

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2020**

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

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Ward 2

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Ward 3



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Ward 4

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Ward 5

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Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Invocation
- III.** Pledge of Allegiance
- IV.** Roll Call
- V.** Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council on July 06, 2020
 - 2. Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council July 10, 2020
- VI.** **Agenda Items:**
 - 1. COVID-19 Update
 - 2. Consider a Resolution by Mayor and City Council to authorize the Department of Economic Development to apply for Grant Funding.

Background and Summary: The EDA CARES ACT Recovery Assistance has established funding in the amount of

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\$1,467,000,000.00 to assist communities across the United States, and \$248,000,000 for the Atlanta Region that has been impacted by the Coronavirus. The Department of Commerce, Office of Economic Development Administration has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for public works and economic adjustment assistance programs, and there is a need for utility improvements to buildings at the Gillem Logistics site.

3. Consider a Resolution by Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia to accept HUD Funding through Community Development Block Grant COVID program (CDBG-CV).

Background and Summary: The Coronavirus Pandemic has caused a shift in our normal way of life. The CARES Act was established by the federal government to assist communities across the United States as this virus continues to take a toll on businesses, households, and individuals alike. The Clayton County HUD Office received funding through the CARES ACT from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and its sub-recipients were asked to submit a brief questionnaire related to COVID and its impact

4. Consider a Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia to accept Grant Award funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Background and Summary: The Atlanta Regional Commission has awarded LCI grants to cities and counties in the Atlanta Region since 2000. The purpose of the grants is to empower communities in the Atlanta Metropolitan region to become more livable, walkable, and sustainable. The LCI program was created to allocate federal transportation dollars for planning in local communities, to communities to become eligible to apply for federal funding to assist in bringing their plans into reality once the plans have been created. The LCI Grant funds will allow the City to update its prior 10-Year plan to continue prior revitalization efforts of the Main Street area, while addressing and enhancing redevelopment and connectivity in the city.

5. Consider a Resolution by Mayor and The City Council of Forest Park, Georgia to accept funding from the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice.

Background and Summary: The Bureau of Justice Assistance issued notice of FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The funds based

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on a determined formula by the funding agency was issued to governmental entities due to unanticipated expenditures incurred in March as well as anticipated expenditures due to the pandemic

6. Consider a Resolution by Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia to accept 30% Phase 1 funding from the office of the governor of the State of Georgia via the United States Department of Treasury.

Background and Summary:

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, cities and counties were notified of available funding via the Georgia Municipal Association, from the Department of the Treasury. GMA provided a brief survey for Georgia governmental entities to complete. The survey was completed and submitted to GMA, as a result the Governor's Office issued a letter of funding allocation for each jurisdiction on June 29, 2020.
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7. Consider and approve the amendment of the Municipal Court Judge contract.

Background and Summary: The Municipal Court Judge's contract provides that the Judge is compensated based on court sessions. Due to Covid-19, there were no court sessions for the past several months. However, the Judge has continued to process and manage cases during that time period. The contract provides for compensation for services rendered during the COVID-19 period and sets a flat monthly rate going forward. The Judge has requested that his future per session fee be increased to \$600.

8. Consider and approve an amendment of the City Solicitor contract.

Background and Summary: The City Solicitor's contract provides that the Solicitor is compensated based on court sessions. Due to Covid-19, there were no court sessions for the past several months. However, the Solicitor has continued to process and manage cases during that time

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period. The contract provides for compensation for services rendered during the COVID-19 period and sets a flat monthly rate going forward. The Solicitor has requested that her future per session fee be increased to \$500.

9. Consider an emergency ordinance to require the wearing of masks or face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Background and Summary: As new infections of COVID-19 have begun to rise again across the nation, health experts and scientists have found that the wearing of masks reduces likelihood of spread of COVID-19. The ordinance would mandate the wearing of masks or face coverings within business and similar public establishments. It is consistent with the requests made by Governor Kemp that all Georgians use masks while in public.

10. Consider the appointments of new Ethic Board Members.

Background and Summary: The term for the Ethic Board Members in Ward 1 and Ward 5 has expired. New members should be appointed.

11. Open Discussion

VII. Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and Legal Matters

13. Consider a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing an Interim Fire Chief and Interim Chief of Police.

Background and Summary: The City Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia has determined that a vacancy has been created in the positions of Fire Chief and Chief of Police. It is proposed that the City manager appoint an Interim Chief of Police and Interim Fire Chief for a period not to exceed 90 days unless extended by the City Council.

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VIII. Public Comment Period – During this time public comment period has been modified. Please do the following:

- Go to www.slido.com
- Use Event Code: **90617**
- Submit questions or comments to the governing body no later than Monday @ 12:00 noon and they will respond to as many questions possible during this public comment period.
****Please include your full name and address when submitting questions.**

IX. Comments by Governing Body

X. Adjournment