

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2017**

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, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith was absent.

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ginger Dukes led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Modify agenda

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously modified the agenda to defer two second readings (items D and E under old business).

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 TEVISING SECTION 21.7.2 PARKING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

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 21.146 HOME OCCUPATIONS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

Attorney Holloway opened the informal public hearing at 5:21 p.m.; the purpose of which was to entertain comments from the public regarding some proposed changes in parking and storage requirements in residential districts and proposed changes in home occupations. The changes include the prohibition of trucks and/or trailers more than twenty-two feet in length. Additional proposed changes also include the prohibition of home businesses that would have commercial vehicles/equipment parked in residential districts. Residents Deb Drodor, Jim Testor, Leah Horton, Dottie Reynolds, Barbara Testor, Wayne Fisher, Mary Baldauf, John Crutchfield, Stephen Guy, Jack Oliver, and William Brantley voiced their opinions and concerns.

With no additional questions or comments from council or the audience, Mr. Holloway closed the informal public hearing at 6:27 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 21.273 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REPORT TO COUNCIL; AND FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.275 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER(S) AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

Attorney Holloway opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to entertain comments from the public regarding a proposed change to a city ordinance. The proposed change would give the Planning Commission thirty days to study and make recommendations to council. If there is not a recommendation made within the thirty days the decision becomes a default for recommendation.

A brief 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 6:37 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes:

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On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously with one change.

4. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. TPAC Report – Jack Oliver

No report.

b. Responses to Community Forum Items – Code Enforcement inspection of abandoned vehicles in vicinity of Brenthaven Drive and Valleybrook Road

Mr. Williams reported he has spoken with District 3 Richland County Council member Yvonne McBride and she agreed to schedule a meeting with interested parties to discuss the issues that need resolution. Mr. Williams will try to coordinate the meeting and report back to Council.

5. New Business:

a. Knight of Honor by Heroes in Blue; Premier Sponsorship- \$15,000 HTAX

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the Premier Sponsorship.

b. Designation of employee David Parnell as official Codes Enforcement Officer

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the designation pursuant to state law.

6. Old Business:

a. Second 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 2-12 OF SAID CODE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, ELIGIBILITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

b. Second 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 2-131 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR LIMITATION OF TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE APPEARANCE COMMISSION.

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council approved the ordinance. Mr. Suber abstained from voting. (Under City Council rules this abstention counted as a "no" vote.)

c. Second 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 2-73 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR LIMITATIONS OF TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously deferred the reading to September's city council meeting.

d. Second 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 21.146 HOME OCCUPATIONS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously deferred the reading to September's city council meeting.

e. Second 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 21.7.2 PARKING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously deferred the reading to September's city council meeting.

- f. Appointments to Boards and Commissions:
 - i. Arthur Suggs, Code Board of Appeal; 3-year term
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the appointment.
 - ii. John Kososki, Zoning Board of Appeals; 3-year term
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
 - iii. Carol Cook Duggan, Zoning Board of Appeals; 3-year term
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
 - iv. Joe Gentry, Planning Commission; 2-year term
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
 - v. Ralph Bailey, Planning Commission; 2-year term
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
 - g. Approval of contract with RCI Services, Inc. for on-call assistance with plan review/building inspections
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the temporary plan review contract with RCI Services, Inc.
 - h. Approval to acquire additional American Specialty storage module for FAPD \$5,532.00 HTAX
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the purchase.
- 7. City Administrator Report:**
- a. Recycling roll cart project funding
Mr. Williams reported that the Governor vetoed the General Assembly's appropriation to assist Forest Acres with acquisition of recycling roll carts and likelihood of a mid-fiscal year veto override is highly unlikely. This project is probably ended for the current fiscal year.
 - b. 4903 Trenholm Road
Mr. Williams stated that the city is close to terms with the new owners of 4903 Trenholm Rd. for demolition of the derelict property. The city may have a role in demolition for which there would be reimbursement or a lien and negotiations are continuing. More information will be provided as soon as available.
 - c. Hiring of next City Administrator
Mr. Williams reported he had received sixteen applications for the position and will begin the vetting process for Council.
 - d. Sewer Line Project
The city has received quite a few calls from the public about what's going on between Trenholm Plaza and Gregg Park subdivision. Mr. Williams stated that East Richland County is currently upgrading a large force main sewer line along Gills Creek.
 - e. SC DOT adaptive signals program
Mr. Williams reported that the adaptive signals were originally supposed to be completed by the end of July, however, he recently learned that SC DOT did not begin installing infrastructure until July and installation is now slated to be completed by this fall.
 - f. Solar eclipse
Mr. Williams said the city is not doing anything specific for the eclipse, however, the city has purchased a limited number of approved eclipse glasses for distribution to residents.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported that he has identified vendors and cost for installation of additional security video cameras at strategic locations. He also identified twenty-seven locations that would benefit from having cameras installed. The initial installation threshold is approximately \$135,000 over three years.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the funds setting the threshold at \$135,000.

The cost for the portable speed signs that Council inquired about previously will range up to \$3,315 and the stationary signs will range up to \$4,100.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved FAPD to move forward with obtaining an encroachment permit from SC DOT for the permanent signs and the purchase of two portable signs with extra battery packs.

9. Community Forum:

Resident's Deb Drodor and Wayne Fisher voiced their concerns about a property on Colin Kelly Drive. She stated the property is a vacant residence being used as storage for the owner's construction business and the yard is overgrown. Mr. Williams stated that he would have Code Enforcement look into the matter and contact the owner.

10. Council Items:

No items to report.

11. Executive Session:

- a. Legal advice re: Forest Acres' involvement with Lake Katherine dredging project
- b. Reconsideration of donation of 23 Forest Lake Place to city

12. Adjourn:

With no action taken in Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres