

City Council Agenda Item

Subject:Stipends for First Responders during COVID-19 CrisisSubmitted By:Dr. Marc-Antonie CooperDepartment:Executive OfficesDate Submitted:6/23/2021Work Session Date:7/06/2021Council Meeting Date:7/06/2021

Background/History:

The City Council of Forest Park, GA approved on March 27, 2020, a stipend of an additional \$75.00 weekly for First Responders (Firefighters/EMS, Police Officers and Dispatchers) at the forefront of the coronavirus pandemic. The stipend was set to end at the lifting of the COVID restrictions for the city. While the restrictions have been lifted the COVID-19 crisis continues worldwide, and our first responders are still on the front of the pandemic. I am requesting that the Governing Body approve a continuation of this stipend until December 31, 2021.

Cost: \$	90,000 weekly (\$216,000 6mos total)	Budgeted for:	Yes	Х	No

Financial Impact:

The funds can be use from COVID-19 and American Rescue funds to be allocated to the City.

Action Requested from Council:

Approval by Council at the Regular Meeting