

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

June 11, 2019

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

City Council meeting held May 15, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects

a. TPAC report – Jack Oliver

Mr. Oliver said that there were no new updates.

b. Responses to Community Forum items:

Property conditions at Pinestraw and Two Notch Road

Administrator Greenwood reported that Code Enforcement has revisited the condition of the property with the owner and related to them that the property is to be maintained on a regular basis and not cleaned up when there is an issue.

Stormwater issues at the intersection of Parrish and Montclair

Mr. Greenwood said that he and City Engineer Keith Lindler have met with SC DOT and the developer of the properties regarding the wall that was built and the impact on stormwater. SC DOT confirmed with the appropriate documents that the wall was built on the right-of-way and instructed the developer to remove it. SC DOT agreed to look into installing additional inlets along Montclair to absorb some of the stormwater that runs downhill. A plan to snake the drain line is also in place to rule out any obstructions.

Mr. Greenwood said he will provide updates when information comes available.

4. New Business:

a. A Resolution Commending the Dedication and Public Service of Curtis Rye and Ginger Dukes
Mayor Brunson recognized Curtis Rye for his faithful dedication serving on Council since July 1997 and Ginger Dukes for her faithful dedication since July 2003. Their professional leadership has been immeasurably beneficial to the City and its residents.

b. Discussion and approval of Annual Report of COMET Budget

Rosalyn Andrews, COMET CFO and CEO John Ando made a presentation to Council regarding their Annual Budget. Assistant City Administrator Andy Smith added that Forest Drive corridor is one of the busiest routes for COMET. CEO John Ando added that the 5339 Grant funds bus shelters, benches, and trash cans. Forest Drive is currently permitted for four of the passenger amenity upgrades.

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved COMET's budget.

c. Discussion of revisions to the City's Franchise Agreement with Dominion Energy

Mr. Greenwood asked Council to defer the item until a discussion in Executive Session so that City Attorney Lee Holloway can give Council proposed changes to the agreement.

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

5. Old Business:

- a. Discussion of potential members for the Beautification Foundation
Mr. Greenwood said he has spoken with several residents about potential membership and will present their applications when they are received.

- 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 3440 PINE BELT ROAD (TMS 14106-01-09).
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the amendment to change the request from a C-3 to a C-2 zoning district.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the rezoning to C-2.

- 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4644 SYLVAN DRIVE, TMS 14115, BLOCK 03, LOT 06.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the annexation.

- 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 ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.
Mr. Greenwood reported the County notified us after the public hearing that this is a reassessment year for the City, and they are estimating an approximate 7% increase on assessed value. The numbers will not be finalized until August and if there are any changes to the budget a public hearing will be scheduled.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

6. City Administrator's Report:

- a. Forest Lake Place Bridge update
Mr. Greenwood reported that the contractor is currently waiting for some of the fabricated materials to repair the bridge. The bridge should be reopened within a month if weather permits.

- b. Recycling Program update
Mr. Greenwood said that the new recycling carts have been delivered to all our residents. The feedback we have received is mostly positive and we are addressing any concerns from residents and HOA's.

7. Finance Director's 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. He further noted that he anticipates another year of modest increased net assets and there are no anticipated large expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported that a stealth survey was conducted on Briarwood at residents' request. The survey ran for approximately five days and results were 85% of vehicles were driving 30 mph or less. A recommendation for additional speed limit signs has been submitted. FAPD will continue to monitor the area.

A resident complaint about a boat parked on Rolling Pines has been remedied and the boat has been removed.

The Born in the USA 5K race will be held on July 4, 2019.

Two members of the Gills Creek Watershed Association asked for access to the Forest Lake Place Bridge for an ongoing water sampling project with Richland County. Permission was granted by the property the son of property owner Mr. Greenburg as he was out of the country.

The Solicitor's office sent out information stating that effective July 1, 2019 persons under the age of eighteen (18) will be Family Court misdemeanor offenses.

9. Community Forum:

Resident Mark Van Propren reiterated concerns regarding a brick wall that was built in front of his home on Montclair Drive and how it directs stormwater to collect in his yard rather than to Eight Mile Creek. He voiced his dispute on the approved plat of the property. Mr. Greenwood stated that the developer has been informed that no further Certificates of Occupation will be issued until the stormwater issue is rectified. He further added that the problem is being addressed and all entities involved are working to tackle the stormwater situation.

Resident Carol Bell voiced concerns about work on Montclair Drive by SC DOT. She asked for updates regarding any work that will be done by SC DOT.

Resident Janae Briggs reported to Council that her neighbor has a large tree that drops limbs on her property. She said she has spoken with him and he refuses to remove the tree. Code Enforcement Officer Roy McBee and City Engineer Keith Lindler have investigated the matter and determined that the tree does not meet any of the ordinance criteria to be removed. They further recommended to Ms. Briggs that she has the right to have any limbs removed that are hanging over her property at her expense.

Residents from Florawood Drive asked for assistance regarding students parking on the road during school hours and after hours for sporting events. Several comments were made about the danger of narrowing the road and the danger it imposes for children playing outside. Following a discussion, Chief Sealy added he's had this concern come up in the past and offered a few solutions. Mr. Greenwood recommended that the residents' need to all be on board with a request and submit a petition to City Administration. At that point the results with SC DOT would be satisfactory to all the neighbors. Additional concerns regarding speeding and large truck traffic on Falcon Drive were also addressed.

10. Council Item(s):

No items to report.

11. Executive Session:

- a. Discussion of contract negotiations related to the City's Franchise Agreement with Dominion Energy
- b. Discussion of contract negotiations related to the removal of debris of Gill's Creek
- c. Discussion of employment matters related to City Judge Appointments
- d. Discussion of employment matters related Post Employment Insurance Benefits for retirees
- e. Receipt of legal advice involving claims and potential claims by and against the City and other matters covered by Attorney-Client privilege related to the collection of delinquent Hospitality Tax payments

On a motion made by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council agreed come out of Executive Session and reconvene General Session.

NOTE: Items discussed in Executive Session may result in action by City Council upon its return to General Session.

12. **Adjourn**

On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres