

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

December 10, 2019

Mayor Frank Brunson, Mayor Pro-tem Beau Powell, Council members Shell Suber, John Barnes, and Thomas Andrews 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

Council member led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

City Council meeting held November 5, 2019

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects

a. TPAC report – Jack Oliver

No report given.

b. Responses to Community Forum items

Mr. Greenwood said he is waiting for Dominion Energy to respond regarding a light request at Meadowood and Sylvan.

4. New Business:

a. Presentation on Serve & Connect by Kassy Alia Ray

Mrs. Ray shared progress that Serve & Connect has made recently. The organization continues to work diligently to help strengthen the relationship between communities and police departments. Outlined were strategies such as Compassion and Acts which addresses basic community needs. Community Helping Police, Feed An Officer, Creating Connections and Greg's Groceries are also in effect with success. Fundraising campaigns are initialized for families of fallen officers across the state. Local impact is making great change. Mrs. Ray added that Serve & Connect began in Forest Acres due to the impact of the loss of Officer Greg Alia and expressed her gratitude in heartfelt words and by presenting a plaque to the city.

Chief Sealy added that Kassy Alia Ray has worked diligently with Serve & Connect since its inception and has will graduate on Monday, December 23rd with a Doctorate Degree.

b. Approval of 2020 City Council Meeting Calendar

On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council unanimously approved the 2020 calendar.

c. Discussion and Approval of a Gang Taskforce Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously approved the agreement.

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 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6900 LONGBROOK ROAD, TMS 16906, BLOCK 04 LOT 01

On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council unanimously approved the annexation.

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 19-23 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PARKING IN VIOLATION OF SIGNS IN ORDER TO DEFINE SCHOOL HOURS

On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

- f. 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 ARTICLE VIII, TO BE NUMBERED SECTIONS 2-130 THROUGH 2-133 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A HOSPITALITY TAX COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Powell second ed by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

- g. Appointments and Reappointments:

Discussion of a reappointment application for Mrs. Robin O'Neil – Board of Zoning Appeals

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, approved the reappointment.

5. Old Business:

- a. Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING, ADOPTION, AND APPROVAL OF A LEASE OF CITY REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON GROGGY LANE TO ALLTEL CORPORATION D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE RENEWAL OF A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LEASE

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council unanimously approved the lease renewal.

6. City Administrator's Report:

- a. Small Wireless Facilities

Mr. Greenwood reported upon recently meeting with representatives from Verizon he was informed that in the Midlands they are beginning to push small cell technology. Small cellular antennas that would be attached to light poles. A model ordinance to protect the city and give the city more jurisdiction has been drafted by City Attorney Lee Holloway and will go to the Planning Commission for approval before presented to Council in the new year.

- b. Garbage can lids

Mr. Greenwood stated that additional 350 green roll cart lids have been ordered due to the replacement of damaged carts in the city.

- c. Business License Ordinance update

Mr. Greenwood said that a new ordinance is being updated and will be presented to Council in the new year.

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.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported two upcoming Ugly Sweater and Cold Winter's Day 5K races.

Three new officers' have been added to FAPD. All three are in different stages of Field Officer's Training.

During the month of November FAPD officers wrote 208 traffic violations of which 103 tickets were for speeding.

9. Community Forum:

Resident Dianna Elliott expressed concerns about regarding the old Burnett's Cleaners building on N. Trenholm Road, sewer plate covers on Sylvan and Atascadero, and the possibility of a right turn light on Atascadero and Forest.

Resident Dodie Menick asked for an update on the old Four Paws building.

Resident Stephen Oliver asked if there could be representation from Council at the Forest Acres Neighborhood Associations monthly meeting. Council agreed that they would rotate representation.

Resident Jack Oliver complimented the city on the new and updated Christmas decorations. Mr. Oliver voiced his concerns regarding the make up of the Hospitality Tax committee. Discussion with Council ensued.

Resident Jim Testor asked for clarification on the fireworks ordinance. Chief Sealy

10. Council Item(s):

No items to report.

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 contract negotiations related to the lease of City property for the continued use of a Cellular Tower
- c. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale of property (**23 Forest Lake Place and 24 Forest Lake Place**)
- d. Discussion of negotiation incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase of property (**6305 Pinehill Road**)

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

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Andres seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously agreed to authorize the City Administrator to engage an appraiser for certain city properties including 5205 N. Trenholm, 5209 N. Trenholm, 23 Forest Lake Place and 24 Forest Lake Place as discussed in Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Andrews seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously agreed to authorize the City Administrator to enter contract negotiations related to 6305 Pinehill Road.

12. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Forest Acres