

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 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. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting on February 10, 2015

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
No report.

b. Citadel Park

Administrator Williams reported that with the assistance of John Hardee, District Highway Commissioner the DOT is allowing the City of Forest Acres to regulate parking around Citadel Park once we adopt a local ordinance establishing a residential parking by permit ordinance similar to what has been done in Columbia to address this type of parking issue. The City Attorney is working on a draft.

c. Pinetree Park

Administrator Williams reported that Grimball-Cotterill and Associates has begun preparation of construction drawings.

d. Quinine Hill Park

Administrator Williams said the landscaping plan for the area around SCE&G's new power pole will be completed by Grimball-Cotterill soon and a copy will be made available to Council.

e. Responses to Community Forum Items

Marketing of other parks at Citadel Park; looking into tasteful signs to advertise the other parks.

Neighbors stated opposition to proposed rezoning of 3731 Forest Drive from Residential R-1 to Commercial C-1

No further action at the time being.

4. New Business:

- a. Renewal of mutual aid agreement with Richland County Sheriff's Department

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the renewal.

b. Appointment of Municipal Judge

Administrator Williams reported that action on this item is delayed until Richland County approves a revised Intergovernmental Agreement that deals in general with appointment of County Magistrates to serve as Municipal Judges.

- 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 SECTION 21.160 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS AND BANNERS; BE AMENDED BY

REVISING SECTION 21.161 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR SIGNS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN TEMPORARY SIGNS AND BANNERS; BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.164 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR SIDEWALK SIGNS; AND BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISIONS SECTION 21.166 PROHIBITIONS, BY DELETING SUBSECTION (9) PROVIDING FOR A-FRAME SIGNS.

Administrator Williams asked Council to defer to the April or May City Council meeting. Council agreed.

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 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP. (Rezone 3731 Forest Drive from Residential R-1 to Commercial C-1)

Administrator Williams reported that a sample deed restriction offered by the prospective purchaser of the property was received and reviewed as to form by the City Attorney. In the discussions about the rezoning application (and concerns mentioned by neighbors) the purchaser offered to deed restrict the property so that should her proposed dental clinic close within ten years of rezoning that the property could not be utilized for a hair salon or social club, as ordinarily allowed under Commercial C-1 zoning. The neighbors had also petitioned the council to delay action on the rezoning until completion of the Forest Drive Corridor Study. Mr. Williams said he consulted with the study consultants, the Boudreaux Group, and it was their judgment that because the traffic volume associated with a dental practice is so negligible and would have no discernible impact on Forest drive traffic that there was no rational basis to wait for completion of the corridor before dealing with the rezoning request.

On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the rezoning.

- 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6300 GOLDBRANCH ROAD, TMS 16806, BLOCK 03, LOT 06.

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the annexation.

- 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 10-13 OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR PARKS, IN ORDER TO AMEND SUBSECTION (B) PROHIBITED ACTS BY ADDING ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS.

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

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. Public Works partnering with Richland County Recycling Saturday, March 28th at Crayton Middle school

Administrator Williams reported the date of the event and said it was being promoted on the city's website.

- b. Reoccurring trash problem in vicinity of Satchelford and Valleybrook Roads
Administrator Williams stated the city is aware of the problem of a reoccurring trash pile and will remain vigilant in working with Richland County to benefit affected Forest Acres residents.
- c. Corridor Study Traffic Count for east side of Trenholm and Forest Drive
Administrator Williams requested city council's approval for additional traffic counting the east side of Trenholm and Forest Drive.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the additional funds.

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

Chief Sealy deferred his report to the April 7, 2015 meeting.

8. **Community Forum:**

Rod Dalton, resident of Citadel Park area asked about the regulating the parking at Citadel Park. Administrator Williams said the process is in the research stage and it will provide for residents surrounding the park to have permits to place in their vehicles showing residency.

Jack Cantey, resident of Forest Acres had a suggestion regarding adding a sign near Clemson Road on Forest Drive to mention motorists are approaching a traffic congestion area.

9. **Council Items:**

No items to report.

10. **Executive Session**-Legal issues related to Forest Lake Place Drive aka Shopping Center Road;
Appointment of Associate Municipal Judge

11. **Adjourn:**

With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Suber at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Rye, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres