from you and fixing whatever needs to be fixed. I guess we fixed everything, so congratulations Dr. Cooper. We had a successful “*Bingo Night*”, and our seniors are moving fast they already had nominations they have some leadership positions. For anyone that wants to get involved with the Senior Committee come on through it is a train that is rolling! We had some unfortunate events Ms. Mariam was jamming too hard so we had to call the fire department. She was taken to the hospital, and she is good and ready to sing again. Thanks to Chief Clemmons and the Fire Department for responding so quickly. I will be hosting a “*Day of the Dead*” event November 6, 2021, I hope people will come out to learn about the cultural experience and what it really means. It sounds like the “*Day of the Dead*” it is about honoring our ancestors so we will show a movie, food for the community, and cultural dancing. On November 5th we will have Food Truck Friday event we will be showing the *Night Before Christmas* at the Fountain. It was very successful last time we collaborated with Clayton County School system to host a movie there so come out. On Saturday, my favorite event is our clean up in Ward 3. I hope I can get more people out there besides the boy scouts. I hope to see some people there. The cleaning up is meaningful to me we must take ownership of our community. We have a street program. You can adopt a street. You can put your name on a sign of a street and commit to cleaning the street once a month. We have had a total of zero applicants for the program. I think it is contagious once we get it going and then more people will start to do it. I think I want to do, but there is a lady that does a great job on my road that does a good job and I do not want to steal her thunder. Thanks everybody for coming out and take care. You have my contact information if you all need anything, and good

luck tomorrow make sure you come out and vote. Make me proud Forest Park! This is where you voice your opinion, this is where change happens. This is where accountability happens. I won my election by (7) votes, I know I say that all the time. But, if (7) people would not have showed up, you would not be listening to my humor up here right now. If you need a ride let me know.

Councilmember Akins-Wells - I would like to say one of the employees' Mr. Winston Carter's mother passed away. Winston has been with the city 30 plus years. I felt it was only right to say something about it. Ms. Annie Carter viewing will be tomorrow from 3pm-7pm at Hope Funeral Home in Fayetteville, Georgia and the funeral will be Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 1pm at Living Faith Tabernacle on Old Dixie Highway. Wellness with Wells start back on tomorrow from 6pm to 7pm. Because of the election we will be at 696 Main for the first 3 weeks so come out and get this work out and get back in shape, I am looking forward to it. Congratulations to Clayton County Commissioner Dr. Aleika Anderson on winning District 1 seat. She has big shoes to fill, and I think she will do an amazing job. The Christmas Giveaway, if you all know any families in Ward 4 first, it will be opened to everyone if you know of any families specifically in Ward 4 that need help our goal is to give to 200 plus kids for Christmas. Normally, I would just adopt (3) families and give toys to them but this year the Douglas Brothers Foundation would like to help. I have been doing this for years. So, we are going to make it bigger and better. So, if you know anyone, please let me know so that I can put them on the list. Last, but not least I am going to brag on my son. He went from #17 to #14 in the state in baseball, and #12 in basketball and one of the #1 recruits in Clayton County, Georgia. I forgot to mention that he is now a member of the National High School Honor Society. So, I wanted to give a shout out to my 16-year-old son and entrepreneur J. Akins. Thank you all and thank you for coming to the meeting with us. Do not forget to vote. I to will be out giving rides to the polls. If you know of anyone that needs a ride, contact me at 678.755.8235 and I will be available to take you to the polls from 7am to 7pm at the Parks and Recreation. Thank you.

Councilmember Mears – be sure to get out and vote tomorrow. I will be back at the next meeting, and I appreciate everyone for coming.

Mayor Butler - I want to echo the sentiments of my colleague's election day is tomorrow. I do not know about you guys, but I am really stoked about it. I encouraged you all to not just get out and vote but bring someone with you. The State of the City address if you missed it, it was epic. It is on the website, and so I would encourage you all to go out and look it and share it with someone else. If there is nothing else, I will see you all at the polls tomorrow. We will have a Veterans Day program at 696 Main Street on November 11, 2021, at 11am, it will be posted on the website.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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