

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5209 N. TRENHOLM ROAD
August 10, 2021**

Mayor Frank Brunson, Mayor Pro-tem Thomas Andrews, Council members John Barnes and Haskell Kibler were present, along with City Administrator Shaun Greenwood, Police Chief Gene Sealy, and City Attorney William C. Dillard. Council member David Black observed via Zoom. Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith was absent.

Mayor Frank Brunson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Council member Thomas Andrews
Council member Tom Andrews gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 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 CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE XXII, SECTION 21.248, STANDARDS FOR PLACEMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN COVERED AREAS, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES DEPLOYMENT ACT.

City Attorney William Dillard called the public hearing open at 6:02 pm. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain public comment on the changes in the ordinance regarding small wireless facilities. Chief Sealy asked if the poles are currently allowed in our city. Mr. Dillard said that they are allowed.

With their being no questions or concerns either in favor or opposition to the rezoning request from either Council or the public Mr. Dillard closed the public hearing at 6:06 pm.

2. 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 CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 21.161, SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A TIMELINE AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

City Attorney William Dillard called the public hearing open at 6:06 pm. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain public comment on revising the sign permit ordinance. Mr. Greenwood added that the Planning Commission did vote unanimously in favor of adopting the ordinance changes.

With their being no questions or concerns either in favor or opposition to the rezoning request from either Council or the public Mr. Dillard closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

- 2. Oath of Office** – On a motion by Mayor Brunson, Council unanimously agreed to amend the agenda to have the Oath of Office administered to Judge Zack Atkinson.
Judge Zack Atkinson was given the Oath of Office by City Attorney Will Dillard and was sworn in as Chief Municipal Judge for the City of Forest Acres.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. City Council Meeting July 13, 2021
On a motion by Mr. Andrews seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
 - b. Special City Council Meeting July 26, 2021
On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Mayor's Issues & City Projects

- a. Responses to Community Forum Items: Vanwood pothole & corner of Old Mill park, and Valleybrook corner
Administrator Greenwood reported that he contacted the Director of Utilities at the City of Columbia, and the pothole is on their radar for repair. The city is behind on repairs due to being extremely short staffed.

The meeting with the Old Mill HOA regarding the new park was well received and positive. The city will continue to work with the neighborhood.

The vegetation at the corner at Valleybrook has been cut back. The line-of-sight issue will continue to be monitored.

5. Public Comment Related to Items on the Agenda:

Citizens that wish to speak about an item specifically listed on the agenda must call 803-782-9475 by 5 pm the day before the meeting to be added to the list of speakers.

No items to report.

6. New Business:

- a. Discussion and approval of a quote for extensive surveying related to the Clemson and Forest intersection project
Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Andrews seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously authorized the quote of up to \$50,000 for extensive surveying at the Clemson and Forest intersection.
- c. Discussion and approval of a quote for extensive surveying related to the Lakeshore and Forest intersection project
Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council authorized the quote of up to \$28,000 for extensive surveying at the Lakeshore and Forest with a vote of 3 to 1 with Mr. Andrews voting nay.
- d. Appointments and Reappointments:
- a. Discussion and appointment of a replacement for Thomas Andrews on the Htax Committee
On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously appointed Mr. Black as the new chair.
- b. Discussion of Reappointments
- i. Beronica Whisnant
 - ii. Ralph Bailey
 - iii. Jack Cantey
- On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council unanimously reappointed all three Commission members.
- c. Discussion of applications for 1 vacant position on the Planning Commission
- i. Carrie Walker
 - ii. John Goodwin
 - iii. Mark Nidifer
 - iv. Jeff Kososki
- On a motion by Mr. Andrews seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously appointed Carrie Walker to the Planning Commission.

7. 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6307 GOLDBRANCH ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 16806-02-05.
On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the annexation.

- 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 6541 SATCHEL FORD ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 14112-08-03.**
On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Andrews, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- c. **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 CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 21.129 (DISTRICT REGULATIONS) PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL EXEMPTED PROHIBITED USES IN PDD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**
On a motion by Mr. Andrews seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- d. **Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CLARIFYING THE FORMAT TO BE USED IN CODIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22, AFFECTING CHAPTER 15, POLLUTION CONTROL, AND PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY**
On a motion by Mr. Andrews seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance as amended.

8. City Administrator Report:

- a. **Richland Mall**
Mr. Greenwood reported that the owners of Richland Mall are set to receive bids to redevelop the mall due on August 11, 2021.
- b. **Tuscan Gardens/The Heritage**
New developers looking to purchase the property contacted Mr. Greenwood to discuss the PDD. Any changes would have to be approved through the Planning Commission and City Council.
- c. **Annexations**
The five annexations in the Fernwood, Sylvan, and Pinebranch area and will be moving forward with a public hearing on September 14, 2021.

9. Finance Director Report: Monthly Financial Report

Administrator Greenwood said that there was no report this month due to Andy Smith's absence, however, a report will be given at the September meeting.

10. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported that school will begin August 18, 2021.

The open carry law will go into effect on August 15, 2021. FAPD officers have been trained anticipating the law becoming effective. Mr. Greenwood added that MASC has guidance they are providing to municipalities.

A new camera has been installed at the Forest Lake Bridge area and will be live soon.

Chief Sealy gave crime statistics to Council for the month of July.

11. Community Forum:

Resident Kathy Marie Davis reported that there have been vehicles in her Brentwood area with children on the hood of car as it is moving.

Resident Elmira Weston expressed distress regarding medians in Forest Acres having overgrown weeds, etc. and should be cleaned up.

Resident Robert Weston asked Council to consider surveying the Willingham and Forest intersection.

12. Council Items:

Mr. Andrews asked the rest of Council to think about offering a bonus to city employees for getting the Covid vaccine.

13. Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

- a. Receipt of legal advice related to claims and potential claims by and against the City and other matters covered by Attorney-Client Privilege

On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session and return to regular session.

13. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Barnes, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Coordinator
City of Forest Acres