

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL
April 14, 2026**

Mayor Tom Andrews, Mayor Pro-tem Haskell Kibler, Council members David Black, Stephen Oliver, and Ryan Newton were present, along with City Administrator Shaun Greenwood, Assistant City Administrator Kendall Adams, Finance Director Brittany Adams, 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

Mayor Pro-tem Haskell Kibler led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. New Business

- b. A RESOLUTION HONORING CATHY WILSON AND MARGUERITE CARLISLE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES THROUGH THEIR OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE

Mayor Andrews presented Cathy Wilson and Marguerite Carlisle with a Resolution for their thirty-five years as owners of The Original Pancake House and honoring their service to the city and their retirement.

- c. A RESOLUTION HONORING SCOTT AND LAUREN GOODALE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES THROUGH THEIR OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF PASTA FRESCA

Mayor Andrews presented Scott and Lauren Goodale with a Resolution for their nearly twenty years as owners of Pasta Fresca and honoring their service to the city and their retirement.

- d. A RESOLUTION HONORING COACH ANDY HALLETT FOR ACHIEVING HIS 600TH CAREER WIN, FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME, AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING AND SUSTAINING THE FOREST ACRES CLASSIC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Mayor Andrews acknowledged the Resolution he presented AC Flora's Coach Andy Hallett on April 6, 2026, at the Forest Acres Baseball Classic.

Public Hearing:

1. AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 21 (UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) TO PROHIBIT SMOKE OR VAPE SHOPS AND SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR IN THE COVENANT CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OVERLAY SUBDISTRICT

City Attorney Will Dillard opened the hearing at 6:12 pm stating that the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain public comments regarding a proposed change to the city's zoning ordinance in the Covenant Crossing Neighborhood Center. The Planning Commission voted four to one on the proposed change. With there being no comments or questions Mr. Dillard closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

2. 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 SECTION 4-3 PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY USE OF GOATS FOR PRESCRIBED GRAZING AND ADOPTING PERMIT FEES

City Attorney Will Dillard opened the hearing at 6:13 pm stating that the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain public comments on a proposed ordinance that would allow temporary use of goats for prescribed grazing and the adoption of permit fees. With there being no comments or questions Mr. Dillard closed the public hearing at 6:14 pm.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting March 10, 2026
On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Mayor's Issues & City Projects

- a. Follow up from Community Forum Discussion:

5. 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 5 pm the day before the meeting to be added to the list of speakers.
- i. Stan Harpe 5(e) – No show.
 - ii. Toby Ward 5(e) – Non-resident Toby Ward spoke in support of the sewer easement agreement.

6. New Business

- a. Presentation by FAPD of new officer
Chief Don Robinson introduced new police officer Noah Simmons.
- e. Presentation of Annual Audit
Bill Hancock of the Brittingham Group stated that the audit resulted in no significant findings, and that a clean and unmodified opinion of the city's financial statements has been issued.
- 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 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 1338 SUNNYSIDE DRIVE (TMS R13907-01-09) AND 1346 SUNNYSIDE DRIVE (TMS R13907-01-11) FROM PDD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) TO R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)
On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council agreed to defer this ordinance first reading with 4 to 0. Mr. Newton recused himself from the discussion and deferral.
- g. Discussion and approval of RFQ Submittals for Marketing Services related the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Grant
Lynnsey Baker, Director of Communications relayed that NP Strategies has been selected by RFQs to conduct a preventative marketing study regarding the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Grant.
- h. Appointments:
- a. Zoning Board of Appeals
 - i. Open Position (December 2028)
 1. Claiborne E. (Gene) Reeder
 2. Calhoun McMeekinOn a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously appointed Calhoun McMeekin to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - b. HTax Committee
 - i. Open Position (March 2028)
 1. Rebecca Creel
 2. Anna SaundersOn a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Newton, Council unanimously appointed Anna Saunders to the HTax committee.
 - c. Beautification Foundation
 - i. 2 Open Positions
 1. Monica Smith

2. Cynthia Steele

On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously appointed both Monica Smith and Cynthia Steele to the Beautification Foundation.

