

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 11, 2015**

Council members, Ginger Dukes, Curt Rye, Jr., Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom, Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Mayor Frank Brunson was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. City Council Meeting held July 14, 2015

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
No report.

b. Citadel Park-Parking issues

Administrator Williams reported that SC DOT responded and will be working with FAPD on regulation of the parking around the park.

c. Pinetree Park-Design delay

Administrator Williams said that upon reviewing the last design for Pinetree Park that we had inadvertently created another wonderful "dog park" because a perimeter fence surrounded the entire park. He said that the architects were asked to open the fence at the corners to discourage such use. Williams reported that a professional landscaper who has assisted the city with maintenance of its other parks suggested sodding the entire area to assist with stormwater run-off deterrence. The next step is to obtain an encroachment permit for pervious parking within the ROW from SC DOT. On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the obtaining of an encroachment permit.

Quinine Hill Park- Administrator Williams reported that tree root intrusion repairs to the rubber walking trail were completed at a cost of approximately \$6,500.00.

d. 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, BE AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 19-32 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR FEES AND CHARGES FOR PERMITS FOR PARADES, PROCESSIONS AND RACES AND RENUMBERING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN ARTICLE III.

Administrator Williams suggested and Chief Sealy agreed that Council move the first reading to September's meeting to give them more time to consider the amendment. Council agreed.

b. SCMIT/SCMIRF Safety Policy Resolution

Administrator Williams stated that one of the requirements of our insurance coverage through the Municipal Association is the adoption of a policy statement by City Council supporting a safe work environment and encouraging employees to practice safe working habits in operations. The insurance program provides premium discounts or surcharges based on adherence to good risk management practices.

On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the resolution.

- 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 4-17(a) OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PET NOISE; AND REPEALING SECTION 4-17(b) OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PET NOISE DURATION REQUIREMENTS.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance removing the fifteen minute barking dog duration to determine an ordinance violation.

- d. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING POLICIES REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS.

Administrator Williams suggested Council move the first reading to September's meeting to give them more time to consider the amendment. Council agreed.

5. **Old Business:**

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Doctors Wellness program offered for city employees
Administrator Williams recapped an offer by Doctors Wellness to aid employees make lifestyle changes to achieve better health and lower medical costs. Council agreed to review the proposal.
- b. Streetlight on Arlene Drive
Administrator Williams reported receiving a streetlight request from a resident on Arlene Drive but that FAPD had not been able to yet investigate the need for a light. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting,
- c. Comet Board seat
Administrator Williams said that with Jake Broom's imminent departure for a new job that he is vacating the City of Forest Acres seat on the COMET board. Williams reported that resident (and small business owner) Randy Blencowe expressed an interest in representing the city on this board. City Council took this under advisement and will consider making an appointment in the near future.
- d. SC DOT work at Forest Drive and Trenholm Road
Administrator Williams reported receiving last minute notice from SC DOT that starting August 12, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. that new signal pole installation work was going to occur at the four corners of the intersection of Forest Drive and Trenholm Road. Williams said he expected that traffic would be snarled because of this work, but that some of the work was being relegated to overnight hours.

7. **Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Sealy the recent storms and fallen trees had brought down a number of power lines down, with trees falling across roads, and in one case, on a house.

8. **Community Forum:**

FARMA representative and Forest Acres resident Jack Oliver asked Council to be placed on the September agenda for a FARMA proposal in regards to future Rooftop Rhythms and Sweet Seasons.

A resident of the Laureate asked about the status of the Cardinal Newman property. Administrator Williams said the city is anticipating a submittal from the Beach Company of Charleston to re-zone the property for a mixed use development, but that there is no additional information to be shared at the moment.

A resident asked about the condemned building near the Forest Lake Bridge. Administrator Williams said that the owner has appealed the city's order of demolition of the property to the city's Code Board of Appeals. The city's Building Official says that that the building is uninhabitable and must be demolished.

9. **Council Items:**
No items to report.
10. **Executive Session**—City Attorney briefing on Lake Katherine dredging; creation of a Tax Increment Financing District (or other mechanism)
11. **Adjourn:**
With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Dukes at 6:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres