



CITY OF  
**FORESTPARK**

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

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
Forest Park City Hall | Council Chambers  
745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297

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

**AGENDA**

**VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE**

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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. **CEREMONIAL - Proclamations: Autism Awareness Month, Administrative Professionals, and GA811 Safe Digging Month**
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  1. **Council Approval of the Special Called Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2026**  
**Council Approval of Amended Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2026**  
**Council Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2026**  
**Council Approval of Regular Session Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2026**
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)**
- VIII. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**
- IX. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- X. **PRESENTATIONS**
  2. **Mayor's Update**

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

### 3. **Council Discussion and Action to Reappoint or Appoint a City Representative to the Clayton County Land Bank Board.** - Planning and Community Development **Background/History:**

Since the establishment of the County Land Bank in 2020, the City of Forest Park has historically designated the Planning Director to serve as the City's representative on the Land Bank Board. Since that time, the City's appointed representative has been the Acting Planning Director.

Following the departure of the former Planning Director and the transition of Planning & Community Development leadership, the Land Bank requested clarification regarding the City's designated representative. At that time, the City's seat was temporarily listed as vacant pending formal action by the Mayor and City Council.

On February 16, 2026, Mayor and Council appointed the Interim Planning Director to serve as the City's representative on the Clayton County Land Bank Board. The current appointment term for the City's seat is set to expire on April 21, 2026. As such, this item is being brought forward at the April 20, 2026, Council meeting to allow Mayor and Council to take timely action to either reappoint the current representative or designate a new appointee for the upcoming term.

Per the Clayton County Land Bank Board structure, appointments are for a four (4) year term and members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Taking action prior to the expiration date will ensure the City maintains uninterrupted representation and voting authority on the Board.

Accordingly, staff is bringing this item forward for Mayor and Council consideration to formally designate a representative to serve on the Land Bank Board on behalf of the City of Forest Park.

### 4. **Council Consideration to approve Amphitheater Facility Request Usages** - Recreation and Leisure

#### **Background/History:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Jam for Peace" festival is looking to return to the City of Forest Park on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. This event will feature performances by local artists, church and school choirs. This event will also provide the community with an educational, job and health fair.

### 5. **Council Consideration to approve 696 Main Street Facility Request Usages** - Recreation and Leisure

#### **Background/History:**

Clayton County Community Orators Toastmasters Club is a dynamic and supportive public speaking and leadership development club dedicated to empowering individuals to find their voice and lead with confidence. Proudly housed in Forest Park, the club serves as a central hub for communication and leadership growth within Clayton County. The club meets in person on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the Month. As part of Toastmasters International, the club follows a proven education program that helps members enhance public speaking, strengthen leadership skills, and build self-confidence through structured speeches, evaluations, and interactive roles.

### 6. **Council Consideration to approve surplus items list from the Economic Development Department** - Economic Development

#### **Background/History:**

The Economic Development and Planning & Community Development Departments request approval for surplus items per attached list.

## XII. CLOSING COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY

## XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate or CyberSecurity OCGA is §50-14-1 (A) (2)

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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