- d. Public Safety Foundation
 - i. Open Position (August 2027)
 - ii. Open Position (March 2028)

7. Old Business

- a. Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 21 (UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) TO PROHIBIT SMOKE OR VAPE SHOPS AND SALES OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN THE COVENANT CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OVERLAY SUBDISTRICT
On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Black, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- b. Second 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 6329 SACHEL FORD ROAD, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 14111-06-04
On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Kibler, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- c. Second 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 5700 LAKESHORE DRIVE, RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 16707-02-03
On a motion by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Black, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- d. Second 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 SECTION 4-3 PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY USE OF GOATS FOR PRESCRIBED GRAZING AND ADOPTING PERMIT FEES
On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Black, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- e. Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, APPROVING A SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH 5213 TRENHOLM, LLC (identified on First Reading as Wings Investments, LLC) RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAP NO. R14013-02-24 (5209 N. TRENHOLM ROAD)
On a motion by Mr. Black seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council agreed to defer this ordinance second reading with a vote of 4 to 0. Mr. Newton recused himself from the discussion and deferral.

8. City Administrator Report

- a. Richland Mall Update
Mr. Greenwood reported that the clearing of concrete debris continues.
- b. City Parks
Mr. Greenwood said that Citadel Park was reopened and being utilized well. A couple of equipment repairs still need to be completed. We are waiting on the parts to be shipped. The bench swings are expected to be delivered at the beginning of July.

The new sign panels at both Citadel and Quinine Park have been painted and the panels will be completed shortly.

Council member Oliver relayed that he has been contacted regarding the water pressure being affected for neighbors of Citadel Park when our irrigation system is running. Mr. Greenwood said he will talk to the Streets and Parks department and have the timing adjusted.

c. Grants

Assistant City Administrator Kendall Adams reported that currently this month, three new grants have been submitted for FAPD and personnel totaling approximately \$370,000.00. Mr. Greenwood added that the EV grant we applied for through the Council of Governments was not awarded to the city. If the grant comes up again, we will reapply.

d. Sweep the Acres

Lynnsey Baker thanked Council member Kibler and Clark McCarthy for bringing this event to Forest Acres five years ago. This year's successful event had nearly 300 attendees and approximately 15-20 vendors.

e. Forest Acres Festival and other upcoming events

Lynnsey Baker said that the festival hosted by the Forest Acres Rotary Club is set for Saturday, April 25, 2026 and expected to be well attended. Mrs. Baker stated that the Bankhead Smash Canter Tennis Tournament at Rockbridge and the Run Forest Run 5K will also happen on April 25, 2026. Arts in the Acres hosted by the Town Theatre will be at Gills Creek Memorial Park on Sunday, April 26, 2026. The Therapalooza 5K hosted by The Therapy Place will be on May 9, 2026, and Lexington Health's Heart and Sole 5K will be held on May 16, 2026.

f. Harvard Kennedy School

Mr. Greenwood said that he has applied on multiple occasions for Executive Leadership in State Government and was accepted this year. He will attend Harvard for three weeks in June of this year.

g. State Advisory Committee on Education Requirements for Local Government Planning or Zoning Officials and Employees

Mr. Greenwood reported that he was recently appointed to the committee by the Governor and will serve at the quarterly meetings.

h. Budget Workshop

Mr. Greenwood said that the workshop will be on April 21, 2026, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Parker Poe offices on Main Street.

i. Market Study

Mr. Greenwood said that we are having the study conducted for the type of hotel to be at the mall site or in our area generally. Mrs. Baker and Mr. Greenwood will be meeting with the team on April 15, 2026.

9. Finance Director Report: Monthly Financial Report

Brittany Adams reported that currently we have received approximately 75% of our anticipated revenues through March 2026 and at 53.8% regarding expenses for the year. Mr. Greenwood added that we are in the last month of the 2025 business license year and the building department are busy with 2026 renewals.

10. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Robinson reported the March 2026 crime statistics.

FAPD has two positions that are out of service currently and one open officer position.

Half of our officers attended a domestic violence and weapons charges training with our DV and DUI prosecutors today and the other half will attend on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

11. Community Forum:

Resident Bryan Walters stated that Lumos is working on his street and asked about any recourse on the landscaping that is uprooted by the company. Mr. Greenwood said that they should only be working in the right of way, however, we can reach out to Lumos and report any private property issues.

12. Council Items:

Council member Oliver said that the Forest Acres Baseball Classic was successful over spring break.

Council member Black said stop-strips at Atascadero and Bethel Church are fading. Mr. Greenwood stated we would follow up with SCDOT for solution.

13. Executive Session:

On a motion by Mr. Kibler seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council agreed to go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

- a. Receipt of legal advice related to claims and potential claims and other matters covered by Attorney Client Privilege:
 - i. Olde Park Retaining Wall
- b. Discussion of contractual matters and receipt of legal advice related to:
 - i. Sewer easement on City property
- c. Discussion of contractual matters related to City Attorney evaluation and contract.

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 and seconded by Mr. Oliver Council unanimously agreed to return to general session.

12. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Oliver, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Asst. City Clerk/HR Director
City of Forest Acres