

MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 10, 2015

Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye, Council members, Ginger Dukes, Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator/Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Mayor Frank Brunson was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. asking for a moment of silence in honor of FAPD Officer Gregory Alia and City of Columbia Officer Stacey Case.

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 held September 8, 2015

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki

Ms. Kososki will have a report at the December 8, 2015 Council meeting.

b. Citadel Park

Administrator Williams there were no new updates.

c. Pinetree Park-Design delay

Administrator Williams said there was no response to date from the SC DOT regarding the permit application.

d. Quinine Hill Park-No report.

e. Responses to Community Forum Items

FARMA's request to be on the agenda is under new business.

Administrator Williams stated in response to a community response question about the Lakeshore Drive cellular site involving "flammable" warning signs at the cell tower belonged to the diesel fuel tank for the standby emergency generator that keeps the site operating in the event of a power interruption. Williams said the tank of fuel should be no more alarming to nearby residents than a tank of fuel in their cars.

4. New Business:

a. Engagement of Pope/Flynn Group (Redevelopment Bond Council)

Administrator asked council to consider the engagement of Pope/Flynn Group on as needed basis for legal guidance in the event the city may desire to issue development bonds related to any of the prospective economic re-development projects on the horizon. City Attorney Lee Holloway supported the engagement.

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

b. Friends of our Forces 2015 Contribution (HTAX \$25,000)

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the \$25,000 contribution.

c. Authorization for HTAX subsidy for special FAPD holiday season patrol (\$8,000)

On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the subsidy.

- d. Waiver of building permit fees; business license fees for post-flood reconstruction
Administrator Williams reported that both the City of Columbia and Richland County are waiving building permit fees for flood related repairs to residences. City Attorney Holloway's recommended an ordinance regarding the waiving of building permit fees. Council agreed.
- e. Approval of construction contract for flood repairs at 5205 N. Trenholm Road-Palmetto Construction and Realty, Inc. (\$55,471 for flood repairs; \$11,722 for workspace improvements)
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the contract. Ms. Dukes asked that the city obtain estimates to have the second floor carpeting removed and replaced at 5205 N. Trenholm Road.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. FARMA request for HTAX Funds (\$160,000.00)
Jack Oliver and Drew Hampton made a presentation regarding a \$160,000 budget to include two Rooftop Rhythms, an advertising campaign, and administrative support for FARMA to run the day to day operations.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, 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 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 19-32 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR FEES AND CHARGES FOR PERMITS FOR PARADES, PROCESSIONS AND RACES AND RENUMBERING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN ARTICLE III.
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- 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 ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 4 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR BIRDS AND SECTION 4-30 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR RAISING OR KEEPING CHICKENS.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- 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 REVISING SECTION 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 1701 DALLOZ ROAD TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3).
On the recommendation of City Attorney Lee Holloway, Council deferred a vote on the rezoning until applicant John Blackmon submits the previously agreed upon deed restriction added to the purchaser's contract of the property.
- e. 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 10-13 OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR PARKS, IN ORDER TO AMEND SUBSECTION (c) HOURS OF OPERATION.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- f. 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 10-6 (B) AND (C) OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. **October Flood FEMA DR 4241**
Administrator Williams reported that renovations are underway at 5205 N. Trenholm Road. Both Spring Lake's and Forest Lakes HOA have asked the city to take a public role in application for any available funding for repair of their respective dams that were affected by the October flooding. The state public assistance officer has informed Mr. Williams that there will not be any FEMA public assistance funding for dam restorations. Williams will inform both HOA's that there is no public assistance available and that it is the city's assessment that dam restorations are a private responsibility.
- b. **Updates on Building, dams, waiver of Cumulative Substantial Improvement**
Administrator Williams stated Forest Acres has one property that would benefit from the five cumulative counted toward post-disaster restoration and that FEMA would take a dim view of the city's consideration of amending its flood prevention ordinance to liberalize this provision. Williams said he brought the subject up because it had recently been in the news out of Columbia; he was not advocating a change.
- c. **Applied Science Building property**
Administrator Williams reported that the building is gone and its debris removed.
- d. **Roof at FAPD building**
Administrator Williams reported he is currently waiting for an estimate regarding the re-roofing of the FAPD building due to continuous leaks and disrepair.
- e. **Christmas Holiday schedule**
Administrator Williams stated that City Hall would be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holidays.
- f. **Contract for consulting with Carolina Flood Solution (hourly rate of \$150.00)**
Administrator Williams stated he would like to contract Lisa Jones with the consulting firm Carolina Flood Solutions on an as needed basis for technical assistance regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant program for our FAPD building and some of our residents.
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council approved the request.

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

Chief Sealy asked Council to consider a monetary donation to the City of Columbia Officer Stacey Case memorial fund in the amount of \$1,000.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the donation.

8. **Community Forum:**

Forest Lake Fabrics owner Michael Marsha expressed concern regarding development of Edwin Cooper's Forest Lake property due to stormwater accumulation during heavy rainfall. He asked for Forest Acres' assistance in convincing Richland County to assume maintenance of the currently inoperable stormwater booster lift-station that is in Gills Creek, but designed to benefit his and neighboring properties in reducing flooding. Council member Powell suggested Mr. Marsha contact County Council member Greg Pearce and Administrator Williams stated he would write a letter in support of the county's assuming maintenance of the lift station.

In a free ranging discussion Mr. Marsha then criticized the purpose and findings of the recently finalized Forest Acres Corridor Study. Council member Dukes clarified that the completed study has not been presented to Council due to the last six-seven weeks of natural disaster restoration in the city and once that presentation occurs information will be made to the public.

9. **Council Items:**

No items to report.

10. **Adjourn:**

With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Dukes at 7:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres