

Forest Acres Planning Commission Minutes March 21, 2023 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 at 6:00p. He noted that there was a quorum. Mr. Ellis Creel, Ms. Beronica Whisnant, Ms. Nola Armstrong, Mr. Ralph Bailey, Mr. Lyle Lee and Mr. Stephen Powell were present.

Mr. Andy Smith, Assistant City Administrator was also present. Mr. Cantey asked and Mr. Smith confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed.

II. Approval of Minutes -

1. January 24, 2023 - Ms. Armstrong made a motion to approve; Mr. Creel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business

1. Map Amendment - A request to annex and rezone the property at 6486 Bridgewood Road (TMS 16803-05-17) and to establish R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoning.

Mr. Smith introduced this topic, noting that this is an area targeted for annexation and that city services already exist on this road. Mr. Smith noted that this property is eligible for annexation due to contiguity established by the recent annexation of the neighboring property.

Mr. Creel asked if the city sees this as a viable and good property for annexation. Mr. Smith confirmed that indeed this is consistent with the goals and initiatives of the city and City Council with respect to annexation.

On a motion by Mr. Creel, seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend the proposed annexation and rezoning to City Council.

Mr. Cantey noted that there's a special meeting the first week of April. Mr. Smith confirmed that the consultant working with the city on re-writing the zoning ordinance has provided the first tranche of materials for consideration by the city and that the proposed meeting will address those materials. Mr. Smith noted that

the City Administrator and City Attorney are currently reviewing these materials and, after their review, the materials will be sent to the Planning Commission. Through question-and-answer with Planning Commission members, Mr. Smith noted that the materials will likely look somewhat different than the existing ordinance and will include things, such as overlay districts, that our current ordinance doesn't have. It will also likely be more user-friendly, with charts and examples to help the reader better understand the ordinance.

IV. Adjournment -

Mr. Creel made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:13p.

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