



CITY OF
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**CITY OF FOREST PARK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM
Council Chambers

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Phone (404) 363.2454

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

AGENDA

Angelyne Butler, Chairwoman
Eric Stallings, Vice Chairman
Joanne Evans, Member
Jacklyn Faith, Member
Nancy Howard, Member
Tre Holland, Member
Dhaval Shah, Member
Eric Stallings, Member

MEETING NOTICE:

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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review & Approval of the December 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes — Economic Development - Economic Development

OLD BUSINESS

2. Gillem 600 & 650 Tax Abatement Discussion & Update - Economic Development

FINANCIAL UPDATE

3. December 2025 Financial Report - Economic Development - Economic Development

NEW BUSINESS

4. Downtown Development Authority Tenants and Property Report & Update - Economic Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

5. Economic Development Update - Economic Development - Economic Development

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chairwoman Angelyne Butler called the Downtown Development Authority meeting to order on December 18, 2025, at 3:08 p.m.

PRESENT:

Angelyne Butler
Eric Stallings
JoAnn Evans
Nancy Howard

ALSO PRESENT:

Danielle Matricardi, Esq., City Attorney
Rochelle B. Dennis, Director of Economic Development
Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Director of Finance
Charise Clay, Main Street Manager
Ed Wall, Piper & Sandler

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS: Nancy Howard made a motion to adopt the agenda for December 18, 2025, as submitted. Jay Evans seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nancy Howard made a motion to approve October 23, 2025, Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes as submitted. Jay Evans seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

November 2025 Financial Report: Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Director of Finance, provided the November 2025 Financial Report of the Downtown Development Authority.

- The DDA has used appx. 14% of their budget to date
- Operating Cash opening balance of \$5,797,318; Deposits totaling \$69,956; Ending balance of \$5,854,836
- Operating Revenue opening balance of \$3,639,477; YTD actual \$3,382,105; Budget balance \$257,372
- Operating Expense Budget \$3,639,477; YTD actual \$455,833; Encumbrance \$525; Budget Balance \$3,183,119
- Georgia Fund 1 Current Yield 4%; Opening Balance \$2,136,072.34; Ending Balance \$2,143,102.31

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Review & Approval of 2026 DDA Meeting Calendar:** Eric Stallings made a motion to table this item. Nancy Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review & Approval of DDA Sponsorship Proposals:** Jay Evans made a motion to decline the sponsorship request for the 2026 South Metro Development Outlook Conference. Eric Stallings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Howard made a motion to decline the sponsorship requires for the 2026 State of The Development Authority. Jay Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Review & Approval of DDA Public Relations Proposals:** Nancy Howard made a motion to table this item. Eric Stallings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Staff were directed to prepare a presentation for the January 2026 meeting.
6. **Review & Approval of Surveying Services for 891 Forest Parkway Parcel Split:** Rochelle B. Dennis, Economic Development Director, provided an update regarding the property located at 891 Forest Parkway and 4987 East Street, which currently exists as a single parcel. To effectively market and pursue development of the commercial lot at 891 Forest Parkway, staff are requesting approval to engage surveying services to complete a formal parcel split. Eric Stallings made a motion to approve the surveying services for the 891 Forest Parkway parcel split. Jay Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Review & Approval of the Community Benefits Agreement from Digital Realty:** The Board requested more time to review the draft Community Benefits Agreement. Eric Stallings made a motion to table this item. Jay Evans seconded the motion. The motion

passed unanimously. Staff were directed to resend the Community Benefits Agreement to the Board for additional review.

8. **Economic Development Update:** Rochelle B. Dennis, Economic Development Director delivered the update:
- 62 new businesses called Forest Park home in 2025.
 - Inaugural Best of Forest Park Business Awards were held on December 12, 2025. Thank you to Eric Stallings for serving as our keynote speaker.
 - Winter Wreath Showcase on City Hall Lawn through end of December. Thank you to all our participants for spreading holiday joy.
 - GICH (Georgia Initiative for Community Housing) orientation held in February 2026.
 - Conditional Offer extended to new Economic Development Staff Assistant. Hope to have them join the team in January 2026.
 - Property signs are up in the Main Street District. Additional signs will go up in January 2026.
 - Continued partnership with the Clayton County Workforce Collective and Georgia Power on deeper workforce strategies for Forest Park in 2026.
 - Plazas Revitalization Plan: Interdepartmental strategy to evaluate existing shopping plazas throughout the city and identify opportunities for reinvestment, improved design standards, and strategic redevelopment along key commercial corridors, particularly Downtown Main Street and Jonesboro Road. See presentation in packet.
 - Cherry Street Development (6 single family homes) is nearing completion
 - Bank of America (Main Street) is undergoing a full exterior rebrand
 - 80 Acres (Gillem 400) has applied for a sign permit – expect this vertical farming company to be fully open in Q1 2026
 - Contract negotiations on College Street Development
 - Still waiting on plans from Nouveau Jonesboro for the development of 751-771 Main Street.

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ADJOURNMENT: Chairwoman Angelyne Butler adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

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