

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 22, 2014**

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

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.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting on September 9, 2014
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
Ms. Kososki reported the selection of the engineering teams that will administer TPAC funds and briefly discussed the \$1B project list, noting that the only projects related to Forest Acres is installation of sidewalks from Percival Road to Decker Blvd. and installation of bike lanes that traverse a portion of Forest Acres near dent Middle School.
- b. Citadel Park-revised parking project
Administrator Williams reported that AOS Specialty Contractors had the lowest bid of \$71,763.00 for the revised parking project to create 18 additional on-street parking spaces at Citadel Park. On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously awarded the HTAX project bid to AOS Specialty Contractors.
- c. Pinetree Park
Administrator Williams reported that a lack of consensus by the neighbors of Pinetree Park remains the issue on why the project has not moved forward. Council asked Mr. Williams to contact the residents again.
- d. Quinine Hill Park-SCE&G power pole changes
Administrator Williams reported that the construction is underway on the large distribution pole. SCE&G is hiring a landscape architect to try and reestablish landscaping after the pole project is complete.
- e. Responses to Community Forum Items—trash problems on Valleybrook; Satchelford; vehicles
Administrator Williams stated that the basketball goal has been removed; some of the debris has been removed by Richland County. Trash still remains on the corner of Valleybrook and Satchelford but appears to be an ongoing Richland County codes enforcement issue. Some of the vehicles have also been removed.

4. New Business:

- a. Arborist recommendation of trees needing removal at city hall; authorization to remove
Administrator Williams reported that Brown's Tree Service had the lowest bid of \$5,800.00 On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the removal/trimming of the trees at City Hall to Brown's Tree Service.
- b. Reappoint WD Morris to a new three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
- c. HTAX Committee recommendation for support of Trenholm Artists Guild Holiday Market
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved HTAX funds of \$500.00 to Trenholm Artists Guild Holiday Market.

5. **Old 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 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP.
The ordinance was deferred until after the public hearing on November 12, 2014.

6. **City Administrator's Report:**

- a. Council Retreat
Council agreed to meet on November 19, 2014 at noon for the retreat.
- b. Storage containers at Public Works
Administrator Williams said that the shipping containers need to be relocated to another area of the Public Works site and he will find out how best to move the containers and report on the project cost.

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

Chief Sealy reported on a received complaint about speeding on Arcadia Rd. from the Town of Arcadia Lakes. A stealth stat survey was conducted on two separate weekdays and the results were that the average speed registered was 31mph or less on the first day and the average speed was 25.33 mph on the second day. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. Chief Sealy shared the data with Arcadia Lakes.

Chief Sealy said that several race/parade permits issued for the month of October and police presence was provided.

SCDHEC and the CDC have provided guidance for FAPD regarding the Ebola virus concern.

8. **Community Forum:**

Resident Sophie Thompson spoke at length about an alleged discharge her neighbor's pool draining into her back yard and further stated her belief that the chemicals from that runoff are affecting her physical health. Ms. Thompson asked Council for assistance with the situation. Administrator Williams reported that he and other city personnel had inspected her property and found no evidence of such a discharge but agreed to look further into the matter and report to council.

9. **Council Items:**

No council items to report.

10. **Executive Session-Briefing by City Attorney regarding metal detector operation**

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to receive a briefing by City Attorney regarding metal detection operation.

11. **Adjourn:**

With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Dukes, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrator Assistant
City of Forest Acres