

Forest Acres Planning Commission Minutes December 20, 2022 City Council Chambers 6:00 PM

I. Call to order

1. Determination of a Quorum

2. Statement of Notification

Mr. Jack Cantey, Chair, called the meeting to order. He noted that there was a quorum. Mr. Ellis Creel, Mr. Ralph Bailey, Ms. Nola Armstrong, Mr. Lyle Lee and Mr. Stephen Powell were present. Ms. Beronica Whisnant was absent.

Mr. Andy Smith, Assistant City Administrator was also present.

II. Approval of Minutes -

1. October 18, 2022 - Ms. Armstrong made a motion to approve; Mr. Lee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business

1. Map Amendment - A request to annex and rezone a property at 6482 Bridgewood Road (TMS 16803-05-16) and to establish R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoning.

Mr. Cantey deferred to staff. Mr. Smith identified the property on the Richland County GIS map and identified contiguity with another Forest Acres parcel. He noted that the area is mostly unincorporated Richland County but that this is generally an area where we would like to see annexation, as city services (sanitation, police, etc.) wouldn't be significantly impacted.

Mr. Creel made a motion to approve; Ms. Armstrong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Map Amendment - A request to annex and rezone a property at 4330 Shorebrook Drive (TMS 16802-06-03) and to establish R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoning.

Mr. Smith noted that it's a similar situation and not far from the previous property considered. He demonstrated contiguity with a Forest Acres parcel and discussed that it wouldn't have an adverse impact on city services.

There was some brief discussion of annexation in Forest Acres in light of the city's history and of state law. In particular, the question of why such large swaths of unincorporated areas exist within what is generally considered Forest Acres was addressed. Mr. Smith noted that the city was incorporated in 1935 and that the boundaries were generally delineated by proximity (~1 mile) to Forest Drive, then there was subsequent annexation. Mr. Cantey further noted that, during that time, there were much larger parcels with single landowners and much of it was considered rural. There was further discussion of the mass annexation process.

Mr. Creel made a motion to approve; Mr. Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Map Amendment - A request to annex and rezone a property at 4418 Briarfield Road (TMS 16802-09-04) and to establish R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoning.

Mr. Smith identified this property on the Richland County GIS map and noted contiguity with several Forest Acres parcels. We already service the area, so there will be no disparate impact on city services.

Mr. Creel made a motion to approve; Mr. Lee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment -

Mr. Lee made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Creel seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Smith, Asst. City Administrator/Finance Director (Administrative support of Planning Commission)