

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL
July 9, 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 David Black led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. City Council Meeting June 11, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

b. Special City Council Meeting June 25, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects

a. Responses to Community Forum Items:

i. Speed humps on Brentwood

Administrator Greenwood said that we are continuing to work with SC DOT on this issue.

ii. Satchel Ford/Valleybrook

The last permit has been issued for the construction of the new homes.

4. 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.

5. New Business:

a. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing John Chamberlin and Dottie Reynolds

Mayor Andrews recognized John Chamberlin and Dottie Reynolds and their thirty eight years of owning Casual Living and their dedication to Forest Acres.

6. Old Business:

No items to report.

7. City Administrator Report:

a. GCMP update

Mr. Greenwood said that we are still working on a couple of small issues with the water on the splash pad.

b. FLP Extension update

This part of project is complete, but we are not closing it out until the water issues at GCMP are resolved.

c. Richland Mall update

The demolition continues and the contractors are moving along.

d. Zoning Ordinance update

We just received the portions on administration and enforcement and will be reviewing.

e. Citadel and Idalia Park water fountains
We have received the bids we need for replacement and are moving forward.

f. Concert series
A three part series has been organized and Lexington Medical Center is sponsoring the events. The dates are August 9th, September 12th, and October 3rd.

8. Finance Director Report: Monthly Financial Report

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Smith reported that we just finished up FY '23-'24 and there are a lot of moving parts on getting everything closed out. We do have some anticipated revenue and accruals to process.

9. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Robinson reported the July 2024 crime statistics.

The newly purchased less lethal pepper ball gun was introduced.

10. Community Forum:

No items to report.

11. Council Items:

Mayor Andrews asked for a moment of silence in honor of our Administrative Assistant Leigh Ann Poston who unexpectedly passed away on June 28, 2024.

Council member Oliver reported that he's drafted a letter to send to Representatives of Forest Acres to ask for potential funds to upgrade the park.

12. Executive Session:

On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 6:45 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. Potential purchase of vacant property
 - ii. Recourse regarding public nuisance property
- b. Receipt of legal advice and discussion of contractual matters related to:
 - i. Potential purchase of vacant property
 - ii. Potential construction of entryway signage
- c. Discussion of personnel matters related to:
 - i. City Administrator's annual performance evaluation
 - ii. Police Chief's annual performance evaluation

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

On a motion by Mr. ? seconded by Mr. ?, Council unanimously agreed to return to regular session.

On a motion by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously authorized staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for acquisition of the property located at 1416 Colin Kelly Drive.

13. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Black, Council adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres