

**MINUTES OF THE  
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September13, 2016**

Mayor Frank Brunson, Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye, Council members, Ginger Dukes, Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway.

Mayor Frank Bryson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Rye led the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing:**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.82 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED USES IN AN OFFICE AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-1), PROVIDING FOR VETERINARY CLINICS.**

Attorney Holloway opened the public hearing at 5:16 p.m.; the purpose of which was to entertain comments from the public regarding a proposed change to permitted use in an office and limited commercial district (C-1) providing for veterinary clinics. He stated that any veterinary clinics in this district would not be allowed to have any type of boarding or overnight stays unless it was for medical care only. Administrator Williams stated that the proposed change is to allow a current Forest Acres business to stay in the city limits. He added that the Planning Commission had recommended against the proposed change, instead suggesting that the property in question should be considered for Commercial C-3 zoning instead of amending district standards for Commercial C-1 zoning.

With no questions or comments from council or the audience, Mr. Holloway closed the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

**Break**

**Public Hearing-**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21-164(2) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR POLITICAL SIGNS.**

Attorney Holloway opened the public hearing at 5:22 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to entertain comments from the public regarding a proposed change to the city's sign ordinance providing for political signs. The city currently allows political signs to be no larger than three square feet and is different from both Richland County's and the City of Columbia's sign ordinance thereby causing some confusion at times. The change would allow political signs to be as large as thirty two square feet and be posted up to sixty days prior to an election and removed within seven days after an election. A discussion with Council and several audience members ensued.

With no further questions or comments from council and the audience, Mr. Holloway closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. City Council Meeting held August 9, 2016  
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

**3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:**

- a. TPAC Report- Carol Kososki  
Ms. Kososki reported that a project within Forest Acres on Percival Road is about to begin. Monies from TPAC and County Transportation Committee (CTC) are funding \$2.7 million total. The Gills Creek Watershed greenways will be the topic of a second public meeting shortly.

- b. Pinetree Park- City Review of bids  
Administrator Williams reported that the bids were received from four contractors and that AOS Specialty Contractors of Camden's was the apparent low bidder at \$79,129.46.
- c. Responses to Community Forum Items- Update 1701 on Dalloz Rd. ;  
Administrator Williams reported that the sale of the aforementioned property to a prospective purchaser has fallen through and that demolition of the property must be undertaken by the current owner or the city, with a lien filed upon the property to recover costs.
- d. Assessment of "Heritage Trees" on Forest Lake Place Dr.  
Administrator Williams reported that an arborist with whom the city consults has so far been unable to personally inspect the "Heritage Trees" on Forest Lake Drive due to a medical condition; however, he has seen pictures and informed us that the trees appear to be in decline due to where and how they were planted. However, he is to inspect them as soon as soon as possible for a later report.

**4. New Business:**

- a. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 5-2 (a) AND (b) OF SAID CODE, IN ORDER TO AMEND SUCH SECTION PROVIDING FOR CODES ADOPTED IN ORDER TO DELETE CERTAIN CODES, ADOPT THE LATEST EDITION OF THE BUILDING CODES AS APPROVED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, AND ESTABLISH A BOARD OF APPEALS.  
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- b. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 5205, 5209, 5211, 5213, 5217 AND 5219 NORTH TRENHOLM ROAD AND PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF FOREST DRIVE.  
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- c. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.82 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED USES IN AN OFFICE AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-1), PROVIDING FOR VETERINARY CLINICS.  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- d. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21-164(2) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR POLITICAL SIGNS  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved ordinance with the understanding that there will be further discussion prior to a second reading.
- e. Award of contract to apparent low bidder for Pinetree Park.  
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously awarded the contract to AOS Specialty Contractors of Camden.

- f. A Resolution Adopting the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina  
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the resolution adoption.
- g. Proclamation for Active Aging Week, September 26, 2016  
Mayor Brunson issued a proclamation for Atria Forest Lake.
- h. Authorization to pursue demolition of 1701 Dalloz Drive. (notice provided June 30, 2016)  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the authorization to pursue demolition of the property in the owner's failure to do so at the least expense determined from obtaining quotes.

**5. Old Business:**

- a. Report of Ad Hoc HTAX Committee recommendations regarding requests for contribution to development of Ft. Jackson Centennial Park; Columbia Museum of Art; Columbia Children's Theater

Mr. Rye stated that the committee recommends a donation of \$50,000 to the development of Ft. Jackson Centennial Park. Following a discussion, Council asked Mr. Williams to find out what amount other municipalities are donating before a final decision will be made by city council.

Ms. Dukes stated that the committee recommends a donation of \$25,000 to Columbia Museum of Art. On a motion by the committee, Council unanimously approved a donation in the amount of \$25,000.

The recommendation regarding the Columbia Children's Theater was deferred.

- b. Request for four-way stop intersection at Academy and Daniel  
Chief Sealy reported that FAPD conducted a stealth stat survey of traffic speeds and volume at the intersection and determined that the low traffic count and speeds do not warrant a recommendation to the DOT that a four-way stop intersection be created.  
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously agreed with Chief Sealy's recommendation.

**6. City Administrator Report:**

- a. Additional security cameras for Citadel Park (3 x \$800; \$50 per month)  
Administrator Williams stated the Statewide Security Systems donated a camera for Citadel Park and that it is up and running. He recommended purchasing three more for complete coverage. Council discussed the matter and decided to let the one camera run for at least a month and make a determination on the desirability of additional cameras at a future meeting.
- b. Approval for revised police records retention system quote (increase from \$17,000 to \$25,075.60)  
Up fit provides records storage capacity of 10 years versus 17. System is movable to another location.  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the expenditure of the revised quote.

**7. Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Sealy reported there have been a lot of complaints regarding the lack of parking at a new fitness business on Forest Drive where parking is overflowing into other private lots and on the narrow ROW on Willingham Drive. Sealy said that if the problem continues that the DOT may have to post the area with "No Parking" signs.

**8. Community Forum:**

Resident William Brantley stated that the Richland County properties on Valleybrook in front of the apartment complex and across the street continue to be a dumping ground. He asked City Administrator Mark Williams and Council to help solve the problem by contacting Richland County. Mr. Williams stated he has in the past and will continue assisting with getting the area cleaned up.

Resident Bob Moore voiced his concerns about the dilapidated property at 1701 Dalloz Road.

Resident Carol Lee Watt asked about the empty Four Paws building on Forest Lake Place, that appears to be unsecured and a possible attractive nuisance. Mr. Williams said he will pursue securing the building, however, any further action will not be known for several weeks. Ms. Watt asked for an update on the Forest Lake Place Bridge. Mr. Powell that he has spoken with Ryan Horton and the reconstruction should be moving forward by the end of September.

Resident Leigh Norton voiced concerns regarding a rental home on Sylvan Drive that parks commercial vehicles on the property. Mr. Williams stated he and the Code Enforcement department are working on the issue.

**9. Council Items:**

No items to report.

**10. Executive Session:** Legal considerations; Disposal of dredged sediment from Spring Lake at two locations in Forest Acres

Mr. Williams stated there was not enough information to discuss in Executive Session.

**11. Adjourn:**

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 7:03 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen  
Administrative Assistant  
City of Forest Acres