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# MEETINGS AROUND THE METRO

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Atlanta  
Parks and Recreation to Run 71 Projects,  
Aligning with Mayor Dickens' Goals**

Atlanta City Council:  
Community  
Development/Human Services  
Committee

Documented by: Erin Bernstein and Nicki Cooper

**THE NOTES:** [read here](#)

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#### **THE BREAKDOWN:**

Seventy-one initiatives are being carried out by the Department of Parks and Recreation in line with Mayor Dickens' Moving Atlanta Forward pillars. This includes City of Opportunity for All, extending operating hours for recreation centers; One Safe City: working with Atlanta Police Department (APD) improving park safety; City Built for the Future: asset management system tracking of lifecycle costs; Effective and Ethical Government: connecting Atlantans where they are; and Year of the Youth initiatives.

**READ MORE:** *To learn more about Moving Atlanta Forward pillars, visit [this site](#).*

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**CITY BUDGET: Atlanta Passes \$790M  
Budget: Largest in Georgia History**

Atlanta City Council:  
Community  
Development/Human Services  
Committee

Documented by: J.P. Irie

**THE NOTES:** [read here](#)

**VIEW THE MEETING:** [part one](#) / [part two](#)

**THE BREAKDOWN:**

The Council unanimously adopted the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024, concluding weeks of budget briefings and abundant discussions and clarifications, including the reasoning behind the Atlanta Department of Transportation's \$7 million budget cut which would instead go to the City's capital projects fund. Some residents say the City could have done more to serve the needs of Atlantans.

*WHAT'S NEXT: The body is holding its next regular council meeting on August 7 at 1:00 p.m.*

**HOUSING: Forest Park Faces American  
Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding  
Distribution Challenges**

Forest Park City Council  
Regular Meeting

Documented by: Jennifer Ingram

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**THE NOTES:** [read here](#)

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**THE BREAKDOWN:**

Distributing \$148K in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds presents difficulties for the Forest Park City Council because of several challenges including stringent rental requirements and high consultancy costs for managing the house repair program. Members of the Council questioned how the requirements could be altered to accept more candidates and how knowledge was being spread.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** *Forest Park City Council is holding its next meeting on July 17 at 7:00 p.m.*

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## MORE COVERAGE

- [Atlanta City Council, Transportation](#) (June 28): Council members object to vague district guidelines towards a \$12 million road resurfacing cost. / By Jean-Pierre "J.P." Irie
- [Atlanta City Council, City Utilities](#) (June 27): Council voted unanimously to amend the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$7.5 million. / By Lawrence Malloy
- [Atlanta Planning Advisory Board \(APAB\)](#) (June 17): Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) representatives agreed that a review of their goals and objectives is required. / By Kevin McBride

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