

CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK AND  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 |6:00 PM



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**MAYOR**

ANGELYNE BUTLER, MPA

**CITY COUNCIL**

KIMBERLY JAMES	WARD 1
DABOUZE ANTOINE	WARD 2
HECTOR GUTIERREZ	WARD 3
LATRESA AKINS-WELLS	WARD 4
ALLAN MEARS	WARD 5

**CITY MANAGER**

ALBERT BARKER, JR.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

MIKE WILLIAMS

**CITY CLERK**

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**CITY OF FOREST PARK MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 | 6:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James  
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez  
The Honorable Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine  
The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells

City Manager:  
City Clerk:  
City Attorney:

Albert Barker, Jr.  
Sharee Steed  
Mike Williams

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The Honorable Mayor, Angelyne Butler
- 2. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present, which constituted a quorum. Council Member Gutierrez was present via phone until 6:17p.m., once he arrived at the Council meeting

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		✓
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1 Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

- 1. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Albert Barker, Jr.  
**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Economic Development Director, Bruce Abraham; Human Resource Director- Shalonda Brown; Finance Director-Ken Thompson; Deputy Finance Director-Darquita Williams; and James Shelby, Director of Planning Building and Zoning

Economic Development Director, Mr. Bruce Abraham spoke with the Governing body regarding funding for three projects on Main Street from Tax Allocation District (TAD) funds. The TAD funds are collected in the specially designation district and must be redistributed within the district to support revitalization and development. Mr. Abraham stated that the three projects are 1) remodeling of buildings, 2) construction of an access road, and 3) construction of a sidewalk and parking lot/public throughway. He explained that the request is for \$50,000 per project for a total request of \$150,000.

Director of Planning Building and Zoning, Mr. James Shelby updated Council on capital projects that are in progress. Mr. Shelby expressed that the projects have been in a standstill position and he would like to completely carry out the projects in full.

Project Name	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Previous SPLOSTs Funding	Potential Funding Sources		
				SPLOST 2021	TAD	Bond
			Previous SPLOSTs 2008,2015-2020			
Starr Park/Sports Complex	Renovation	\$12,000,000.00	\$5,127,758.88	\$2,200,471.00	-	\$4,671,770.12
Public Safety Building/City Hall	New	20,000,000.00	100,000.00	1,831,548.00	-	18,168,452.00
Public Safety Building- Gillem	New	1,800,000.00	1,400,000.00		-	400,000.00
Phase II Main Street Streetscape	New	7,000,000.00	3,493,479.02	2,000,000.00	900,000.00	606,520.98
AeroATL Model Mile Project	New	4,796,458.91	-		-	4,796,458.91
Fire Station #1	Rehabilitation	2,000,000.00	-	2,000,000.00	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>47,596,458.91</b>	<b>10,121,237.90</b>	<b>8,032,019.00</b>	<b>900,000.00</b>	<b>28,643,202.01</b>

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.** *(please visit the City's YouTube page to view the full inquires and commentaries provided by Council.)*

**2. COVID-19 UPDATE:** Chief Joel Turner, EMS Director

- Chief Turner spoke to numbers located within the south metro area, and they remain stable, despite that there is an increase in numbers. He stated that the COVID-19 numbers appear to be on the rise statewide. However, the current daily positive rate is still 9.4% overall. The Clayton County numbers as was 8,467 cases. Chief Turner stated that within the City of Forest Park, both incorporated and unincorporated, there is a Forest Park: 932 cases; recorded within the past 24hrs and he expressed that there are approximately 8 active cases currently within incorporated Forest Park. Chief Turner stated that all numbers reported are accumulative since May 1, 2020. The rate of daily positive cases has dropped by a tenth of a percent to 10.3% currently. Chief Turner still encourages the public to follow CDC health guidelines. The fire service will continue including blood pressure checks at all three of the fire stations within the city, with precautions and measures in place as well.

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.** *(please visit the City's YouTube page to view the full inquires and commentaries provided by Council.)*

**3. PRESENTATION(S): NONE**

**4. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

➤ **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Discussion of funding the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Project** – City Manager, Albert Barker Jr. and Economic Development Director, Bruce Abraham.

**Background and Summary:** The Economic Development Department requests funding for three projects on Main Street from Tax Allocation District (TAD) funds. The TAD funds are collected in the specially designation district and must be redistributed within the district to support

revitalization and development. The three projects which include 1) remodeling of buildings, 2) construction of an access road, and 3) construction of a sidewalk and parking lot/public throughway. The request is for \$50,000 per project for a total request of \$150,000. Project funding, inspection, and billing will be managed by the Economic Development Department. Upon authorization of funding from Council, the project funding will be awarded through a public agency designated by Council. The Economic Development Department will report to Council upon completion of projects.

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.** *(please visit the City's YouTube page to view the full inquires and commentaries provided by Mayor and Council.)*

- 2. Discussion on the Confirmation of Planning, Building, and Zoning Director - City Manager, Albert Barker Jr.**

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.** *(please visit the City's YouTube page to view the full inquires and commentaries provided by Mayor and Council.)*

- 3. Discussion of Resolution requesting the Clayton County to introduce legislation pertaining to the appointment and removal of development authority members. – City Attorney, Mike Williams**

**Background and Summary:** In 2018, the Council requested legislation be introduced in the General Assembly which would create removal provisions for development authority members similar to those in state law for the URA. The legislation was introduced but did not get passed. This resolution would urge the delegation to reintroduce the same legislation.

