

EXHIBITS TO OCTOBER 13, 2020 LETTER TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
KRISTEN SETTLEMIRE RE: CITY OF FOREST PARK – OPEN MEETINGS ACT
VIOLATIONS

EXHIBIT A. March 16, 2020 Robin Kemp article regarding the closure of City of Forest Park facilities and parks because of COVID-19. Also available at https://www.news-daily.com/news/forest-park-shuts-down-all-city-facilities-and-parks-due-to-covid-19/article_4055e486-67ba-11ea-b77a-4351ec19816b.html

EXHIBIT B. City of Forest Park’s 2020 City Council meeting notices and agendas for dates:

- April 6, 2020
- April 20, 2020
- May 4, 2020
- May 18, 2020
- June 1, 2020
- June 8, 2020
- June 15, 2020
- July 6, 2020
- July 20, 2020
- August 3, 2020
- August 17, 2020

EXHIBIT C. Screenshot of August 17, 2020 Zoom message exchange between Robin Kemp and the City of Forest Park where Ms. Kemp asks, while City Council meeting is in session, what is being said at the meeting because the audio-stream quality is so poor, and City tells Ms. Kemp to submit an Open Records Act request for the audio recording.

EXHIBIT D. Screenshot of September 8, 2020 video from City of Forest Park’s YouTube channel where City states in-person access to meetings are closed.

EXHIBIT E. Robin Kemp article regarding her ejection from the City of Forest Park’s September 21, 2020 City Council meeting. Also available at <https://claytoncrescent.org/2020/09/22/forest-park-officials-remove-clayton-crescent-from-council-meeting/>

EXHIBIT E1. September 21, 2020 City of Forest Park’s Mayor and Council Work Session Agenda indicating meeting was open to the public. Also available at <https://www.forestparkga.org/documents/09.21.2020%20Meeting%20Agenda.pdf>

EXHIBIT E2. Post from City of Forest Park’s Facebook page stating that live video of the September 21, 2020 City Council meeting is unavailable.

EXHIBIT E3. Screenshot of video from City of Forest Park’s YouTube channel where City advises viewers to submit Open Records Act request for audio of September 21, 2020 meeting. Also available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CvNN47oeLg>

EXHIBIT F. September 28, 2020 Robin Kemp article regarding City of Forest Park’s newly purchased video and sound equipment for the City’s new communications and broadcasting hub. Also available at <https://claytoncrescent.org/forest-park-opens-tv-studio-for-in-house-pr-effort/>

EXHIBIT G. Robin Kemp article regarding her ejection from the City of Forest Park’s October 5, 2020 City Council meeting that includes Ms. Kemp’s video-recording of her ejection from the meeting. Also available at <https://claytoncrescent.org/forest-park-police-remove-clayton-crescent-from-2nd-council-meeting/>

EXHIBIT G1. October 5, 2020 City of Forest Park’s Mayor and Council Work Session Agenda indicating meeting was open to the public via livestream on YouTube. Also available at <https://www.forestparkga.org/documents/10.05.2020%20Mayor%20and%20Council%20Meeting%20Agenda.1.pdf>

EXHIBIT G2. Post from City of Forest Park’s Facebook page stating that the October 5, 2020 City Council meeting will not be streamed live via YouTube “due to unforeseen circumstances” but will be available via Zoom and Facebook.

EXHIBIT H. Screenshot of City of Forest Park’s 2020 City Council meeting minutes webpage, last visited October 12, 2020, showing that no meeting minutes for the month of September have yet been posted.

EXHIBIT H1. October 7, 2020 email from Robin Kemp describing audio-recording of the City of Forest Park’s September 21, 2020 City Council meeting, wherein City Councilmembers chastise City Manager for not posting budget hearing minutes.

EXHIBIT I. In-person City of Forest Park events hosted on City property on June 23, August 22, September 26, September 30, and October 9, 2020.

EXHIBIT I1. City of Forest Park’s Facebook announcement of Hispanic Heritage Festival scheduled for October 17, 2020 to be held in-person at Starr Park.

EXHIBIT J. Email from Mayor Butler stating that the City of Forest Park “reopened” on June 29, 2020.

EXHIBIT A

https://www.news-daily.com/news/forest-park-shuts-down-all-city-facilities-and-parks-due-to-covid-19/article_4055e486-67ba-11ea-b77a-4351ec19816b.html

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Forest Park shuts down all city facilities and parks due to COVID-19

by Robin Kemp robin.kemp@news-daily.com

Mar 16, 2020



Forest Park has shut down all its public parks and buildings as of Monday due to the COVID-19 emergency.

by Robin Kemp robin.kemp@news-daily.com

FOREST PARK—Mayor Angelyne Butler says all city buildings and all public parks in the city of Forest Park are closed until further notice, effective immediately, due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Butler said the city would use its CodeRed notification system to make residents and businesses aware of further updates.

Monday's City Council meeting has been cancelled and the mayor's scheduled State of the City address has been postponed.

Robin Kemp

Crime and Safety Reporter

EXHIBIT B

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2020**

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

**The Meeting will be held via Zoom
Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/661802917?pwd=ejFnY0lCaCtMNDVmNjB6ZTYxR01QUT09>

Join Audio Meeting: 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 661 802 917

Password: 341797

Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Invocation
- III.** Pledge of Allegiance
- IV.** Roll Call
- V.** Approval of Minutes
 1. Special Called Meeting of Mayor and Council on February 24, 2020
 2. Work Session and Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council on March 2, 2020
 3. Special Called Meeting of Mayor and Council on March 25, 2020
 4. Special Called Meeting of Mayor and Council on March 30, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 1. Consider the Approval of Municode as the City of Forest Park's Website Designer

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

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

**The Meeting will be held via Zoom
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Password: Covid2020

Or by telephone:

Dial: (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 451 924 095

Password: 504422

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 April 6, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Consider a Resolution adopting the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) 5 Ethics Principals.

