

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2016**

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

Mayor Frank Bryson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Rye led the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing- 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 21.152.2, GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF TREE PERMITS; AND, BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.152.3 LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITY, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS.

Attorney Holloway opened the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.; the purpose of which was to entertain comments from the public regarding a proposed change to the city's tree ordinance. The change is to add a six month expiration from the permit's date of issuance and adds a provision that allows a tree to be removed by permit in the event that a homeowner's insurance company states that a tree must be removed as a condition of maintaining insurance coverage. Administrator Williams explained the change. With no questions or comments from council or the audience, Mr. Holloway closed the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

Break

Public Hearing-

1. Proposed rezoning from Commercial (C-1) to Commercial (C-3); Requested by Agent/Purchaser A.S. Harpe II, Capital Development Corporation

- a. 5211 N Trenholm Rd (TMS# R14013-02-23)
- b. 5213 N Trenholm Rd (TMS# R14013-02-06)
- c. 5217 N Trenholm Rd. (TMS# R14013-02-19 and R14013-02-25)
- d. 5219 N Trenholm Rd. (TMS# R14013-02-04)
- e. W/S Forest Drive (TMS# R14013-02-20)

2. Proposed Rezoning from Public/Semi-Public (P-1) to Commercial (C-3); Requested by Agent Mark Williams, City of Forest Acres

5205 N Trenholm Rd. (TMS# R 14013-02-07)

3. Proposed Rezoning from Commercial (C-1) to Commercial (C-3); Requested by Agent Mark Williams, City of Forest Acres

5209 N Trenholm Rd. (TMS# R14013-02-05 and R14013-02-24)

Attorney Holloway opened the public hearing at 5:18 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to entertain comments from the public regarding a proposed zoning change to the aforementioned properties. The zoning change under Item 1 is proposed as Commercial (C-3) and will allow redevelopment of existing properties into a concentrated development of retail establishments, personal and business services to supply the needs of the residents as well as a large market area. Local developer, Stan Harpe gave a brief presentation. Properties of the City of Forest Acres listed under Item 2 and Item 3 would also be rezoned to Commercial (C-3) although there are no immediate plans for redevelopment. With no questions or comments from council and the audience, Mr. Holloway closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting held July 12, 2016
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC Report- No report given.
- b. Pinetree Park-City Administrator Williams reported that receipt of bids was delayed until August 23rd.
- c. Responses to Community Forum Items- 1719 Dalloz Road
Administrator Williams stated the closing has been delayed until an unknown date.

4. New Business:

- a. SC DOT Forest Drive Corridor Improvements
Administrator Williams said he had received specific information from SC DOT regarding their intent to install twenty adaptive traffic signals on the Forest Drive Corridor from Providence Hospital to I-77. This project is a welcome substitution to a city funded program and is anticipated to help accommodate additional traffic generated by redevelopment of the Cardinal Newman property on Forest Drive.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the project proposed by the SC Department of Transportation.
- b. Report of Ad Hoc HTAX Committee. Requests for contribution to development of Ft. Jackson Centennial Park; Columbia Children's Theater; Columbia Museum of Art; Kassy Alia's Knight of Honor Event
Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved a \$10,000 donation to the Knight of Honor Event by the Heroes in Blue Foundation. Other requests were to be considered by the committee at a later date.
- c. Request for a street lights at 201 Juarez
Administrator Williams reported that the surrounding residents are tied in number after being surveyed and asked to choose between keeping an existing willow tree or choosing it to be removed in favor of a street light. No action will be taken.
- d. Acquisition of FacilityDude/ Mobile 311 citizen contact database software to be purchased under auspices of the National Joint Purchasing Alliance. The database software will be used primarily by Public Works, Building Dept., Sanitation/Streets and Parks at a first year cost of \$4,937
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the request.
- 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 21.82 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED USES IN AN OFFICE AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-1), PROVIDING FOR VETERINARY CLINICS.
Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously decided to defer action on the ordinance until council receives a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

5. Old Business:

- a. FARMA Budget for FY 2016
FARMA representative Jack Oliver gave a brief presentation of the budget.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved an additional \$48,000 for Sweet Seasons 2016 to be added to the original budget of \$160,000.
- b. FARMA request for funds to participate in area Restaurant Week promotion
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the request for \$1,000.

- c. Request for four-way stop intersection at Academy and Daniel
Chief Sealy stated a traffic study will be conducted regarding a necessity for a four-way stop at this location as requested by a resident. Council agreed.

- d. 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 REVISING SECTION 21.152.2, GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF TREE PERMITS; AND, BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.152.3 LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITY, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS.

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

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. Reimburse SCMIRF for parking lot claim or just allow it to factor in claims experience rating?
Administrator Williams stated he asked previously about the city reimbursing our insurer for the post-flood damage to the Landmark building parking lot. The recommendation is that reimbursement is not necessary due to subsequent claims.
- b. Disposal of dredged sediment from Spring Lake
Administrator Williams said we have been approached about allowing the sediment being placed on the properties on Rockbridge. The deposit of the sediment is not recommended due to a variety of reasons. More information will follow.

7. Police Chief's Report:

Update of Midlands Multi-Jurisdictional Gang Task Force Agreement

Chief Sealy asked Council to consider allowing the FAPD to participate along with other law enforcement agencies to the Task Force.

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

8. Community Forum:

A resident asked Council to take a special interest in preserving a line of trees at the rear of the Forest Lake Place condo development that she described as "Heritage Trees" worthy of preservation. Administrator Williams said he would ask Arborist Andy Boone to inspect the trees and make recommendations.

Resident Steve Guy of Guy Landscaping made a moving memorial plaque presentation to Kassy Alia with in honor of her late husband, FAPD Police Officer Greg Alia who was killed in the line of duty on September 30, 2015.

9. Council Items:

No items to report.

10. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Rye at 6:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres