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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Council Chambers – Springdale Town Hall, 2915 Platt Springs Road

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of this meeting. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Reeley, Wilkerson and Hallman

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Peters

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Police Chief Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Attorney Ward Bradley

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley voted unanimously to amend the September 16, 2019 agenda to add Public Comment.

III. Public Comment (Amended)

Public Comment was made by Donald Kinkle.

IV. Presentations

A. Fred Delk, Executive Director, Columbia Development Corporation. Mayor Bishop introduced Mr. Delk and Jeff Woodruff, Real Estate Agent with RE/MAX. Mr. Delk discussed previous and current revitalization efforts by Columbia Development Corporation in the City of Columbia. Council held a discussion with Fred Delk, Jeff Woodruff and Attorney Ward Bradley concerning possible revitalization and rehabilitation efforts to problem properties in Town. Mayor Bishop stated that the goal of these efforts would be to improve home values and decrease crime in the Town. Council requested Attorney Ward Bradley to research the viability of these efforts and report back.

V. Items for Discussion

A. Town Property Behind Dollar General. Council held a discussion concerning selling the Town-owned property behind Dollar General. Administrator Watkins stated that the Town has no access to this property and the property cannot be developed. She discussed conversations she had with two real estate appraisers, whose opinion was that it would not be worth the money to have it appraised. Council held a discussion with Jeff Woodruff, Administrator Watkins and Attorney Ward Bradley concerning selling the property. Council agreed to send certified mail to notify the adjoining property-owners of the Town’s intent to sell the property, clearly stating that the property cannot be developed. It was agreed that the adjoining property-owners would have a period of two weeks to respond to the notice before the Town moves forward with the sale of the property.

VI. Town Council Reports

- A. Town Signs. Council agreed to take this item off of the Work Session agenda for the rest of the year.
- B. Springdale Elementary School. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas discussed their tour of the Lexington County School District Two Innovation Center. Councilmember Fecas stated that the Innovation Center is a wonderful resource for students and shared a list of services offered by the cosmetology program.
- C. Parrish Plantation. Attorney Ward Bradley discussed a letter he sent to DHEC Engineer John McCain after a telephone conversation between them concerning Parrish Pond. Attorney Bradley stated that Mr. McCain promised to work on the issues concerning the pond but he has not heard back from him yet.
- D. DOT. Councilmember Fecas discussed an update from Representative Micah Caskey concerning Wilton Road, stating that funding for the construction project is scheduled for a vote at the next SCDOT Commission Meeting on September 19, 2019 and he expects funding to be approved. Councilmember Fecas discussed a correspondence from a resident inquiring if funding will be designated for removal of debris caused by the dam failure.
- E. Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins stated that the splash pad is closed.
- F. Elected Officials. Mayor Bishop stated that it was good to spend time with Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers during the Lexington School District Two Innovation Center tour. Councilmember Fecas discussed a conversation she had with Don Icenhower, Chief Operations Officer of Lexington School District Two concerning playground equipment and shade sails that could possibly be donated to the Town. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that an attorney contacted him pertaining to a possible legal matter and that he would attend the next Town Council Regular Meeting and speak during Public Comment.

VII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Attest:

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk