

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2012**

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, Police Chief Gene Sealy, Finance Director Bob Massa, and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Council member Charlie Fetner was absent.

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

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2012

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. Recognition of AC Flora High School's Men's Baseball Team—2012 State AAA Champions
Mayor Brunson read a letter from Council Member Charlie Fetner congratulating them on behalf of the City of Forest Acres. Head Coach Andy Hallett introduced the members of the team present and thanked Council for the recognition.
- b. Citadel, Idalia Parks- Update
Administrator Williams reported that construction continues at both parks and there are no insurmountable problems to report.
- c. Responses to Community Forum Items
1. Sanitation services policies
Administrator Williams stated that a revised Sanitation Policies insert was going to be hand distributed to all residents of Forest Acres.
 2. FA access at institutions receiving HTAX funding
Administrator Williams stated that he had contacted the Columbia Museum or Art, State Museum, and Edventure Children's Museum. The museums are willing to accommodate Forest Acres residents with special attendance opportunities for the programs that are funded by hospitality tax funds, however, on a general admission basis they are unable to accommodate.
 3. Forest Acres Garage Sale Permit Fee
Administrator Williams contacted the City of Columbia and Richland County regarding their garage sale fee policies. Richland County allows residents to have two free garage sales per year and any over two require a permit that charges a fee based on the projected revenue of the garage sale. City of Columbia residents must get a permit for all garage sales and there is a maximum of two per year, per address with a fee of \$5.50 each. A question arose at June's council meeting about possibly amending Forest Acres' \$5.00 fee per garage sale with a maximum of two per year per residence. After brief discussion, Forest Acres' policies remain unchanged.
4. **New Business:**
- a. Appointment of Pendleton Grove to the Forest Acres Planning Commission (succeeding Anne Bristow; term expired June 2012)

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously appointed Mr. Grove to a new two-year term on the Forest Acres Planning Commission, effective immediately.

- b. 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 5660 SACHELFORD ROAD, TMS 14016 BLOCK 07, LOT 22 (ABOU-IBRAHIM)

On a motion by Mr. Suber and seconded by Mr. Rye, the first reading of the annexation ordinance was approved unanimously.

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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4735 CIRCLE DRIVE, TMS 14110, BLOCK 02, LOT 04.

On a motion by Mr. Suber and seconded by Mr. Rye, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

- 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 5-4 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR BUILDING PERMITS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE WORK PERMITS; BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 5-9 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS; AND FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 5-11 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR CONTRACTOR BOND REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE BOND REQUIREMENTS

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. Security cameras at Quinine Hill Park
Administrator Williams reported that the data link issue for security cameras at Quinine Hill Park has been resolved and that the proposed security cameras are to be installed within a couple of weeks.
- b. Appointment of auditor for FY 2011-2012
Administrator Williams asked Council to reappoint auditors Brittingham, Brown, Prince, and Hancock to audit the fiscal year just ended. Williams noted that the firm had been the city's auditors for a number of years, maintained their independence and peer review, and give the city good value in their audits.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

- c. Noise complaints—construction at Olde Park
Administrator Williams advised Council that several residents from the Laureate have complained about the construction beginning before 8:00 a.m. as restricted by the city's noise ordinance, and in case Council hears about the issue, Williams said he would not grant a special exception as requested by the contractor as he had spoken with the Laureate HOA and they are adamant that they should not have to suffer construction noise outside the hours prescribed by the noise ordinance.

7. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported that AED training has gone well. Burglaries and robberies have declined recently. Approximately 450 people registered for and ran the 5K run that was held on July 4, 2012. Fireworks caused two calls from residents but there were no related incidents or injuries.

8. **Community Forum:**

Resident Terry Price of 3301 Cornwall Road stated she had called Sanitation twice asking about attendance at the Druid Hills Neighborhood Association meeting, but had received no response. Administrator Williams stated he spoken with the Public Works Director just that afternoon about her request and had concluded that we would not attend the neighborhood meeting as it appeared that at least half of their members reside in Columbia and we thought it would be confusing for us to discuss our sanitation policies as they may be significantly different from Columbia's. Williams added that Forest Acres' sanitation policies were about to be distributed, and we would always be glad to answer individual questions of our residents.

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Resident Kathy Davis asked for Administrator Williams to repeat Forest Acres Garage Sale policy. Mr. Williams stated that Forest Acres allows two per year, per address and a fee of \$5.00 is charged for each sale. A brief explanation ensued that explained why Forest Acres had begun regulating garage sales in the first place, and that was to prohibit flea market type sales in residential areas.

Resident Michael Fields of Willingham Drive thanked Administrator Williams for his assistance in contacting the City of Columbia about his complaint of their water lien contractor damaging his landscaping. The construction company contacted Mr. Fields and said that they would make good on the damage they caused to the property. The tree was not included in the agreement. Discussion ensued regarding construction companies hired by utility companies not informing Forest Acres and its residents prior to the start of any work.

Keller Foster, resident at 1331 Sunnyside Drive reported that there continued to be a speeding issue on his street and asked FAPD to be aware of the problem. Mr. Foster also expressed concern regarding a tree in his neighbor's yard that appears to be over one hundred years old and covered in vines that may injure the health of the tree.

9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items for discussion.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye, seconded by Mr. Suber, the meeting ended at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres