

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL
June 11, 2024**

Mayor Tom Andrews, Mayor Pro-tem David Black, Council members Haskell Kibler, Ryan Newton, and Stephen Oliver were present, along with City Administrator Shaun Greenwood, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Don Robinson, and City Attorney Will Dillard.

Mayor Tom Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Haskell Kibler led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proclamations

On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously agreed to amend the agenda to move the presentation of Proclamations to the AC Flora Golf Team and to Head Golf Coach Robert Dargan.

- a. Proclamation recognizing the exceptional performance and State Championship of the AC Flora Golf Team
Mayor Tom Andrews recognized the men's golf team for their talent and success and presented them with a Proclamation from the City of Forest Acres.
- b. Proclamation recognizing the incredible career and accomplishments of Coach Robert Dargan.
Mayor Tom Andrews recognized Coach Dargan for his time and record at AC Flora High School and presented him with a Proclamation from the City of Forest Acres.

Public Hearing

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
PROVIDING FOR THE RAISING OF REVENUE AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

City Attorney Will Dillard opened the hearing at 6:10 pm stating that the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain public comments on the proposed FY 24-25 City Budget. He added that the proposed budget provides for revenues and expenditures of \$9,994,282 based on a milage rate of 52.1 mils.

With there being no questions or concerns either in favor or opposition to the FY 24-25 budget from either Council or the public, Mr. Dillard closed the public hearing at 6:11 pm.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting May 14, 2024
On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously approved the minutes as amended.
- b. Special City Council Meeting May 22, 2024
On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Mayor's Issues & City Projects

- a. Responses to Community Forum Items:
 - i. Satchel Ford and Valleybrook homes
City Engineer/Building Official Keith Lindler has remained in touch with Richland County and the stop work orders have been lifted and the developer has submitted building plans for review. The surrounding residents have been notified that the city has issued a few of the building permits.
 - ii. Brentwood Speed tables
Administrator Greenwood said that the tables that SC DOT removed to repave must be reapplied for. A petition form has been given to the residents to begin the process. Representative Heather Bauer called the City of Columbia to see if they could offer any

assistance. The COC put the city in touch with a contractor that can put in new speed humps. Mr. Greenwood will be contacting SC DOT tomorrow. We will be reassessing where to put in new speed humps as well.

- iii. Trenholm Road pothole
Mr. Greenwood said that this issue has been reported to SC DOT.

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. FAPD introduction of new officers and promotions
Chief Robinson introduced new officer Joe Gonzales.

Chief Robinson promoted officer Brenden Browning to Corporal.

- b. A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESOLVING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 21 (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO ADD PROVISIONS GOVERNING SMOKE OR VAPE SHOPS; 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

Attorney Will Dillard said that this is not a first reading, it is a resolution to which we attached the existing City of Columbia regulations regarding definitions and spacing requirements. This is a resolution by which Council would resolve to consider this general scheme of zoning regulations for putting into effect an ordinance on the locations of where smoke or vape shops cannot be located.

On a motion by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the resolution.

7. Old 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6431 BRIARWOOD ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER R14115-09-05
On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- b. 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6810 LONGBROOK ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER R16905-04-10
On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- c. 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4714 NORWOOD ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER R14111-04-04
On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Black, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- d. 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4507 MOSSHILL ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER R16803-11-07
On a motion by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the annexation.

- e. 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6540 HALEY DRIVE, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER R14112-08-05
On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- f. 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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4608 BRENTHAVEN ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER R14116-01-09
On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Newton, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- g. First Reading: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE RAISING OF REVENUE AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
Following discussion on a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously approved the 2024-2025 budget.

8. City Administrator Report:

- a. GCMP update
Mr. Greenwood stated that residents are enjoying the splash pad, fishing dock, and the Farmer’s Market at our new park. We are having some minor modifications and repairs completed.
- b. FLP Extension update
This project is complete.
- c. Richland Mall update
The demolition continues and the contractors are moving along quickly.
- d. Zoning Ordinance update
The latest modules have been presented to the Planning Commission. We want to have Council’s comments to the consultants in the next 30 days.
- e. Citadel and Idalia Park water fountains
Kendall Adams and intern Emily Berg are working to have the fountains replaced. We are looking for a heavy duty option since the fountains are used constantly.

9. Finance Director Report: Monthly Financial Report

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Smith reported the General Fund and Hospitality Tax statements through April. Currently we are wrapping up FY 23-24 and have 74% of our budgeted revenue and are tracking along on with 88.5% in expenditures. We are wrapping up the allocation of funds for GCMP completion.

10. Police Chief’s Report:

Chief Robinson reported the May 2024 crime and traffic statistics to Council.

Our K-9 Indy had oral surgery this week but should be back at work next week.

Council member Oliver asked why the number of traffic tickets seems to be going down every month. Chief Robinson said that shoplifting incidents are on the rise and the processing time is lengthy. Traffic accidents take a lot of time as well. Mr. Greenwood added that we are trying to develop outside the box strategies on how to address occurrences, so the officers have more time to run radar all over the city.

Mr. Oliver asked about the security camera at Willingham and Bethel Church being installed. Chief said that now that school is out there is a camera they are looking at relocating to the location.

11. Community Forum:

No items to report.

12. Council Items:

No items to report.

13. Executive Session:

On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:20 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
 - i. Proposed opioid class action settlement
 - ii. Recourse regarding public nuisance property
 - iii. Potential purchase of vacant property

- b. Receipt of legal advice and discussion of contractual matters related to:
 - i. Potential purchase of vacant property
 - ii. Financing Options for Mall Park Project

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

On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Newton Council unanimously agreed to rejoin regular session.

On a motion by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously agreed to authorize the City Attorney to execute the Kroger opioid settlement participation documents as discussed in Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously agreed to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate for purchase of vacant property as discussed in Executive Session.

13. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Coordinator
City of Forest Acres