



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

Monday, November 15, 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: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Dabouze Antoine at 7:00pm.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were led by Wanda Miller.

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		✓

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Darquita Williams, Interim Finance Director; Diane Lewis, Deputy Human Resources Director, Lashawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, Latosha Clemons, Fire Chief, David Halcome, Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Abraham, Director Economic Development, Tarik Maxell, Director of Recreation & Leisure, Bobby Jinks,

Director of Public Works, Joshua Cox, IT Director, Arthur Geeter, Purchasing Manager, Michael Brunson Sr., Deputy Chief of Police and Javon Lloyd, PIO Director.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation presented to Clayton County Youth Commission - Legislative

Councilmember Gutierrez read the proclamation presented to Clayton County Youth Commission.

2. Commendation and Certificate presented to Boy Scout Troop 919 - Legislative

Councilmember Gutierrez read a letter of commendation and certificate that was presented to the Boy Scout Troup 919.

3. Presentation – Earth Tomorrow – Legislative

Presentation was given by members of Earth Tomorrow.

Councilmember James – thank you so much Mr. Evans, I really appreciate you all presenting this evening. I think it is very important to see the recycling part of our city because that is something we are missing right now. I invited Mr. Evans to be here tonight because we have a lot of contaminants that is in our recycling. That is why our recycle day is not really a recycle day. I hope we can utilize Earth Tomorrow to help us with campaigning and getting the information out. So, hopefully we can get that partnership going and I can help with that. Thanks again for everything that you brought to us today.

Councilmember Gutierrez – This is just amazing. It is beautiful when people take ownership of it; and you are taking ownership. You live here, this is your high school, and this is your earth. It is important that you take initiative, and you value this earth and the planet. Sometimes we do not think about the facts you gave about the candy wrappers; we just go on about our days. I do not think people do it in a malicious way, I just think we lack the education to understand these things. Like Councilmember James, we are in full support of this. We can do intergovernmental agreements so if you all need anything. I would love to support you all. I am not just saying it but buying materials or buying things to make a better greenhouse, whatever that would make it better for you all to advance your research. Everything you are doing now will be there for the other high schoolers that are coming up. Thank you for being leaders on your campus. You might not see it, but you are really setting a standard for those that will come behind you. So, shout out to Earth Tomorrow.

Councilmember Antoine – Whenever you see kids that are investing in their community that will tell you where that community is going, in a positive way. You can even apply that to churches, whenever you get young kids involved in churches it will tell you the future of that church; so that is a good thing. We have good kids that believe in this community. So, for those that have been here for awhile should look at this as a good thing to show you where Forest Park is going. Again, thank you and keep it up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

There were no speakers for Public Comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:

It was motioned by Councilmember James and seconded by Gutierrez to adopt the Council Agenda as printed.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

It was motioned by Councilmember James and seconded Councilmember Gutierrez to adopt the Council minutes from Nov. 1, 2021.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. Approval of a Judicial Appointment to serve as Judge Pro Tem on the Forest Park Court –**
Executive Offices

It was motioned by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Mears to approve the appointments of Jenny Nguyen and Tracey A. Moran as Judge Pro Tem.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried.

- 6. Adoption of Amending Banquet Hall Ordinance – Police Department**

It was motioned by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to adopt the Ordinance Amendment for Banquet Halls.

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember Mears. The motion carried.

- 7. Council Approval of a Public Information Office Communication Policy – Executive Offices**

It was motioned by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Mears to approve the Public Information Communication Policy,

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.
Voting Yea: Councilmember James, Councilmember Antoine, Councilmember Gutierrez, Councilmember

Mears. The motion carried.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

Councilmember James – thanks to everyone for coming out. We appreciate you for showing up. I want to remind everyone of the Ward Meeting that I host every month on the third Thursday. It will be held this Thursday at 696 Main Street and via Zoom. The information is on the website and if you do not want to show up in person you are certainly welcome to participate via Zoom. It will start at 5:00pm. I really appreciate you participating. We will have a general PTSA meeting that starts at 6:00pm at the high school. We will have a *Connecting the Community* event with our District 4 Board Meeting with Victoria Williams at 6:30pm on Thursday. I want to continue to keep Madam Mayor and her daughter lifted up in prayer. She is doing well.

Councilmember Gutierrez – thanks to everyone that came out today. I want to congratulate you both for winning your seats. Congratulations! I would like to congratulate Commissioner, Dr. Aleika Anderson we have been talking about neighborhood meetings. She is hitting the ground and running. Happy Veterans Day to our brothers and sisters. It is a big part of my identity. It was beautiful and got to spend time with my family. We have some events coming up. For any seniors that need help with your FASFA application meet us at 696 Main Street on December 1, 2021. We will assist you with your application. We will have food and celebrate getting your application ready to go! We will not have Food Truck Friday events in December because it is cold, but we will have a Senior Ball. The Seniors in Action have taken off! They will have a Senior's Ball where you can come dressed up. It is opened to anyone. DJ Mr. Gibson will be playing some tracks from back in the day. So, please join us we will have more information on our social media. If you have any questions, please feel free to call. I am extremely proud to see two of my students from Forest Park and Morrow High Schools it is beautiful to see; it solidifies my choice in career. If anyone needs me, please call me and be safe. Sometimes we get caught up in things. Life is real. For an example, with the mayor not being here. I know the mayor would not have missed a meeting for anything. My prayers for her daughter that she is good. Just enjoy each other presence, you never know when something may happen. Tell your family that you love them and take care of your seniors. We will have the clean-up! The Boy Scouts will be out. If you would like to join us, we welcome you the first Saturday of the month and bring a coat. Thanks to Mr. Thanks, Mr. Rushmere for the turkey donations and the contributions to my cultural events, Day of the Dead and Hispanic Heritage events. Thank you everyone and see you next meeting.

Councilmember Mears – thank you for coming out tonight. I always like to see these big crowds. Always remember in the back of your mind to take care of your own business and this is where business is handled. Try to make it a habit to come twice a month you get out what you put in. We here to do a good job and do the city's business. We work for you all. Have a good safe evening.

Councilmember James – on Monday of next week we will have a food giveaway at Forest Park High School. The school will be closed for Thanksgiving break. It will be sponsored by Mayor Butler, Helping Hands Ending Hunger, The Community and Schools, Councilmember Mears, and Victoria Williams the list keeps getting larger and larger. This means that we will have a lot of food to give away. We will probably start at 11:30am, but the information will be posted. So, please spread the word.

Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Antoine – I see some new faces. You all are welcome to the City of Forest Park.

Tarik Maxwell, Parks and Leisure Director the annual holiday parade will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 6pm off Main Street and we will make our way to the amphitheater where there will be entertainment and the lighting of the Christmas tree. We will also have hot chocolate.

Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Antoine – Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Jonathan will be giving us all turkeys. I will have turkeys to giveaway. Just like Councilmember Guterrez you never know when your last day here is; so, this is not the time to be rude and mean and negative towards people. Please keep my country in your prayer, gas is \$20.00 a gallon over there. These are people that do not have anything, so we have so much to be thankful for. I want to say thank you to the Boys Scouts and Earth Tomorrow and all those that are new that I see. Welcome to Forest Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was motioned by Councilmember James and seconded by Councilmember Mears to adjourn the November 15, 2021, Regular Council meeting at 7:46pm

Motion made by Councilmember James, Seconded by Councilmember Mears.

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