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**FORESTPARK**

## City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Discussion and approval of a Telecommunications and Right of Way Management agreement (TRM) – Chief Executive Offices

**Submitted By:** Dr. Marc-Antonie Cooper

**Date Submitted:** February 09, 2022

**Work Session Date:** February 21, 2022

**Council Meeting Date:** February 21, 2022

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### Background/History:

Currently in Georgia, franchise fees are required and telephone, cable, electric and natural gas companies pay approximately \$188 million dollars each year. Cities receive 91% of these fees and counties receive 8% of the fees. The City of Forest Park is entitled to a portion of the nearly \$171 Million dollars in fees paid to cities throughout Georgia annually.

The City Manager is seeking the City Council's approval to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to help us manage and collect our share of revenue. The Telecommunications and Right of Way Management (TRM) program through GMA will aid with all aspects of federal and state cable and video franchising, including by not limited to franchise renewals and modifications, state franchise applications process, franchise fee reviews and customer service issues.

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**Cost:** \$ 10,000

**Budgeted for:**  Yes  No

**Financial Impact:**

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### **Action Requested from Council:**

Request approval to enter into the agreement with GMA