

MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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 Robert Massa, 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

Mr. Rye gave the Invocation and introduced Boy Scout Troop 10* from Eastminster Presbyterian to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes:

City Council Meeting on October 8, 2013 and Special City Council Meeting on October 16, 2013

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki

Ms. Kososki reported that passed two major RFP's in the last meeting. One for Management to oversee the following tasks: Program Development, Pre-Project Planning for each project, Quality Assurance Reviews, and Right of Way Acquisition. TPAC members will receive all bids for the upcoming projects.

b. Citadel Park-parking amendment update

Administrator Williams recounted that the feedback was positive for the parking amendment. However, the SCDOT has raised an issue regarding storm water run-off. There will be additional time needed to work through the issues that have come up.

c. Pinetree Park- proposal for improvements

Administrator Williams asked if Council would be willing to meet with the architects to discuss the design plan. Mr. Powell stated that the week of November 18th would be a good time to set up a meeting at the park.

d. Responses to Community Items

There were no items to report on.

4. 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 9-21. CLASSIFICATION AND RATES, APPENDIX A, RATE SCHEDULE OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS LICENSES CLASSIFICATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE RATES

On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

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 REPLACING CHAPTER 12; PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

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 4660 NORWOOD ROAD, TMS 14116, BLOCK 09, LOT 04

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

- c. Appointment to three-year-term of the Zoning Board of Appeals (O'Neil, Morris, Seastrunk, Gillespie)
Mr. Powell nominated Martha Morris and Ms. Dukes nominated Robin O'Neil. On a show of hands of three to two, Robin O'Neil was appointed to a three-year-term. Mr. Powell and Mr. Suber voted in favor of Martha Morris and Ms. Dukes, Mr. Rye, and Mayor Brunson voted in support of Robin O'Neil, who was thereby appointed to the term on the ZBA.
- d. 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 1.4.2 (ZONING MAP OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Forest Acres be amended by revising Section 21.4.2 (Zoning Map), Zoning Ordinance, so as to amend the boundaries of the Zoning Map in order to change the existing Zoning from a Public and Semipublic District (P-1) to an Institutional District (P-2), on that certain piece, parcel or lot of land containing 7.1 acres designated as 5827 N. Trenholm Road, being shown on the Richland County Tax Maps as Tax Map Sheet Number 16801, Block 02, Lot 08

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

- e. 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. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Forest Acres be amended by revising Section 21.4.2 (Zoning Map), Zoning Ordinance, so as to amend the boundaries of the Zoning Map in order to change the existing Zoning from a Public and Semipublic District (P-1) to an Institutional District (P-2), on that certain piece, parcel or lot of land containing 2 acres designated as 3390 Pine Belt Road, being shown on the Richland County Tax Maps as Tax Map Sheet Number 14106, Block 04, Lot 06

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

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. Eight Mile Branch (Olde Park Subdivision)
Administrator Williams reported construction is slated to begin as soon as permission is received from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The creek bank restoration project is being funded by a USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Grant.
- b. Public Works John Deere Case Loader
Administrator Williams reported that a Case loader purchased last summer was returned to the manufacturer due to major design flaws that could not be corrected so as to return the unit to service. The purchase price was refunded by a check in the amount of \$86,500 and Public Works Director Joey Paschal has requested permission to use the funds to acquire John Deere loader in place of the Case. The new loader will be approximately \$1,400 more than the amount of the refund. On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the purchase.
- c. Chick-Fil-A Classic Advertisement
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the \$550 advertisement of city restaurants from HTAX funds
- d. Employee Christmas Bonus

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the addition of Monday, December 23rd as a paid floater holiday in lieu of a Christmas bonus.

e. 1719 Dalloz Road

A lien was placed on this property when the city had to demolish at its expense the derelict structures on site. Mr. Williams reported that the lien was recently satisfied when the lot recently sold and the city received a check in the amount of \$6065.40.

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

Chief Sealy reported that he and Sgt. Lori Tumlin met with SCDOT officials regarding traffic issues at Crayton Middle School and Brockman School and are waiting for their decision on FAPD recommended changes. The speeding issue that was brought forward by a resident on Brentwood Road ensued in a 38.5 hour monitoring of vehicle speeds. There was no excessive speeding in the traffic recorded in that area during the monitoring period. Sgt. Tumlin said she would so inform the resident who reported the concern.

8. **Community Forum:**

Frank Droppler with FANA asked Council if they had heard about the pending displacement of residents at Gonzales Gardens in Columbia due to restoration work. Chief Sealy reported that he had received an email from FANA regarding this matter but that he was unaware if there is any available public housing on Covenant Road that would be expected to accommodate any of the displaced residents. Forest Acres has no more information on the matter than was reported in the news.

Valeria Bailey stated that there is a resident's basketball goal is on the street and asked if it could be moved because of the danger of traffic. Administrator Williams said he would contact SCDOT and let them know. Ms. Bailey asked if any reports of gunshots had been made on 11/11/13. Chief Sealy said that he didn't have any calls but that calls may have been received by Richland County.

9. **Council Items:**

Mayor Brunson asked about Sweet Seasons and Administrator Williams said that it was scheduled for December 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Suber, the meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres