

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2013**

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes, Curt Rye, Jr. and Shell Suber, Jr. were present, as were City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom, Financial Director Robert Massa, Police Chief Gene Sealy, and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Council member Charlie Fetner was absent.

Mayor Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation and Boy Scout Troop 37 from Shandon Methodist Church led the Pledge of Allegiance. Troop 10 members present were: Allen Foy, James Davis, Thomas Sutcliffe, Bennett White, Chandler Peel, Levi Walker, JT Irvin, Jonathan Pertile. Troop Leader Darren Foy was also present.

Public Hearing- FY 2012-13 BUDGET AMENDMENT

2. Attorney Holloway called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:16 p.m.

Attorney Holloway stated that the purpose of the hearing was to entertain comments for the amendments to the 2012-2013 City of Forest Acres Budget that was adopted on June 12, 2012 and was effective July 1, 2012. The amendments regard unanticipated or not yet calculated expenses subsequently following the original approval. Administrator Williams presented the amendments to Council and the audience. The amendments include a large city capital purchase for the new administration building. City Hall renovate and relocate to the new building and FAPD and FAMC will relocate to the entire current City Hall. The original budget was \$5,623,848 and the increase is 7.79% or \$6,036,942. Most of the increase is related to the acquisition of the new building, a parcel of land to provide access to the building, and renovations that also include standby emergency power among other necessities, not to exceed approximately \$600,000. Administrator Williams stated that the majority of the reserves being used to offset expenses came as a result of a loss of the basement in the current city hall 15 years ago due to an underground gas leak. The city sued, and a few years ago Exxon Corporation compensated the city in the amount of \$485,000 for the lost footage.

Attorney Holloway asked if Council or the audience had any questions or comments either in favor of or in opposition to the Budget Amendment. With no questions or comments Attorney Holloway called the public hearing closed at 5:36 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes:

City Council Meeting on March 12, 2013:

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

4. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. Recognition of Cardinal Newman's High School Men's Basketball team for winning the State Championship in their division. The Head Coach introduced the team members and assistant coaches.

b. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
Ms. Kososki reported that the orientation meeting for members of the TPAC committee was scheduled for April 25, 2013. She will update Council accordingly.

c. Citadel, Idalia Parks
Administrator Williams stated that the park rules signs requested by neighbors of the parks have been installed. In addition, Grimball & Cotterill submitted a schematic of 14 additional parking spaces to add on two sides of Citadel Park to counter the consistent problem of lack of parking that encourages park visitors to park on the neighbors' sides of the street. The complete project cost is estimated to be \$30-\$40,000.

Administrator Williams reported that the defective playground equipment has been removed from the parks and during the removal the rubber play surface was damaged. He is awaiting word on credits from the manufacturer for the loss of the equipment and repairs.

- d. Forest Lake Place Bridge
Administrator Williams stated that there was nothing new to report.
 - e. Responses to Community Forum Items
See 4a. (Citadel/Idalia Parks)
 - f. Pinetree Park
Administrator Williams asked Council to check their schedules for a meeting on April 23, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. with Grimball & Cotterill to discuss possible renovations to this park.
5. **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, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.120 ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED USES IN CONCENTRATED COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS (C-4) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR VICTIMS AND THE HOMELESS.
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance as presented.
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 ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES.
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance as presented.
7. **City Administrator Report:**
- a. Report on action of Planning Commission concerning rezoning of 1616 and 1618 Gamewell Drive
Administrator Williams reported that a public hearing must be scheduled for 1616 and 1618 Gamewell Drive to be rezoned from R-1 to Institutional P-2 as the other property that Cardinal Newman High School owns for their educational and storage use.
 - b. New metal roof for 5209 Trenholm Rd. up to \$13,500
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the request for funds in the amount of up to \$13,500.
 - c. New and relocated FAPD generator \$32,500
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the request for funds in the amount of up to \$32,500.
 - d. Time Warner Cable
Administrator Williams reported that upon surveying of the property at 5209 Trenholm Rd. Time Warner Cable installed cable on the ground at the newly acquired 5209 N. Trenholm Road property and Administrator Williams stated that TWC does not have an easement for this cable. Neighboring businesses are customers of TWC and Administrator Williams suggested that the city have TWC move the cables to the rear of the 5209 N. Trenholm Road so the neighboring customers of TWC are accommodated.

- e. 11 Bayview Drive
Administrator Williams stated a ticket has been issued to the property owner of this shambled residence and he has requested a jury trial. Legalities are being researched to move forward with rectifying this matter.
- 8. **Police Chief's Report:**
Chief Sealy reported that the Forest Acres Classic was a success and there were no problems during the event. The 5K in March was also a success. The event Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event is coming up.
- 9. **Community Forum:**
Lloyd Loper , a West Columbia resident who owns property at 10 Bayview Drive and retired FAPD officer Jay Lewis who also owns property on Bayview Drive stated their discontent with the condition of the property at 11 Bayview Drive and the city's apparent inability to force improvement of the same. Mayor Brunson, City Administrator Williams and City Attorney Holloway reiterated that legal measures have been instituted to address the condition and the city will not relent until the situation improves.
- 10. **Council Items:**
Council had no items to discuss.
- 11. **Adjourn:**
There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the meeting ended at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres