

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2013**

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes and Curt Rye, Jr. were present, as were City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom, Finance Director Robert Massa, Police Chief Gene Sealy, and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Council member Shell Suber was absent.

Mayor Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Brunson spoke fondly of former Council member Charlie Fetner, who passed away on May 7, 2013. Mayor Brunson commented upon Mr. Fetner's integrity, his genuine kindness, and the many years of service to his community. He then asked everyone to observe a moment of silence honoring the memory of Charlie Fetner.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: 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. (REZONING 1616 AND 1618 GAMEWELL DRIVE FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL P-2)

Attorney Holloway called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:16 p.m. Attorney Holloway stated that the public hearing was to entertain questions, comments or concerns regarding the rezoning of 1616 and 1618 Gamewell Drive from R-1 to P-2. Cardinal Newman High School principal Jacqui Kasproski presented the applicant's request and commented that two houses previously acquired by the school on Gamewell rezoned by the city are being used for educational purposes and the transition from residential to school uses has been positive. She specified that 1616 and 1618 Gamewell Drive will also be used for educational purposes and Cardinal Newman will continue to be mindful and considerate of their residential neighbors. Lee Krontan asked if any of the four properties were in a flood zone. Cardinal Newman's principal stated that they were not in flood zones. With no additional questions or comments Attorney Holloway called the public hearing closed at 5:29 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

City Council Meeting on April 9, 2013:

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. TPAC report, Carol Kososki

Ms. Kososki reported that the second meeting was held and elected officers were appointed and it was decided that meetings would be held every third Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m., however, if there were not enough agenda items that the meeting would be held over to the following month.

b. Citadel, Idalia, Pinetree Parks

Administrator Williams stated that the undisciplined parking by park goers that some of the Citadel Park neighbors have complained about continues to be a problem. The City's landscape architect has tried to schedule a meeting with DOT to present their plan with no success to date. They will continue to be diligent. The quad riders play equipment recalled by their manufacturer have been removed and replaced with dual riders. An issue with the playground surface remains and will be rectified. A park neighbor has complained that the park's irrigation is adversely impacting water pressure. In response the city rescheduled irrigation so as to remedy this problem. Pinetree Park's renovation is still under discussion.

c. Forest Lake Place Bridge

Administrator Williams stated that there was nothing new to report.

d. Responses to Community Forum Items

1.11 Bayview Drive

Administrator Williams stated that some progress has been made and recommended for Council's authorization to the City Attorney to initiate condemnation of the property. Upon its acquisition the city would own the property and utilize it for public purpose, such as a community garden or green space.

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

4. **New Business:**

a. Municipal State Highway Project Agreement-US 1, Two Notch Rd. Project BR40(008) Bridge Replacement

Administrator Williams reported that SC DOT contacted Forest Acres about replacement of a railroad bridge at the intersection of Two Notch Road and Fontaine Road which is in the city's jurisdiction. There will be impacts on traffic during the course of construction due to lane narrowing.

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

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 PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Administrator Williams reported that the public hearing will be at the June 11, 2013 City Council meeting.

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

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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 333 LAUREL SPRINGS ROAD, TMS 16802, BLOCK 06, LOT 22

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

d. 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 6118 SACHELFORD ROAD, TMS 14114, BLOCK 11, LOT 14

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

e. Proclamation—Peace Officers Memorial Day

Mayor Brunson read the proclamation that states May 15th be designated as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and directed that flags on City buildings be flown at half-staff on that day. Council also made special mention of Forest Acres Police Officer Richey O. Finch, who lost his life in the line of duty on February 21, 1974

f. Court Petition of Carolina Children's Home to relocate grave

Attorney Holloway advised that the Carolina Children's Home files a Probate Court petition to relocate a grave on its property and that the statutes requires the consent of the city to move the grave and marker.

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

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 21.120 ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED USES IN CONCENTRATED COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS (C-4) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY SHELTERS FOR VICTIMS AND THE HOMELESS

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

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Group health insurance renewal

Administrator Williams conveyed that the trend of the last several years of claims has narrowed the city's renewal options. Best health insurance prospects among the providers willing to offer a quote was from Coventry/Wellpath, a subsidiary of Aetna. Richland County recently decided to renew for another year with Coventry and has reported being satisfied with the coverage. Williams said Blue Cross /Blue Shield quoted renewal at an increase of 38% compared to Coventry's quote that represents only a 5% increase. The state insurance plan was not also not a viable option because of anticipated mid-year rate increases of 5-14% and a mandatory 3.6% experience rating for being new to the plan. Williams stated that with every renewal over the last five years something has been lost in the way of benefits and that trend is not likely to improve.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the insurance proposal of Coventry/Wellpath as presented for the next fiscal year.

- b. Trade in two trash loaders

Administrator Williams reported that the city had an opportunity to receive \$28,000 trade in on two problem trash loaders toward the purchase of one new John Deere loader costing \$87,139 from Flint Equipment.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the trade in of the two trash loaders.

- c. Use balance of 2012 lease/purchase for acquisition of balance of new loader's cost

Administrator Williams stated there was a balance of approximately \$58,000 in lease purchase and asked if the remaining balance in the lease/purchase could be applied.

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

- d. Request authority to correct scrivener errors in recently amended budget.

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

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

Chief Sealy stated he had nothing to report.

8. **Community Forum:**

Resident William Brantley asked if the two annexation first readings were by the owner's request or if someone from the city had contacted them to be annexed. Administrator Williams said that the residents had contacted the city.

Resident Jay Lewis thanked City Administrator Williams and Council for the effort forward with 11 Bayview Drive.

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Attorney Holloway called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:17 p.m. Attorney Holloway stated that this ordinance added the use of temporary shelter for victims and homeless when necessary. There were no questions or comments. Attorney Holloway called the public hearing closed at 6:22 p.m.

9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items to discuss.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the meeting ended at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres