

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2014**

Mayor Frank Brunson and 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 Robert Massa, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway.

Mayor Brunson 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:

City Council Meeting on December 10, 2013

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki

Ms. Kososki reported the TPAC Advisory Committee meeting met on January 13, 2014. The State newspaper reported that several TPAC members were displeased with the choices Richland County Council had made for the Program Engineering Firm. The next meeting will involve the selection of the on-call engineering firm.

b. Citadel Park-parking amendment update

Administrator Williams reported the city's landscape architects requested a meeting with SCDOT before the permit application is submitted for the parking amendments. It is the opinion of the architects that the storm water drainage situation needs to be addressed prior to submitting formal permit applications for parking updates at both Citadel and Pinetree Parks.

c. Pinetree Park- proposal for improvements

Administrator Williams reported that the city has received one of the three tree removal estimates and will report to Council at the February meeting upon receipt of the additional quotes.

d. Responses to Community Items: Spring Lake Road

Administrator Williams reported he forwarded the past and present resident concerns to a traffic engineer for assistance in making an argument to SCDOT in support of the requested changes. No response has been received to date from the transportation engineer.

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 REVISING SECTION 21.5.7 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS FOR CORNER LOTS AND BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.136(C)(4) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR TABLE OF REQUIREMENTS.

Administrator Williams reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals agreed that they would rather deal with properties on a case by case basis as opposed to change in the setbacks established by the zoning ordinance. On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council agreed to table the ordinance amendment from further consideration.

b. Forest Drive Corridor Study

Administrator Williams asked Council to review the RFQ solicitation on the Corridor Study. Mr. Williams reported he had also asked a local landscape architect as well as the Central Midlands Council of Government Executive Director to review the information. Mr. Williams asked if any member of Council would be willing to serve on the selection committee. Ms. Dukes volunteered to do so. Mr. Powell recommended that the City consult with the Town of Lexington as they are also in the process of a corridor study. Administrator Williams said he would like to begin advertisement of the project the first of February. Council agreed.

- 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 THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 14, BY REVISING SECTION 14-2 ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED; SECTION 14-18 APPLICATION; AND SECTION 14-19 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION.**
On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

5. 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 REVISING SECTION 9-21, CLASSIFICATION AND RATES, APPENDIX A, RATE SCHEDULE OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS LICENSES CLASSIFICATION IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS FOR LESSORS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS NAICS 531110**
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- b. **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 19-15 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR CORNER CUTTING**
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- c. **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 15-7 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR RESISTING OR INTERFERING WITH POLICE**
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- 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 10-8 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR DISORDERLY PERSON**
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- e. **Status of bid for demolition**
Administrator Williams informed Council that staff is still attempting to provide a notice of demolition to one of the owners 11 Bayview property. Mr. Williams stated that he has received two bids for demolition of the property. The first bid was for \$9,650 and the second was for \$12,250. Council will remain informed of the situation as it transpires.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. **Recognition of Joey Paschal, Public Works Director**
Administrator Williams shared a letter of commendation from residents Tom and Lois Whitehouse at 1520 Wheeler Road regarding Joey Paschal and his noble act of putting out a fire in their backyard while the residents were not home. City Council asked Mr. Paschal to stand and be recognized and they thanked him for such extraordinary service to his community.
- b. **Proposed renovations @ 5205 Trenholm Road**
Administrator Williams asked Council for their feedback on a preliminary schematic of the changes to Council chambers/courtroom at 5205 Trenholm Road. The comments were helpful in moving forward with a plan of restoration.
- c. **Tree Recycling**
Administrator Williams reported that Forest Acres recycled six tons of Christmas trees.
- d. **New City of Forest Acres website**
Administrator Williams informed Council that the new website (www.forestacres.net)

is up and running. Assistant Administrator Broom stated that additional changes will be coming to the site in the near future.

e. **Electronics recycling**

Administrator Williams reported that the City is about one year into electronics recycling and initially the value of the electronics recycled covered the cost of the disposal, however, lately the value of recyclables was not covering the cost and that the City has incurred a new expense of around \$2,000 to dispose of about a year's collection of recyclables.

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

Chief Sealy followed up with the residents' concerns around Spring Lake and Pinebrook. FAPD conducted a traffic survey beginning on December 16, 2013 on Pinebrook Road with the city's Stealth Stat device. Results from the survey were that 527 vehicles were logged during a 35-hour monitoring period and that their average speed was 21.5 MPH.

Chief Sealy reported that in researching the City ordinance basketball goals are not mentioned. He will continue working on a proposal to make a small revision to the ordinance to include basketball goals.

Chief Sealy stated that he will have the 2013 crime statistics ready for report during the February 2014 meeting.

8. **Community Forum:**

Erich Miarka, Program Coordinator for Gills Creek Watershed Association asked Council to consider supporting the association regarding the Eight Mile Branch erosion problem in the Olde Park subdivision. Mr. Miarka said that there was clearing happening in a few of the lots that seemed to be questionable. Administrator Williams said he would look into the situation immediately. Attorney Holloway mentioned that he was looking into development of a creek setback or buffer ordinance similar to what is enforced by Richland County.

9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items to report.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Powell, the meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres