

# MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 9, 2014

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes, Curt Rye, Jr., and Beau Powell 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. Council member Shell Suber 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 August 12, 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 conveyed that there had been no August TPAC meeting. A meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2014. During the July TPAC meeting Richland County Council announced the TPAC program management team. The team members are ICA Engineering, Brownstone, and M.B. Kahn. M.B. Kahn will serve as the administrative partner.

b. Citadel Park-revised parking project

Administrator Williams reported that on September 8<sup>th</sup> eight contractors attended the pre-bid meeting for the parking project. The bids are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

c. Pinetree Park

Administrator Williams referenced the updated revised sketch that was sent to Council regarding the shoulder parking and the resident that had opposed it in the beginning of the project. The revised sketch will be sent to the neighbors surrounding the park to see if a consensus can develop on improvements to the park.

d. Quinine Hill Park-SCE&G power pole changes

Administrator Williams reported that there have been changes at the park that included removal of five trees that an arborist said were diseased and posed a threat to public safety; the remainder of the trees were limbed. SCE&G in installing a 150KV power distribution pole at Quinine. Once the pole installation is complete SCE&G will re-landscape the disturbed area. SCE&G has offered to pay Grimball and Cotterill to complete a professional landscape design for the area.

e. Responses to Community Forum Items—None

**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 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP.

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

b. Authorization for HTAX subsidy for special FAPD holiday season patrol (Est. \$7,000)

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

c. Purchase of three police cars and equipment (Est. \$96,000)

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the purchase of three new police cars and equipment.

d. Authorization to paint areas of FAPD HQ (Est. not to exceed \$5,200)

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the painting of FAPD HQ.

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5. **Old Business:**

There was no old business.

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

a. Removal of streetlight between 4600/4604 Lander

Information was sent to the above residents and no response was received regarding proposed removal of the streetlight. Mr. Williams will notify SCE&G to turn off the street light and remove the pole requested to be removed at 4614 Lander which fed power to the streetlight.

b. GASB 45

Administrator Williams discussed an accounting standard dealing with the city's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), or more specifically retiree health insurance coverage and how the city reports that financial exposure. In 2011 an actuary had estimate the city's financial exposure to be more than \$2m plus \$275,000 per year. The GASB 45 accounting rule requires this calculation to be updated at least every three years, and either funded or reported on the annual financial statement. Williams asked for approval to update the actuarial data by the least expensive, acceptable means possible.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved up to \$2,500 for the audit addition.

c. Columbia City Ballet

Administrator Williams asked Council to take under advisement a letter from Columbia City Ballet for an HTAX grant. Council acknowledged receipt, with no further action being taken.

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

Chief Sealy had no report.

8. **Community Forum:**

Forest Lake Place resident Ms. White asked Council to consider making the presently closed Forest Lake Place Bridge a pedestrian bridge. Mayor Brunson said that was one of the options being considered in the rehabilitation of the bridge.

Valleybrook resident William Brantley informed Council that there is a large pile of trash outside of the apartments on Valleybrook that Richland County is not picking it up. There are cars without license plates being parked on Valleybrook and the basketball goal is back on the side of the road. Administrator Williams said he would reach out to Richland County Council and Forest Acres resident Jim Manning for assistance with these problems.

9. **Council Items:**

No council items to report.

10. **Executive Session-Contract with Cyberwoven**

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss a proprietary promotion project with Cyberwoven.

11. **Adjourn:**

With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Dukes, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen  
Administrator Assistant  
City of Forest Acres