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AMENDED AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2020**

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

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Password: Covid2020

Or by telephone:

Dial: (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 871 3895 6073

Password: 510473

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 April 20, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Open Discussion

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2020**

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

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Password: Covid2020

Or by telephone:

Dial: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 884 1590 9862

Password: 470361

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 May 4, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Discussion of the Use of the Council Chambers
 4. Consider a Resolution to Amend the City's Vehicle Take Home Policy.

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2020**

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

The Meeting will be held via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Password: 421566

Or by telephone:

Dial: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 882 2282 4440

Password: 421566

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 May 4, 2020
 2. Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council on May 18, 2020
- VI. **Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Discussion of Brewery Ordinance

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING
June 8, 2020**

ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

The Meeting will be held via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Password: 448108

Or by telephone:

Dial: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 899 7804 3085

Password: 448108

Called Meeting 6:00 P.M.

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Roll Call
- III.** Public Hearing
- IV.** Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and Legal Matters
- V.** Comments by Governing Body
- VI.** Adjournment

CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
June 15, 2020

ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

The Meeting will be held via Zoom
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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 June 1, 2020
- VI. **Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Consider an Ordinance by the Governing Body of the City of Forest Park, Georgia establishing the budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2020**

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



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FORESTPARK
Georgia

Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

**The Meeting will be held via Zoom
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Dial: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 879 6041 9749

Password: 706534

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 June 15, 2020
 2. Special Called Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 29, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park declaring certain city property to be surplus property.

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

**ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR**

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

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Or by telephone:

Dial: (312) 626-6799

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Password: 458435

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

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 2020**

ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

The Meeting will be held via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Or by telephone:

Dial: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 843 8873 2452

Password: 706534

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 20, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 1. City Manager's Report
 2. COVID-19 Update
 3. Consider appointing a member to Development Authority Board.

CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL PRELIMINARY AGENDA
August 17, 2020
6pm

ANGELYNE BUTLER
MAYOR

Kimberly James
Mayor Pro-Tem Ward 1

Dabouze Antoine
Ward 2

Hector Gutierrez
Ward 3



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FORESTPARK
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Latresa Akins-Wells
Ward 4

Allan Mears
Ward 5

The Meeting will be held via Zoom
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Password: 393449
Or by telephone:
Dial: (301) 715-8592
Meeting ID/Webinar ID: 849 3821 7562
Password: 393449

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 20, 2020
 - 2. Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council on August 03, 2020
- VI. Agenda Items:**
 - 1. City Manager's Report
 - 2. COVID-19 Update

EXHIBIT C

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From CITY OF FOREST PARK to [All panelists and other attendees:](#)

The minutes for July 20th and aug 3rd were tabled

From Joy Forth to [All panelists and other attendees:](#)

I am trying to listen on the phone as well

From Me to [All panelists and other attendees:](#)

What is this specifically about: disinfecting only?
And who is the company in question?

From Me to [All panelists and other attendees:](#)

CITY OF FOREST PARK I believe it was a question about whether or not to vote on having detailed vs. summary minutes

From CITY OF FOREST PARK to [All panelists and other attendees:](#)

We do apologize for the audio issues, I have asked the members to speak up and more into their mics...after speaking with the city clerk, if you are still having issues hearing please submit a ORR and we will get that to you ASAP.

From Me to [All panelists and other attendees:](#)

Why is an ORR and 3-day delay required for an open meeting delay

To: [All panelists and other attendees](#)

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Currently the public is not able to physically attend meetings due to our compliance with social distancing guidelines. Meetings are streamed live via Zoom.

To find more information about the City of Forest Park visit forestparkga.org.

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Forest Park officials remove Clayton Crescent from council meeting

By [claytoncrescent](#)
SEP 22, 2020



by Robin Kemp

UPDATE 4:36 p.m. Sept. 22: The City of Forest Park has uploaded video of the Sept. 21 meeting to its YouTube channel.

The Clayton Crescent’s reporter, Robin Kemp, was removed from the Sept. 21 City Council meeting by Police Chief Nathaniel Clark, who said he was doing so at “the mayor’s request.”

Forest Park is Clayton County’s largest city by population and is the nexus of warehousing and transportation in the metro area.

Forest Park city leaders have declared council chambers closed to the public for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, citing health and safety concerns. The digital sign in front of City Hall, which has not advertised the current council meeting since

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NOAA WEATHER

Forest Park

Last Updated on Sep 17 2020,
5:52 am EDT

Weather by [NOAA](#)

Current Conditions:
**Heavy Rain Fog/Mist
and Breezy**



Temp: 67°F
Wind: NE at 22mph
Humidity:

93%

Dewpoint: 64.9°F

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Early
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October 12
@ 8:00 am -

May, also declares that all city buildings and parks are closed to the public until further notice.

However, during this same period, the city has hosted gatherings open to the public:

- at the Recreation Center (where a large group of children in swimsuits were allowed to crowd together with no social distancing in front of the Forest Parkway entrance)
- at Starr Park (where the city sponsors Fun Friday concerts at the amphitheater)
- at Kiwanis Stadium (where children regularly play football)

The first page of the Sept. 21 agenda posted to the city's website indicated that the meeting was open to the public. The second page said that the meeting would be livestreamed on the city's YouTube channel. It also contained links and passcodes to the Zoom meeting and dial-in numbers for listening in by phone. It also contained a link for the public to submit public comment questions by 12 noon, several hours before the meeting.

Most council meetings held via Zoom since the pandemic began have been plagued by inaudible conversations. The city, which recently renovated council chambers, had blamed the problem on defective microphones and promised to address the audio issue. Not all participants' votes are audible and the results of the vote are generally not announced. Slideshows by people making presentations to council are not always visible. Viewers get a static wide shot of the council from one side of the dais that sometimes includes the podium where speakers address council.

Citizens historically have been active participants in the public comment period. Since the meetings were physically closed to the public, participation has dropped almost completely.

During the Sept. 21 meeting, the Zoom feed the reporter accessed contained black video and an audio feed only. A check of the city's YouTube site revealed only a recording of the previous meeting. A check of Facebook turned up a Zoom feed with video and audio being streamed through Facebook Live. However, that audio was still difficult to hear in places and appeared to start and end in the middle of a discussion on whether to hire an outside auditor to examine city departments' performance.

