



CITY OF
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**CITY OF FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Forest Park City Hall | Council Chambers
745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297

The Honorable Mayor Gwen W. Ellison
The Honorable Kimberly James The Honorable Delores A. Gunn
The Honorable Hector Gutierrez The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells
The Honorable Allan Mears
Latosha Clemons, Interim City Manager
Shalonda Brown, Interim City Clerk
Danielle Matricardi, City Attorney

AGENDA

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**
- II. **INVOCATION/PLEDGE**
- III. **ROLL CALL - CITY CLERK**
- IV. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**
- V. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. **Council Approval of Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2026 - Executive**
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)
- VIII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- IX. **PRESENTATIONS**
 2. **Forest Park Cluster's Teacher of the Year Recognition for 2025-2026 School Year - Executive**

Background/History:

On this day, March 2, 2026, we proudly recognize the Forest Park Cluster's Teacher of the

Year for the 2025–2026 school year. The Cluster includes Anderson Elementary, BC Haynie Elementary, Edmonds Elementary, Fountain Elementary, Huie Elementary, Lake City Elementary, Unidos Dual Language, Babb Middle, Forest Park Middle and Forest Park High. The recipients are:

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher of the Year</u>
FPHS	Mikayla Andrews
Anderson Elementary	Ngozi Umoya
Babb Middle	Ashley Young
Edmonds Elementary	Airiyon Connell
Forest Park Middle	Ian McIntyre
Fountain Elementary	Bessie Powers
BC Haynie Elementary	Monique Dozier
Huie Elementary	Nada Tondo
Lake City Elementary	Melissa Patterson
Unidos Dual Language	Nancy Lopez

Also to be recognized for the 2025-2026 Support Professional of the Year: **Gabysol Quiroz** - Fountain Elementary.

We honor you in appreciation of your unwavering commitment to shaping young minds and inspiring future leaders. Your excellence, compassion, and dedication to education make a lasting difference in the lives of your students and the Forest Park community.

Special Thanks to our partners, State Representative Rhonda Burnough, Forest Park Ministers Association, Forest Park High School PTSA, New Vision Christian Church, Piper Sandler, Falcon Design Consultants, Denmark Ashby and the City of Forest Park.

3. **Recreation and Leisure Services Department Overview** - Recreation and Leisure

Background/History:

This is a departmental overview to showcase some of the things going on within the Recreation and Leisure Services department.

4. **Introduction - 4 new members to the Forest Park Fire Department** - Fire/EMS

Background/History:

The Forest Park Fire & EMS has onboarded one(1) new Paramedic and (3) Firefighter AEMTs to the Department:

Meagan Ball – Paramedic

Byron Joseph – AEMT

Dallas Dempsey – AEMT

Alexandra Suggs - AEMT

X. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **Council Approval on Funding for the Forest Park Administration Complex** - Public Works

Background/History:

At the February 16th 2026 Council Meeting, Council approved the proposed re-designed

project to move to a phased approach.
Phase 1 – 2026 - Construction of Rec and Leisure building
Phase 2 – 2027 - Construction of City Hall
Phase 3 – 2028 - Construction of Police Headquarters

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Approval on Case # RZ-2026-01- Rezoning Request for 5002 Park Ave. - Planning and Community Development

Background/History:

The subject property consists of approximately 0.22± acres, is currently zoned Single-Family Residential (RS), and is located in Ward 2, directly behind City Hall. The Applicant is requesting to rezone the property to Multiple-Family Residential (RM) to allow continued use of the site as a quadruplex. The property currently operates as a triplex within the primary structure, along with a smaller detached single-family accessory structure on the same lot.

Staff research indicates this multifamily configuration has existed since prior to 2008, though it was not formally established through zoning approval. The Applicant purchased the property in 2021 and was advised that rezoning is required to address the existing nonconforming use and to proceed with any future improvements. The City's Future Land Use Map designates the property as Medium Density Residential, which supports consideration of multifamily use.

On February 19, 2026, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the rezoning request with conditions. The request does not propose additional dwelling units but seeks to formalize the existing residential configuration. The matter is presented for the Mayor and Council's consideration.

7. Council Approval on Case # CUP-2026-01- Conditional Use Permit Request for 87 Royal Drive. - Planning and Community Development

Background/History:

The subject property at 87 Royal Drive, consisting of approximately 0.88± acres, is located in Ward 4 and is zoned Heavy Industrial (HI). The applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a towing, wrecking, and impound service from the existing industrial building on site. Pursuant to Section 8-8-46 of the City Code, towing, wrecking, and impound services within the Heavy Industrial district require approval of a Conditional Use Permit and are not permitted as a by-right use.

The Conditional Use Permit process provides the City an opportunity to evaluate the operational characteristics of the proposed use and ensure compatibility with surrounding industrial properties. The applicant proposes to utilize the existing structure for administrative office operations associated with vehicle recovery activities. The site will include accessory vehicle storage and staging, along with limited internal maintenance and minor repair of company-owned fleet vehicles only. No vehicle sales, dismantling, salvage operations, or public-facing repair services are proposed. This request allows the City to establish appropriate operational conditions to ensure the site remains orderly, well-maintained, and consistent with the intent of the Heavy Industrial zoning district as

redevelopment and economic growth continue within the area.

8. **Council Approval of the City's Current Permit Fee Structure.** - Planning and Community Development

Background/History:

At the request of Council, this item has been placed on the agenda to allow for discussion and clarification of the City's current permit fee structure. The City's adopted fee schedule assesses building permit fees based on project valuation, meaning fees are calculated according to the cost and scope of construction rather than applicant type.

This framework is intended to align fees with the level of administrative review, plan examination, and inspection services required for each project. Certain fee categories, including Certificate of Occupancy and rezoning applications, do differentiate between residential and commercial uses. This item is presented for discussion and informational purposes.

9. **Council Approval to Authorize Submission of FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending Application and Acceptance of Award** - Public Works

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park is seeking Council approval to submit up to four project applications for FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding through Senator Jon Ossoff's office, with corresponding submittals to Senator Warnock's office to ensure full coordination with the City's federal delegation. The proposed projects align with the City's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) goals and focus on pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements.

Projects under consideration include the Rockcut Road sidewalk & drainage improvement project (approximately \$600,000 for construction phase), the Waldrop Drive sidewalk & drainage improvement project (\$600,000 for construction phase), and Starr Park playground and outdoor gym equipment replacement/renovation (\$300,000 part of Phase 1 of 18 acre park renovation). Approval of this item will authorize staff to formally pursue federal funding for these priority infrastructure and community improvement initiatives.

10. **Council Approval to Confirm Vanessa Holiday as the City Clerk.** - Executive

XIII. CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an Executive Session is required, one will be called for the following issues: Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate) OCGA is §50-14-1 (A) (2)

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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