

Forest Acres City Council Meeting

August 11, 2026 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

5205 N Trenholm Rd

Columbia, SC 29206

Agenda

Public Hearing

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 SECTION 21.2.1.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 4515 ARCADIA ROAD (TMS R16804-07-10 and R16804-07-19) FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1A (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)**

Call to Order: (Mayor Thomas Andrews)

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Thomas Andrews

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. City Council Meeting July 14, 2026

2. **Mayor's Issues & City Projects**

- a. Follow up from Community Forum Discussion:
 - i. Pothole on Havanna Court
 - ii. Posting of Crime Stats

3. **Public Comment Related to Items on the Agenda:**

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

4. **New Business:**

- a. Presentation regarding Beautification Foundation
- b. Resolution approving and adopting the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- c. Discussion and approval of a letter of support for Serve and Connect
- d. Discussion and approval of a letter of concern to Richland County Recreation Commission related to potential closures at Trenholm Park
- e. Discussion and approval of a contract with The Spyglass Group LLC for utility audit services
- f. Discussion regarding state law requiring municipalities to change municipal election dates to April or November
- g. Discussion and approval of an update to the City Workplace Violence Policy
- h. **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESOLVING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 21 (UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) TO AMEND SECTION 21.4.9.9 RELATING TO BILLBOARD SIGN STANDARDS; SETTING AND ADVERTISING TO THE PUBLIC THE DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS AMENDMENT; REFERRING THIS AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION; AND, INVOKING THE PENDING ORDINANCE DOCTRINE WITH RESPECT TO THIS AMENDMENT**
- i. **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 21.2.1.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 4515 ARCADIA ROAD (TMS R16804-07-10 and**

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- j. Appointments:
 - a. Beautification Foundation
 - i. Reappointment: Clara Thomas (August 2029)
 - b. Public Safety Foundation
 - i. Open Position: (March 2028)

5. Old Business:

6. City Administrator Report: Richland Mall Update, Grants, Events, Parks, Vehicle Wraps

7. Finance Director Report: Monthly Financial Report

8. Police Chief's Report:

- a. FAPD Monthly Report

9. Community Forum

10. Council Items

11. Executive Session:

- a. Receipt of legal advice related to claims and potential claims and other matters covered by Attorney Client Privilege:
 - i. Beer/wine permit protest matter
 - ii. Water and sewer franchise fee
 - iii. Proposed zoning ordinance amendment – billboard sign standards
 - iv. Election date changes to comply with new state law
- b. Discussion of proposed contractual matters and receipt of legal advice related to:
 - i. Naming rights related to public buildings and structures
 - ii. The potential purchase of property
 - iii. Utility Audit Services

NOTE: Items discussed in Executive Session may result in action by City Council upon its return to general session

12. Adjourn

Topic: City Council 8-11-26

Time: Aug 11, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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