**Questions and comments were provided by the Governing Body.** *(please visit the City's YouTube page to view the full inquires and commentaries provided by Mayor and Council.)*

- 4. Discussion of all City's Boards Bylaws and Policies-** Councilwoman, Kimberly James  
Councilwoman James suspended this topic
- 5. Discussion of Police and policy -** Councilwoman, Kimberly James  
Councilwoman James suspended this topic.
- 6. Discussion of Overtime-** Councilwoman, Kimberly James  
Councilwoman James suspended this topic.
- 7. Discussion of Task Force findings-** Councilwoman, Kimberly James  
Councilwoman James suspended this topic.
- 8. Discussion of Un-budgeted expenditures-** Councilwoman, Kimberly James  
Councilwoman James suspended this topic.
- 9. Discussion of Public Comments-** Councilwoman, Kimberly James  
Councilwoman James suspended this topic.

**No comments were provided by the Governing Body.**

## **5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member James made a motion to adjourn Work Session at 6:53p.m. Council Member Akins-Wells provided the second. **The motion carried.**

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

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

The Honorable Kimberly James  
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez  
Wells The Honorable Allan Mears

The Honorable Dabouze Antoine  
The Honorable Latresa Akins-

City Manager:  
City Clerk:  
City Attorney:

Albert Barker, Jr.  
Sharee Steed  
Mike Williams

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The Honorable Mayor, Angelyne Butler
- 2. INVOCATION:** Provided by Councilman, Allan Mears
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- 4. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present, which constituted a quorum.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler, MPA	Mayor, At-Large		✓
Kimberly James	Council Member, Ward 1 Mayor Pro-Tem		✓
Dabouze Antoine	Council Member, Ward 2		✓
Hector Gutierrez	Council Member, Ward 3		✓
Latresa Akins-Wells	Council Member, Ward 4		✓
Allan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		✓

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

- **Addition(s):** NONE
- **Deletion(s):** NONE

- 6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special-Called Meeting Minutes  
Council Member James made a motion to table the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special-Called Meeting Minutes until the next council meeting. Council Member Akins-Wells provided the second. **The motion carried.**

**7. AGENDA ITEMS:**

➤ **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Approval of the funding for the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Project** – City Manager, Albert Barker Jr. and Economic Development Director, Bruce Abraham.

Councilwoman Akins-Wells made a motion to approve the funding for the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Project.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Councilwoman Akins-Wells	Kimberly James	✓	
	Dabouze Antoine	✓	
<b>SECOND:</b> Councilwoman James	Hector Gutierrez	✓	
	Latresa Akins-Wells	✓	
	Allan Mears	✓	
<b>Motion Passed</b>			

**2. Approval on the Confirmation of Planning, Building, and Zoning Director** - City Manager, Albert Barker Jr.

Councilwoman Akins-Wells made a motion to appoint Mr. James Shelby as Planning, Building, and Zoning Director for the City of Forest Park.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Councilwoman Akins-Wells	Kimberly James	✓	
	Dabouze Antoine	✓	
<b>SECOND:</b> Councilwoman James	Hector Gutierrez	✓	
	Latresa Akins-Wells	✓	
	Allan Mears	✓	
<b>Motion Passed</b>			

**Swearing-In** for Mr. James Shelby was sworn in as the Forest Park Planning, Building, and Zoning Director by the Honorable Mayor Angelyne Butler. Mr. Shelby proceeded to recite the oath of office relating to the Planning, Building, and Zoning position.

**3. Approval of Resolution requesting the Clayton County to introduce legislation pertaining to the appointment and removal of development authority members.** – City Attorney, Mike Williams

Councilwoman Akins-Wells made a motion approve the Resolution requesting the Clayton County to introduce legislation pertaining to the appointment and removal of development authority members

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Councilwoman Akins-Wells	Kimberly James	✓	
	Dabouze Antoine	✓	
<b>SECOND:</b> Councilwoman James	Hector Gutierrez	✓	
	Latresa Akins-Wells	✓	
	Allan Mears	✓	
<b>Motion Passed</b>			

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT)** – If you would like to submit a public comment, please follow the directions below:

No Public comments were submitted.

**9. CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:**

Please visit the City’s YouTube page to view the full inquires and commentaries provided by Mayor and Council.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and Legal Matters**

Council Member Akins-Wells made a motion to recess Regular Meeting at 7:17 p.m. and to go into Executive Session. Council Member James provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Council Member James made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. and go into the Regular Meeting. Council Member Akins-Wells provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Attorney Mike Williams asked for a motion terminate the City Manager, Mr. Albert Barker for cause as stated within his contract and to designate Ms. Shalonda Brown as Interim City Manager effective immediately.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Councilwoman James	Kimberly James	✓	
	Dabouze Antoine		✓
<b>SECOND:</b> Councilman Akins-Wells	Hector Gutierrez		✓
	Latresa Akins-Wells	✓	
	Allan Mears	✓	
<b>Motion Passed</b>			

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Mears made a motion to adjourn Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. Council Member James provided the second. **The motion carried.**

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**City Clerk, Sharee Steed**

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**Mayor, Angelyne Butler**