

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2018**

Mayor Frank Brunson, Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye, Council members, Ginger Dukes, Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Shaun Greenwood, 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 5:15 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ginger Dukes led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting held February 13, 2018
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the previous months minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC Report – Jack Oliver
Mr. Oliver reported that the State has shut down TPAC activity until further notice.
- b. Responses to Community Forum Items –
No items to 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, FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 5838 SPRING COURT (TMS 14209-03-12).

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved rezoning request.

- 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 1514 BRENTWOOD DRIVE (TMS 14009-02-01); 1510 BRENTWOOD DRIVE (TMS 14009-02-25); 1500 BRENTWOOD DRIVE (TMS 14009-02-24); AND 1450 BRENTWOOD DRIVE (TMS 14009-02-23); AND AMEND THE EXISTING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONING FOR 4132 FOREST DRIVE (TMS 14009-01-14); 4114 FOREST Drive (TMS 14009-01-02 AND 14009-1-15); AND 4018 FOREST DRIVE (TMS 14009-01-16).

Mayor Brunson asked Attorney Holloway to explain what steps would have to be taken if the request was denied by Council. Mr. Holloway stated that the request would not be able to come back to Council for one year. Neither the present owners nor future owners could apply for rezoning for that year.

On a motion by Mr. Powell to disapprove seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously denied the zoning request.

Mayor Brunson added that in his twenty-three years on Council he has always spoken against corner properties in residential areas being rezoned into commercial districts. Mr. Rye said that the property needs to be redeveloped, however, he agrees with Mayor Brunson regarding residential properties being rezoned into commercial districts.

- c. **Bid Award: Discussion and bid award for a new sanitation truck**
Mr. Greenwood stated that having updated information the cost of the truck has dropped to \$77,487 to \$75,983.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new sanitation truck.
Mr. Greenwood added that the truck that is being replaced will be sold most likely through an auction site.

5. Old Business:

No old business to report.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. **New HVAC unit for City Hall**
Mr. Greenwood stated was installed without any problems.
- b. **Little Free Library**
Mr. Greenwood reported that the library was installed at Citadel Park and there has been positive exposure on social media.
- c. **Forest Acres Festival and Baseball Classic**
Mr. Greenwood reminded that both events are coming up. Dates will be available soon.
- d. **Appointment to SCMIRF board**
Mr. Greenwood said he has been appointed to the SCMIRF board through MASC.

7. Finance Director Report:

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Smith stated that the city's budget is performing as expected for this period in the fiscal year that revenues and expenditures are consistent with the same period in prior years. Mr. Smith said that at this point in the year we have collected approximately thirty five percent of business license fees and ninety five percent of property taxes.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy made a presentation regarding FAPD's crime statistics for calendar year 2017. The report is attached.

Chief Sealy recognized Chaplain Ron Kenyon who served South Carolina Law Enforcement for eighteen years.

9. Community Forum:

Resident Jack Oliver mentioned to Council and Chief Sealy that he and his spouse have noticed more panhandling occurring in parking lots. Chief Sealy added that FAPD does handle any complaints that are called into dispatch regarding any panhandling and solicitation in the city. Resident Rita Shipman added to the discussion that the cell phone app NEXT DOOR is an effective way for residents to stay informed. Chief Sealy added that there is a link to Crime Maps on www.forestacres.net.

Forest Acres business owner Michael Marsha commented his disappointment in the denial of the Brentwood properties rezoning request. A brief discussion on Council's approach in reaching the decision ensued.

10. Council Items:

No items reported.

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11. Executive Session:

- a. Receipt of legal advice relating to claims and potential claims by and against the City and other matters covered by Attorney-Client Privilege
- b. Discussion of negotiations related to the construction of a new City Hall
- c. Discussion of negotiations related to the Stormwater issues around Forest Lake Place
- d. Discussion of a personnel matter related to the City Administrator's performance evaluation

12. Adjourn:

With no action taken in Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres