

MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 12, 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, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway.

Mayor Frank Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ginger Dukes led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting held August 8, 2017
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- b. Special City Council Meeting held August 22, 2017
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- c. Special City Council Meeting held August 23, 2017
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- d. Special City Council Meeting held August 24, 2017
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- e. Special City Council Meeting held August 25, 2017
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- f. Special City Council Meeting held August 28, 2017
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC Report – Jack Oliver
No report.
- b. Responses to Community Forum Items – 1416 Colin Kelly
Administrator Williams reported that Code Enforcement inspected the property, meeting with the owner, who agreed on a plan to bring the property into compliance.

4. New Business:

- a. First Reading, An Ordinance to Rezone 5103 Trenholm Rd. (TMS 14013-03 16) from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to Office and Limited Commercial District (C-1). REQUEST TO REZONE WITHDRAWN
- 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 21.146 HOME OCCUPATIONS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council agreed to postpone the reading until after council can have further discussion of the proposed regulations.
- 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 21.7.2 PARKING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council agreed to postpone the reading until after council can have further discussion of the proposed regulations.

- 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, SECTION 21.3, BE AMENDED BY REVISING THE DEFINITION OF SIGNIFICANT TREE; BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTIONS 21.152.2 (4) AND (4) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, IN ORDER TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN TYPES OF TREES AND PROVIDE FOR REPLACEMENT TREES; BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.152.5 ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR REPLACEMENT TREES IN SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICTS; BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.156 TO ADD ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS; AND FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING APPENDIX D TO DELETE CERTAIN RECOMMENDED TREES AND ADD CERTAIN TREES TO AVOID.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council agreed to postpone the reading until after council can have further discussion of the proposed regulations.
- e. 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 21.236 OF SAID CODE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATION OF TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council agreed to postpone the reading until after council can have further discussion of the proposed regulations.
- f. Approval of FOIA Schedule of Fees for records production
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council approved the schedule of fees.
- g. Authorization to expend funds for cleanup of and lien filed against 5310 & 5314 Two Notch Rd.; owned by The Wall Group (R14108-06-02 & R14108-06-01)
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved funds of up to \$18,757.56 (the lowest bid received at this time) for the cleanup and lien filed.
- h. Authorization to expend funds for cleanup of and lien filed against 4903 Trenholm Rd.; owned by State Properties, LLC (R13916-03-05)
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council approved Indigo Construction's bid of \$6,080.30 for the cleanup and lien filed.
- i. FARMA proposal for Sweet Seasons
Drew Hampton of FARMA gave a brief presentation to Council regarding the plans for Sweet Seasons at the Forest Lake Shopping Center.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council approved the \$66,600 balance of the promotions budget. Council also approved an expenditure of \$48,500 for this year's Sweet Seasons event being held December 5, 2017 in the Forest Park Shopping Center and managed by FARMA.

5. 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 2-73 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 agreed to postpone the reading until after council can have further discussion.
- b. Appointments to Boards and Commissions:
Vacancy (John Boylston); Planning Commission, two-year term—Steven Powell
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the appointment.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. Dismissal of City of Forest Acres from Hare v. SCDOT
Administrator Williams informed Council that Forest Acres has been removed from the Hare v. SCDOT lawsuit involving personal injuries resulting from a fall from a sidewalk under repair.
- b. City ordinance requiring landscapers to remove debris
Administrator Williams asked Council to defer the discussion until he can provide Council with an advance position paper on the topic.
- c. Introduction of future City Administrator Shaun Greenwood
Administrator Williams introduced his successor Shaun Greenwood as the new City Administrator of Forest Acres. Mr. Greenwood will begin his position on October 16, 2017 with Mr. Williams in a supporting role until January 3, 2018.

7. Finance Director Report

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Smith presented the City's semi-annual investment report.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported that the eclipse on August 21, 2017 had occurred with no issues for the city.

In response to several complaints in the last few months regarding speeding on certain roads the FAPD installed the Stealth Stat radar on Oakwood Road and reported speed survey results to SC DOT.

In 2016 the General Assembly passed a requirement for psychological testing on all new police officers beginning in January 2018. They will reimburse departments \$300 for each officer tested.

FAPD did not receive any grant funds this year from the General Assembly for body cameras so this project has become another underfunded state mandate for localities.

9. Community Forum:

A resident from Plainfield Road stated tree debris has remained next to his home for weeks. Code Enforcement officer Roy McBee said the resident who removed the tree has been cited for removal without a permit. Vehicles with paper tags have been parked in the area also. Code Enforcement will look into the matter.

Resident Jason Holliday voiced his concerns on the city's proposed tree ordinance amendments and residential building.

Resident Jewel Patterson voiced her concerns regarding the ongoing problems at 201 Arbor Drive.

10. Council Items:

No items to report.

11. Executive Session:

Legal advice re: Forest Acres' potential for involvement with Lake Katherine dredging project

12. Adjourn:

With no action taken in Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres