

**MINUTES OF THE  
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 14, 2015**

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 Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway.

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. Inauguration of Mayor Frank Brunson, Council member Curt Rye; Council member Ginger Dukes**

Attorney Lee Holloway administered the oaths of office to Mayor Brunson and Council members Curt Rye and Ginger Dukes for another four-year term.

**3. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**

On a nomination by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously re-elected Mr. Rye as Mayor Pro Tempore.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. City Council Meeting held June 9, 2015  
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- b. Special City Council Meeting held June 15, 2015  
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- c. Special City Council Meeting held June 23, 2015  
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- d. Special City Council Meeting held June 29, 2015  
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

**5. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:**

- a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki  
Ms. Kososki reported that TPAC submitted a letter to Richland County Council to consider several new projects. The response from Richland County Council was that they would accept new recommendations on transportation related opportunities and seek appropriate funding sources. A second list for new projects will be considered and Ms. Kososki asked Council to submit a letter to RCC asking that the Forest Drive Corridor Study be considered for implementation at least in part for TPAC funds.
- b. Citadel Park-Parking issues  
Administrator Williams said that Chief Sealy has remained diligent in soliciting the assistance of SC DOT for addressing the vehicle parking issues around the park. To date SC DOT has not returned any calls.
- c. Pinetree Park-Design delay  
Administrator Williams reported that the architects have concluded with SC DOT in obtaining an encroachment permit. That process should be completed soon and the design should be ready to go to bid in three to four weeks.
- d. Quinine Hill Park-Tree root repairs to rubber walking trail  
Administrator Williams said that there has been a delay by the contractor to complete the walking trail repairs.
- e. Responses to Community Forum Items
  - a. Trash at corner of Valleybrook and Satchelford  
Administrator Williams reported that Richland County has cleaned up the debris.

- b. Sight distance problem at Valleybrook and Satchelford  
Administrator Williams contacted SC DOT on June 11, 2015 and to date the overgrowth remains untrimmed.

6. **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 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR THE EASTERN SIDE OF SUNNYSIDE DRIVE (TMS 13907 01 09, TMS 13907 03 32 and TMS 13907 03 34) WITHDRAWN BY DEVELOPER July 7, 2015~~
- b. Request that city re-examine policies relating to residents possessing chickens  
Administrator Williams reported that in the last ninety days City Hall has received approximately a dozen phone calls from residents wanting to own chickens at their residences. Council agreed to discuss and re-examine the current ordinance that prohibits chickens at the next meeting.
- c. Renew event management contract-Art4Money  
FARMA representative Jack Oliver asked Council on behalf of the members of FARMA to consider allowing them to be involved in discussions in 2016 for Rooftop Rhythms and Sweet Seasons. On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously renewed the contract through December 31, 2015.
- d. HTAX budgets for Rooftop Rhythms-September 24 and October 29; Sweet Seasons-December 3  
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the budgets for the both 2015 Rooftop Rhythms and the Sweet Seasons event.
- e. Planning Commission reappointments-Joe Gentry (8/15); Jack Cantey (8/15); Ralph Bailey (7/15); John Boylston (7/15)  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously reappointed Joe Gentry, Jack Cantey, Ralph Bailey, and John Boylston for additional two-year terms.
- f. Zoning Board of Appeals reappointment-Kristy Hatem (7/15)  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously reappointed Kristy Hatem for another three-year term.
- g. Code Board of Appeals reappointment-Allen Ardis (7/15)  
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously reappointed Allen Ardis for another three-year term.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. Update on Forest Lake Bridge project  
Administrator Williams said that he has a lukewarm endorsement from Richland County Public Works on the drive that runs between Trenholm Road and Forest Lake Place Bridge and has been unable to secure a firm commitment that they will maintain the area from which Forest Ares desires creation of a right of way. In the meantime, First Citizens Bank has stated that they prefer to not relocate the drive as previously considered. Mr. Williams said that once all the right of way/easement issues are worked out with Richland County the maintenance of the right of way by RC should not be an issue given the existing Intergovernmental Agreement between the city and county. Council will be updated when more information is available.

8. **City Administrator Report:**

a. Animal Control

A resident called the Ombudsman's office regarding an animal control issue and the Richland County employee referred him back to FAPD. Forest Acres has an intergovernmental agreement with RC stating they handle animal control issues.

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

Chief Sealy reported that a stealth stat survey was conducted on Idalia Road on two separate days at the request of a residents reporting excessive speeding. The average speed on both days was within the acceptable range. Chief Sealy asked Council if he could request a 25-mph sign from SC DOT on Idalia. On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously agreed to the sign request.

10. **Community Forum:**

Resident Nancy Dunlap spoke, saying she was representing a small group of residents, asked if City Council had any input with the City of Columbia water department on how they (mis)use and the higher out of town rates paid by the residents of Forest Acres. City Council said that such matters were wholly the purview of the City of Columbia City Council and that Forest Acres had little or no influence in addressing such policies.

Resident Rebecca Creel spoke in favor of City Council amending regulations to allow residents to keep chickens in Forest Acres.

Resident Renee Redding spoke in opposition of the same.

11. **Council Items:**

No items to report.

12. **Adjourn:**

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen  
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City of Forest Acres