The reporter walked up to the outside door of council chambers and found it locked. A sign indicated masks were mandatory. The reporter, wearing two masks and a filter, was admitted to the vestibule by a Forest Park Police officer. The reporter offered her bag, which contained a camera and papers, to be searched, as is customary. The officer said the building was not open to the public. The reporter identified herself as a representative of The Clayton Crescent who was there to cover the meeting. The officer said the city had a list of people who were allowed to enter the meeting. The reporter said she did not believe she was on the list but that, as a member of the press, she should be able to cover the meeting.

The reporter entered chambers and observed social distancing by choosing a seat in the rear left corner away from others present. At that point, Chief Clark approached the reporter, sat down next to her, and said she would have to leave. The reporter asked why. Clark replied that it was at Mayor Angelyne Butler's request.

The reporter left and was followed out by Chief Clark. She informed the officer on duty that neither she nor Clark were sure of whether or not she could remain in the meeting, stated that she believed she could, and that she would contact the Georgia First

 English ▾

@ 5:00 pm

[Forest
Park City
Council](#)

October 19

@ 2:00 pm -

5:00 pm

[Clayton
County
Board of
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October 20

@ 2:30 am -

5:30 pm

[Forest
Park City
Council](#)

November 2

@ 1:00 pm -

4:00 pm

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Board of
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@ 1:30 pm -

3:00 pm

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Amendment Foundation and an attorney for clarification.

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I was just escorted out of council mtg in Forest Park by police chief who said it was at mayor's request b/c bldg "closed to public"
 (thread)<https://t.co/8nvvp1uY4vpic.twitter.com/Kcp5Z6Rp6s>

— @RKempNews (@RKempNewsDaily) [September 21, 2020](#)

In the parking lot, two women sitting in their cars asked the reporter whether they were allowed to go inside. The reporter said she was not sure and asked one woman whether she was an attorney, That person said she and the other woman were there for an executive session (a session of the governing body that is closed to the public so officials can discuss pending legal, personnel, or real estate matters). The reporter replied that she believed they would be welcomed with open arms but that she was a reporter and had been asked to leave.

The reporter waited in the parking lot, checking the video feeds to see whether the council had entered or left executive session. At one point, Councilman Dabouze Antoine came outside and confirmed that the council had voted to pass a proposed contract for a departmental audit at an estimated price that had not been stated on the agenda.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the women who said they had come for an executive session returned to their cars and left. The mayor and councilmembers left around 10:30 p.m. with no comment.

The Clayton Crescent has filed on Open Records Request with the city for the following records:

- All lists of persons approved to enter City Council chambers since March 1, 2020
- Person(s) responsible for compiling those lists
- Person(s) responsible for approving those lists
- All memos, ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, or other directives regarding public access to city buildings and parks during the COVID-19 pandemic since March 1, 2020
- All e-mails, text messages, and telephone logs referencing media access to council chambers or other city facilities since March 1, 2020
- All Open Records Requests submitted to the City of Forest Park since March 1, 2020

[Georgia's Open Meetings Law](#) does not specify any restrictions of the public or of members of the media in case of a public health emergency. It does not indicate that an elected official can request police removal of a member of the media who is covering an open meeting. It also does not indicate that a government body can maintain a list of members of the public who are allowed into a public meeting to the exclusion of other members of the public, including members of the press.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, "Congress [government] shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; **or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.**"

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The City of Forest Park posted video of the Sept. 21 meeting to its YouTube channel the afternoon of Sept. 22. You can watch that meeting here:

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EXHIBIT E1

**CITY OF FOREST PARK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020|6:00 PM**



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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**
- 2. INVOCATION:**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- 4. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:**

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Angelyne Butler	Mayor, At-Large		
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Alan Mears	Council Member, Ward 5		

5. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Regular Meeting Minutes for 9.08.2020, 8.17.2020, and Budget Meeting Minutes for 6.12.2020
6. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:** Albert Barker, Jr.
7. **COVID-19 UPDATE:**
8. **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **➤ OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion – Councilwoman Kimberly James
Renovations on City Buildings
Acquisitions of Furniture
Budget Line Item
Budget Hearing Minutes

➤ NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Discussion and Approval: Ward 4 Yard of the Quarter 645 Glenn Drive – Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Well**

Background and Summary: Each quarter Ward 4 Councilwoman Latresa Akins Wells celebrates and recognizes a yard in her ward with exceptional upkeep and landscaping. This quarter she recognizes the Robinson family at 645 Glenn Dr. Typically, the family receives their yard sign and a gift card at the council meeting, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they are not able to attend. We appreciate the Robinson family for their commitment to keeping our city beautiful.

10. Consider four Resolutions by the City Council of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute certain annual license agreements for the use of Forest Park recreational facilities, to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Background and Summary: Each year, various youth athletic programs utilize our athletic fields, stadium and other recreation facilities for their programs. Staff is seeking approval of the Mayor and Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the license agreements which are identical in all substantive respects to the terms used in previous years. The staff has vetted the programs and confirmed that there are no conflicts for the dates set forth in each license agreement. The contracts are for Southwest Cardinals, Stump Town Football, 300 Spartans Youth Association and ORDAZ Soccer Academy.

11. Consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter agreement with Mauldin and Jenkins to provide the City’s first ever City-wide performance audit
Presenter: David Roberts

Background and Summary: Staff proposals that the City engage the services of Maudin and Jenkins to undertake City-wide performance audit of every department. The goal of the audit is to establish a baseline of the City's existing operations and to identify areas for improvement and/or corrective action. The firm will review every department's operations. At the end of the audit, the firm will provide a comprehensive blueprint for each department to undertake recommended reforms. The estimated cost and timeline are set forth in the letter agreement.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT) – Please do the following

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- Use Event Code: **092120**
- 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****

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

14. COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

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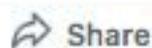
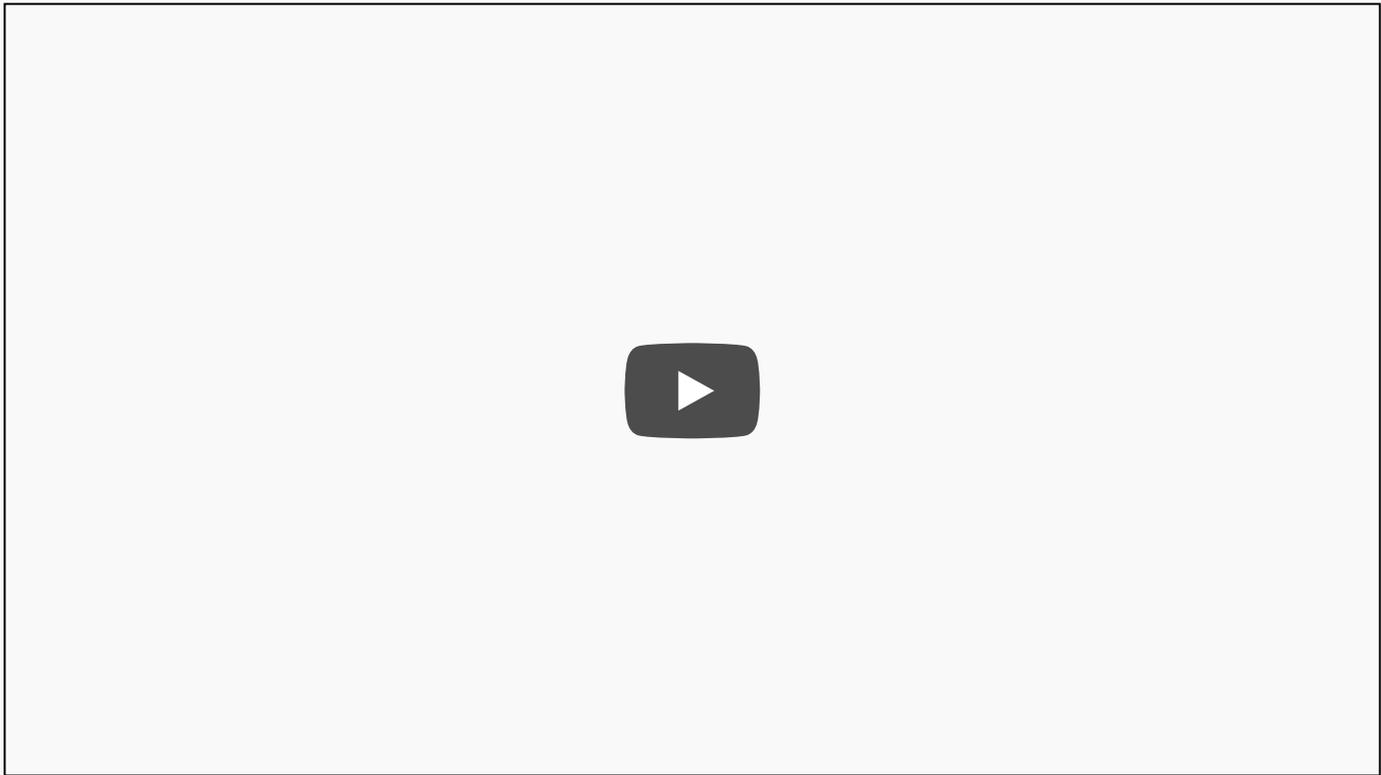


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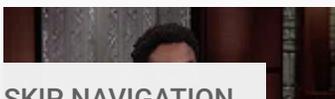
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Forest Park opens TV studio for in-house PR effort



By [claytoncrescent](#)

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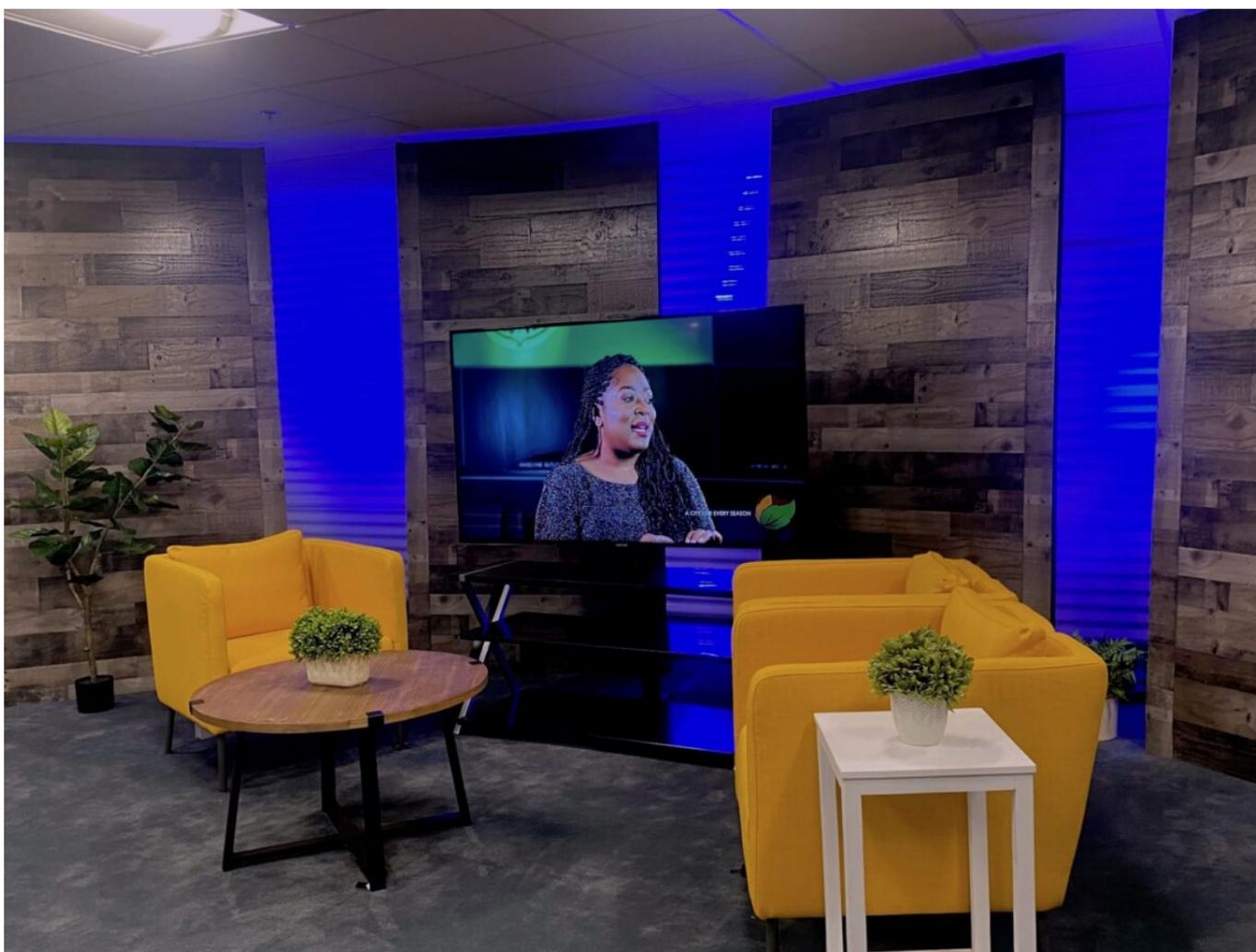


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A check of the city's website shows no minutes from the Downtown Development Authority, nor does it show a [request for proposals](#) for the new studio and equipment. [Minutes of the now-defunct Development Authority](#), which the city has not updated since 2019, show some members with terms expiring in 2021 and 2022. No page on the city website is dedicated to the new Downtown Development Authority. [In January, Butler sent letters to all members of the Urban Redevelopment Authority](#), charging them with "dereliction of duty" for voting down a proposed \$20 million bond request for a combined police and fire headquarters on Forest Parkway. Board members said they had not seen site renderings so could not approve the project. Police Chief Nathaniel Clark was both police chief and acting city manager at that time. [Members demanded the mayor retract the letters and apologize](#). She did not and [the board was absorbed by the DDA](#).

The Clayton Crescent has filed an Open Records request for minutes of all DDA meetings in 2020, as well as estimates and invoice(s) for all gear in the studio, the source of funds for the studio and gear, and the name of any production company involved.

Butler explained why the city built a television studio for her to host interviews: "So this is our communications hub. So this is the voice of the city, where we're going to highlight everything positive associated with Forest Park. And we're not going to chase any myths, but we're going to dispel some of the untruths that people want to spread about the city." Asked what those untruths were, Butler said, "You name it."

Butler said the new equipment would not be used to broadcast city council meetings. Asked whether the city plans to add cameras to council chambers for that purpose, Butler replied, "That is under review."

The Clayton Crescent is pursuing legal action, specifics to be determined, against the City of Forest Park after its reporter was ejected from the Sept. 21 City Council meeting by Clark, who said he had done so at Butler's request. [The city has not let the general public into City Council chambers since March, citing COVID-19 precautions](#) and "technical difficulties" in providing audiovisual access via various methods. The Clayton Crescent, which points to city recreational facilities and events that have been open to the public, as well as to surrounding jurisdictions that have restored public access to governing body meetings, is being represented pro bono by [BakerHostetler](#) over the issue. In addition, the [University of Georgia First Amendment Law Clinic](#) and [Georgia First Amendment Foundation](#) have expressed interest in the results of any legal action taken against the city in the matter.

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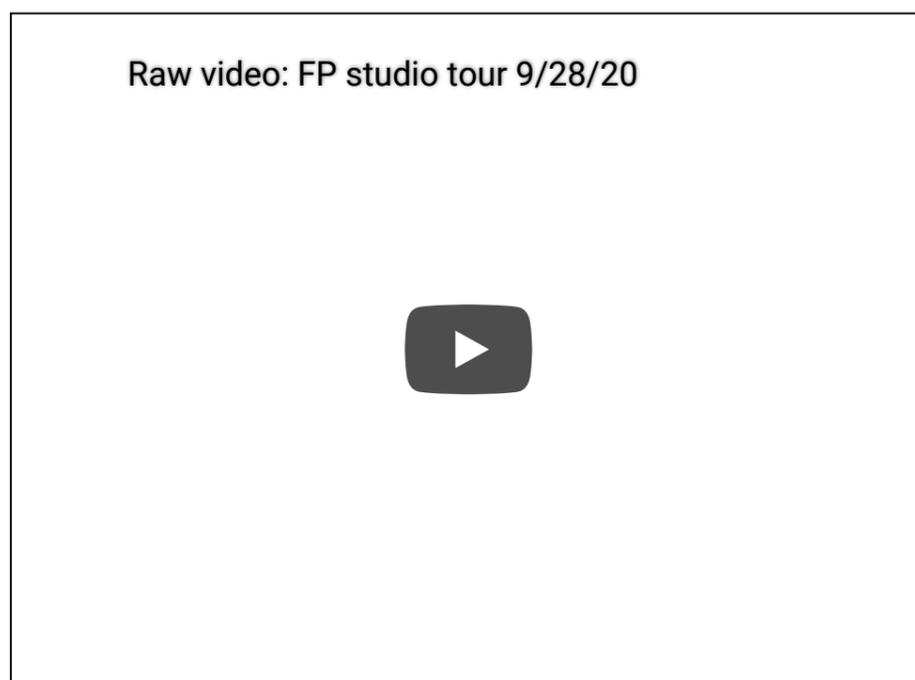
The City of Forest Park has spent an undisclosed amount of funds on a brand-new 4K television studio on the second floor of the Leonard Hartsfield, Jr. Community Center. Mayor Angelyne Butler said the video production facility is an effort to combat “untruths that people want to spread about the city.” When asked what some of those untruths might be, Butler said, “You name it.”

The city posted an invitation on Facebook Monday morning for residents to tour the one-room studio between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. that evening. The studio consists of a small set where Butler will conduct talk-show-style interviews, a large monitor, two 4K Panasonic prosumer camcorders (retail about \$2,000-\$4,000 each), Cayer BV30L tripods (retail about \$150 each), a Mackie ProFX 12-channel mixer (retail about \$350-\$450), a Blackmagic ATEM Mini Pro switcher (retail about \$600), and other gear. A video with commentary by Butler and other city officials ran in the background as citizens were given the tour.

A tour guide, Deacon Jones, said he did not know who was in charge of production—that is, the technical activities like shooting, editing, color correcting, and so on—at the studio. However, he said the mayor and council were running the studio.

The communications hub reflects a growing trend in Clayton County of elected and appointed officials who are producing their own video messaging. While Clayton County produces content for CCTV23, the government affairs channel that is part of most governments’ cable franchises, smaller jurisdictions like Forest Park, Jonesboro, and the Clayton County Police Department are producing video for social media in an attempt to reach citizens directly. This usually involves Facebook Live, but can involve more heavily-produced messaging, public relations, quasi-commercials for new businesses, and awards ceremonies. By comparison, video of governing body meetings almost universally is of more spartan quality.

It is not clear whether the city will allow residents to use the equipment to produce programming that reflects opposing viewpoints:



Butler has frequently referred to her desire to “control the narrative” surrounding city affairs since taking office. When Clayton Crescent asked Butler whether she would be running the show, she replied, “Yes.” Asked how much the new studio had cost taxpayers to set up, Butler said, “Well, I have to check, but it was right on budget with what the Downtown Development Authority said.”

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Forest Park Police remove Clayton Crescent from 2nd council meeting



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The Clayton Crescent was, for the second time in a row, removed by police from the Forest Park City Council meeting at the order of Mayor Angelyne Butler Oct. 5.

On Sept. 21, reporter Robin Kemp was removed from [the regularly-advertised City Council meeting](#) after entering the building, identifying herself to a police officer as a reporter who was there to cover the meeting, submitting to a search of her bag, and entering while wearing two masks and a filter against COVID-19. Kemp selected a seat that was isolated from others and not marked as blocked due to COVID-19 precautions.

At that time, Butler sent Police Chief Nathaniel Clark over to remove Kemp. When Clark said she would have to leave the public meeting, Kemp asked why. Clark said it was “at the request of the mayor.” Kemp then stated that she believed she had a legal right to attend the meeting under Georgia’s Open Meetings Act. She informed Clark that she

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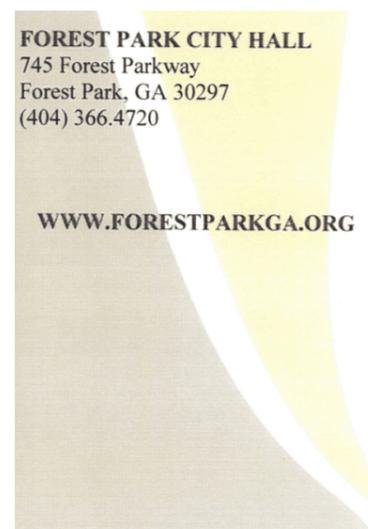
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would contact an attorney and the [Georgia First Amendment Foundation](#) for clarification. Clark followed her to the lobby, where Kemp repeated her intention to contact an attorney and GFAF to the officer on duty, then contacted counsel.

The city's agenda had advertised a YouTube stream, a YouTube meeting archive, and a Zoom meeting where citizens might access the meeting. The links did not function when Kemp tested them. She found an incomplete Facebook livestream of the meeting. The agenda also had stated that the meeting was open to the public.



Notice of meeting open to public on Set. 21 agenda



Notice of meeting open to public removed from Oct 5 agenda

On Oct, 4, Kemp checked the agenda and noted the city's previous wording about the meeting being open to the public had been removed. The agenda again advertised a YouTube livestream, later archived YouTube video of the meeting, and Zoom meeting information to watch or listen live.



The Clayton Crescent has not seen the city's advertised YouTube livestreams. Both Zoom and Facebook Live audio has been largely inaudible while live, and video livestreams appeared to be incomplete on multiple dates.

On Oct. 5, Kemp returned to the meeting, wearing a mask, again found the outside door locked, and knocked. Forest Park's [Recreation and Leisure Services](#) Director Tarik Maxwell opened the door.

Kemp then disseminated the video via Facebook and Twitter, tagging colleagues at other news media outlets, the Georgia First Amendment Foundation, and the University of Georgia First Amendment Law Clinic, which is representing The Clayton Crescent pro bono.

Other members of the public who tried to enter council chambers included:

- a city firefighter in civilian clothes who was there to attend the meeting with others in the [Fire and Emergency Services](#) department. No one answered his repeated knocking. He retrieved a cell phone and apparently made contact with someone who let him in.
- the chairman of the board of the [Housing Authority of Clayton County](#), who said he didn't have business before the board but that he was just there to observe (the agency's office is in Forest Park).
- a student from [Clayton State University](#) who had come out to observe the council meeting as an assignment for her [political science](#) class (a common occurrence at government board meetings around the county) but who was unable to gain entry to City Hall.

The Clayton Crescent attempted again to monitor the proceedings remotely but was left in a virtual waiting room in the Zoom meeting from approximately 7:54 p.m. to several minutes after 8 p.m. However, the meeting appeared to reconvene from what may have been an executive session held between the work session and the official meeting (both of which are public meetings under state law) via Facebook Live. Sound from the meeting was so low as to be inaudible at points as the mayor and council moved quickly through the agenda voting on various items.

At one point, a new item had been added to the agenda—consideration of whether or not to reopen city facilities. The council voted to table the item, with Councilwoman Latresa Akins asking whether the change could be done administratively or if councilmembers had to vote on it publicly. Councilman Hector Gutierrez referred to “her” (ostensibly Kemp) “misunderstanding” that the city was closed because of COVID-19.

While city officials have repeatedly made the claim that city facilities are closed for health reasons to justify keeping the press and citizens out of council chambers, there are several inconsistencies with this claim:

- Football games are being held in Kiwanis Stadium, from peewee to high school, complete with fans in the stands.
- Council chambers have admitted “members of the public” who are seeking contracts with the city or who have legal matters to attend to.
- Journalists are classified as “essential workers” during COVID-19. Their job is to serve as representatives of the general public and to ask questions directly of elected officials regarding governmental proceedings.
- Journalists are trained observers [who understand and prepare for the risks of covering events such as the COVID-19 crisis](#).
- City-sponsored events like Fun Friday concerts and food trucks are being held on city property.
- Over the summer, dozens of unmasked children in bathing suits crowded shoulder-to-shoulder around the front of the recreation center during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The city has promised a variety of live teleconference methods, none of which have been technically sound. Livestreams are inaudible and inconsistent.

- Recordings posted later by government entities are important records but do not replace in-person or real-time coverage by journalists.

Other journalists in metro Atlanta offered support for The Clayton Crescent, while citizens expressed anger at the council's actions:



Maggie Lee @maggie_a... · 2m ✓

The good lord baby Jesus knew @RKempNewsDaily would be back but He did not send Forest Park any better idea what to do with her. #gapol

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“Good evening,” Kemp said. “I’m here to cover the meeting.”

“Did they...did they allow you in?” Maxwell asked.

“They have to by law,” Kemp replied. “They have to by law.”

Kemp then entered council chambers during roll call and chose a socially-distanced seat. Butler saw Kemp, then stated, “We are not open to the public.”

Kemp stood up and said, “My name is Robin Kemp and I am from The Clayton Crescent. I am a reporter. I’m here to cover this open meeting under the Open Meetings Act of the State of Georgia and according to the First Amendment of the Constitution, right here.” Kemp displayed a printed copy of the First Amendment in her press credentials holder.

Kemp is known to city officials as journalist because she covered the city for two years for the Clayton News until COVID-19 forced layoffs in April. To dispel any doubt, Kemp also was wearing 2019-2020 Georgia [House](#) and [Senate](#) press credentials, current and expired membership IDs from the [National Press Photographers Association](#), and was carrying The Clayton Crescent’s [valid corporate paperwork issued by the State of Georgia](#). She also had on a cap embroidered with the [Investigative Reporters and Editors](#) logo. (On Sept. 21, she was wearing a CNN40 anniversary sweatshirt for former employees, emblazoned with the words “The World Needs Journalists.”) Kemp’s car also was clearly marked, both with a PRESS badge on the dashboard and The Clayton Crescent’s website on the rear window.

Butler turned to Clark, apparently asking to remove the reporter. Clark gestured to Forest Park Police officer Mike Gentry, who was sitting in front of Kemp. Gentry got up, sighed, “All right, Ms. Kemp,” and began walking toward the exit.

“So you’re removing me?” Kemp asked.

“Yes, ma’am,” Gentry replied.

“In violation?” Kemp asked. Gentry did not answer, but held open the door for Kemp to exit.

“Thank you. I will contact counsel immediately,” Kemp stated.

Watch the entire encounter:

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 **Mitch Leff** That's not a good look, Forestpark.
Like · Reply · 4h  1

 **Kristie Sterling Poellnitz**

Like · Reply · 4h

 **Joe Adgie** You handled that well. This is a bad move from Forest Park.
Love · Reply · 4h   2

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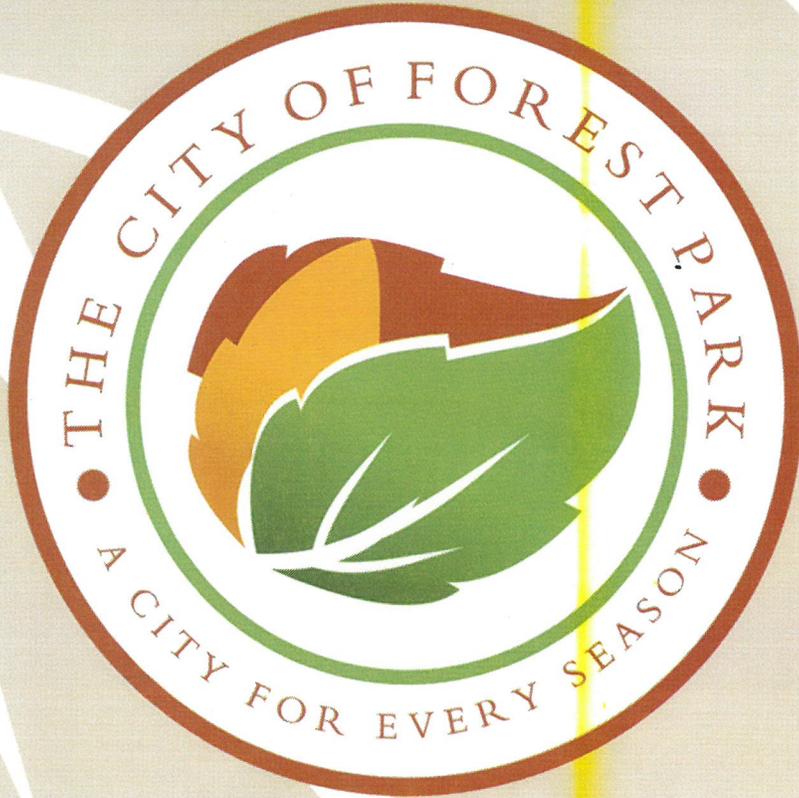
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Work Session 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Butler

City Manager's Report

Albert Barker Jr.

Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2020

➤ **Agenda Items:**

1. Discussion and Approval to Newly Updated Noise Ordinance Mike Williams

Background and Summary: Our current ordinance has not been revised or updated since 1959, as such it is very outdated. The ordinance provides specific, measurable standards to apply to all persons and businesses with respect to noise. It establishes categories of noises, days and hours in which noise standards are established, and maximum decibel levels for the various categories of noises. It also establishes a permit system for certain types of amplified noises (i.e. music at business establishments). Finally, it establishes a mechanism for addressing chronic commercial noise.

2. Fire Prevention Week 2020 Chief Don Horton

3. FIRE and EMS Career Exploring Post FAO Taylor

Background and Summary: Under the authority of new Fire Chief Don J. Horton and his directive, and oversight of Fire Apparatus Operator Marcus Taylor, the Forest Park Fire and EMS will establish the 1st Fire Explorer Post in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America. Fire and EMS career Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women from the 6th grade to 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire and emergency services. The program will offer benefits such as: improved self-confidence, Leadership experience and social network development; fun and exciting hands on career experiences, community service opportunity, college and career readiness preparation and hopefully even Scholarship opportunities. In addition, it will involve a cross section of society youths and young adults and pre-identify local young adults for a career in the Forest Park Fire and EMS.

**4. Budget Meeting Minutes – Councilwoman Kimberly James
City Manager – Councilwoman Kimberly James**

4. Department Updates from Finance, Human Resources, Public Works and Police

5. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Forest Park Proclaiming October 2020 as Hispanic Heritage Month

6. Engage Clayton Initiative – Courtney Whitman

7. Confirmation of City Clerk – Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 MINUTE LIMIT) – Please do the following**

➤ Go to www.slido.com

➤ Use Event Code: **100520**

➤ 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****

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

9. COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

EXHIBIT G2



City of Forest Park Government

October 5 at 4:29 PM · 🌐



Tonight's City Council meeting will not be streamed live via YouTube due to unforeseen circumstances.

The meeting will be available via Zoom <https://bit.ly/3jyAjUJ> |
Passcode: 706534

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Phone +1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 868 9571 2240 | Passcode:
706534

It will also be streamed live here on our Facebook page.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused. The playback will be made available on our Youtube page tomorrow.

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> **Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting**



EXHIBIT H



Minutes

Meeting Minutes are not posted until they are approved at the next council meeting.

2020

August

- [08.17.2020 Reg. Mtg. Min.](#)
- [8.03.2020 Reg. Mtg. Min](#)

July

- [7.20.2020 Reg. Mtg. Min](#)
- [7.06.2020 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

June

- [06.29.20 Special Called Meeting](#)
- [06.15.20 Reg. Mtg. Min](#)
- [06.01.2020 Reg. Mtg. Min](#)

May

- [05.18.2020 Reg. Mtg. Min](#)

- [05.04.2020 Reg. Mtg. Min](#)

April

- [04.20.2020 Reg.Mtg.mins](#)
- [04.06.2020 Reg.mtg.mins](#)

March

- [03.30.2020 Special.called.meeting](#)
- [03.25.2020 Special Called Meeting](#)
- [03.02.2020 Reg.mtg.mins](#)

February

- [02.24.2020 Special Called Meeting Min](#)
- [02.17.2020 Approved.Reg.Mtg.Mins](#)
- [02.03.2020 Approved Reg.Mtg.Agenda](#)

January

- [01.21.2020 Approved Reg Mtg Mins](#)
- [01.06.2020 Approved Reg Mtg.Mins](#)

2019

2018

2017

EXHIBIT H1

Samantha Chariz Hamilton

From: Robin Kemp <kempwrites@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Bauer, S. Derek; Clare Norins; Samantha Chariz Hamilton
Subject: Budget meeting minutes

[EXTERNAL SENDER - PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY]

Check the Sept. 21 audio on the YouTube channel "City of Forest Park, GA"—council members chastise city mgr. over not posting budget hearing minutes

EXHIBIT I



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Upcoming Events

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Forest Park Recreation & Leisure Services does not have any upcoming events.

Past Events

- | | | |
|-----------|---|--|
| OCT
9 | Food Truck Friday
Fri 5 PM · 43 guests | 850 Main St, Forest Park, GA... |
| JUN
27 | Take Charge. Get Tested. - Forest Park
Sat 12 PM · 15 guests | Forest Park Recreation & Lei...
Forest Park, GA |
| SEP
30 | 5K Fun Run/Walk
Sat 8 AM · 55 guests | Starr Park
Forest Park, GA |
| JUN
23 | City of Forest Park Arts & Music Festival
Fri 7 PM · 107 guests | Starr Park
Forest Park, GA |
| SEP
26 | Forest Park 5K Autumn Fun Run/Walk
Sat 8:30 AM · 5 guests | Starr Park , 803 Forest Pkwy,... |
| AUG
22 | Car and Bike Show
Sat 10 AM · 3 guests | Starr Park (Hines Ward Pass... |

EXHIBIT I1



City of Forest Park Government

October 7 at 11:25 AM · 🌐



Join us on Saturday, October 10, 2020 in Starr Park at 1:30 p.m for our first City sponsored Hispanic Heritage Festival!



EXPERIMENTE LA CULTURA, EL ARTE, LA MUSICA Y LA COMIDA HISPANOS

10 DE OCTUBRE DE 2020
1:30 P.M | STARR PARK

5031 Park Avenue | Forest Park, GA 30297



CITY OF FORESTPARK

Se requieren máscaras.

También estarán disponibles controles de temperatura y estaciones de desinfección



Hector Gutiérrez
Ward 3 Councilman

THIS SATURDAY AT 1:30 PM EDT

Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

Starr Park 5031 Park Ave, Forest Park, GA 30297

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EXHIBIT J

From: [Samantha Chariz Hamilton](#)
To: [Samantha Chariz Hamilton](#)
Subject: FW: Mandatory masks
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 2:08:00 PM

On Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 4:23 PM Robin Kemp <kempwrites@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you!

On another hot topic: fireworks. A lot of people are complaining about the noise. As I understand it, the law passed in 2016 that allowed for more fireworks all day can be overridden by local noise ordinances. What's the city's take on the fireworks issue? Are people contacting Code Enforcement/councilpeople or not so much?

Thanks again,
Robin

On Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 3:18 PM Angelyne Butler <AButler@forestparkga.org> wrote:

Hello Robin,

I cannot speak for all the Mayors in Clayton County but the Governor issued an Executive Order that stated, "a municipality cannot implement an order or resolution that strengthens or weakens his order".

The City reopened June 29th, 2020.

Prior to opening each Director presented a course of action (per CDC and DPH recommendations) for ensuring the safety and well being of the residents and also employees.

Data trends and professional advice is constantly being monitored and we will not hesitate to make adjustments when needed. However in the absence of any official government order, it is also our individual responsibility to ensure we protect the safety and well-being of ourselves and our loved ones.