

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 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 Andy Smith, 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.

Public Hearing: 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget

Attorney Holloway called the public hearing to order at 5:22 p.m.

Attorney Holloway stated that the public hearing was to entertain questions, comments or concerns regarding the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Holloway asked Administrator Williams to communicate his presentation of the budget to Council and the audience. Mr. Williams reported that FY 2014-2015 is the sixth consecutive year that the millage rate remains at forty-seven mils. Over the last five years there has been a decrease in revenue sources for the city. Administrator Williams stated that the city is in good financial health, however, due to the decrease in revenue we have to draw on reserve funds to balance the \$6,022,438 budget. As such, the budget does not include a cost of living increase for city employees, but a change in medical and dental insurance should somewhat offset no pay increases with better benefits. Mr. Williams stated that he will make some recommendations to Council for increased revenue for the city. Attorney Holloway asked if any parties present had any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the budget.

With no additional questions or comments Attorney Holloway called the public hearing closed at 5:28 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

City Council Meeting on May 13, 2014

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. Recognition of State Championship AC Flora HS Baseball Team and Golf Team
Mayor Brunson stated that the City will ask the coaches and teams to attend a meeting in the near future so that they may be recognized.
- b. Recognition of Cardinal Newman HS State Soccer Champions
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- c. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
No report.
- d. Citadel Park-parking amendment update
Administrator Williams stated that the revised parking bids are due by July 8, 2014. The project was advertised on the South Carolina Business Office website.
- e. Pinetree Park-proposal for improvements
Administrator Williams stated that here were no items on which to report, however, a neighbor of the park who did not attend the meeting regarding the future of the park has contacted him and strenuously objects to the other neighbors' ideas.
- f. Responses to Community Forum Items
Administrator Williams stated that there no items on which to report.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Reappoint Bill Sargent to a new three-year-term on the Code Board of Appeals
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
- b. Reappoint Carol Kososki to a new three-year-term on the Zoning Board of Appeals
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
- c. SC Municipal: Trust and Risk Financing Fund RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE AND RISK FINANCING FUND
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- d. SC Municipal Trust and Risk Financing Fund INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR AN INSURANCE AND RISK FINANCING FUND FOR RISK SHARING
- e. AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUSTWORKIERS COMPENSATION FUND
- f. SC Municipal Trust AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously agreed to defer new business items C-F to a special meeting.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Second Reading (as amended), AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- b. Request for contribution, Reality Check Midlands; \$1,000
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously agreed to table consideration on this request.
- c. Recommendation of Consultant to perform Forest Drive Corridor Study
Administrator Williams recommended to Council award of the study project to the Boudreaux Group. Mr. Williams introduced Irene Dumas Tyson of the Boudreaux Group. Ms. Tyson said that a matrix was put together of the various tasks to be performed with a timeline for performing them. The study includes quantifiable data, cost estimates, expert opinions, traffic analysis, and input from Forest Acres residents. Discussion ensued regarding the study including public hearings and effectiveness of the study.

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the recommendation and proposed expenditure of \$125,000 of HTAX funds for completion of the project.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Justice Assistance Grant for Court Security System
Administrator Williams reported that the city is a recipient of a \$3,312 grant from the Justice Department. The funds will be used to purchase metal detectors for the courtroom.

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

Chief Sealy requested to defer his report to the July 2014 City Council meeting.

8. **Community Forum:**

Resident Joel Hudson stated that he was willing to pledge \$250.00 to the city to create a fund for healthier communication between city administration and the residents of Forest Acres. Mayor Brunson asked Mr. Hudson to write up guidelines regarding how he would like the funds to be used and submit it to Administrator Williams for further review.

9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items to discuss.

10. **Executive Session:**

Legal update re: 11 Bayview Drive

On a motion by Curt Rye, seconded by Mr. Powell, Council voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rye, seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council voted unanimously to exit Executive Session, saying no action had been taken while in Executive Session.

11. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye the meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres