

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

February 5, 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, Hallman, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, and Attorney Ward Bradley

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda. Council unanimously approved the minutes for the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting, January 14, 2019 Special Meeting and the January 14, 2019 Work Session.

III. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-19-01; AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS AS A PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT. (2nd and Final Reading). Council, on motion by Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-19-02; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$750,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2019 OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (2nd Reading). Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

IV. New Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-19-03; PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX ON THE SALES OF PREPARED MEALS AND BEVERAGES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE (1st Reading). Mayor Bishop called on Administrator Watkins to discuss this item. Administrator Watkins stated that the idea of the Hospitality Tax was brought up several months prior and she conducted research regarding the potential revenue. She stated that many neighboring municipalities currently have a Hospitality Tax in place and we could use the revenue for tourism related expenses. Mayor Bishop called for any discussion of the ordinance. Councilmember Hallman asked Administrator Watkins how many

restaurants this tax would effect and she stated at least 5. Mayor Bishop stated that he doesn't know of any municipalities around us that do not impose such tax. Councilmember Peters stated she has a hard time imposing a tax when she feels that most of the customers frequenting the Springdale restaurants are residents. Councilmember Fecas stated that she feels the majority of consumers eating at Springdale restaurants are not residents. She continued by stating she does not feel the tax would deter anyone from eating at a restaurant in Springdale if the tax was imposed.

Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mayor Bishop, Councilmember Wilkerson, Councilmember Fecas, and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard all voted in favor. Councilmember Peters, Councilmember Reeley, and Councilmember Hallman all opposed.

- B. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-19-04; ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE COUNTY OF LEXINGTON'S UPDATED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE (18-21) INTO THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES. Administrator Watkins stated that we currently have adopted the County of Lexington's Animal Control Ordinance which allows them to enforce animal control in the town. She stated the County of Lexington has made changes to their ordinance and to continue with that agreement, we needed to adopt their changes. Council on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

V. Reports

- A. Town Council Reports. Councilmember Fecas stated she will be attending her final Municipal Elected Officials Advance Training. Councilmember Peters had nothing to report. Councilmember Wilkerson asked if there was any update on the next town sign. Administrator Watkins stated that the town had placed the down payment on the second sign and they were currently working on it. Mayor Bishop stated that we are working on the town documentary and asked for assistance from Council for those meetings. He continued by stating he was asked to speak at the President's Reception at Midlands Technical College. Mayor Bishop stated that he and Administrator Watkins had met with the City of Cayce and other individuals about a beautification project for the Airport Blvd. corridor. Councilmember Reeley stated he had attended his first CMRTA Meeting as a newly appointed official of their board. He stated he was scheduled to have a meeting with Director John Andoh soon to discuss transit in the community. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmember Peters, and Councilmember Hallman had nothing to report.
- B. Police Report. Chief Cornett was absent; therefore there was nothing to report.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, began his report by stating he began a beautification project in the park. They were continuing to work on that project with more plantings coming behind the splash pad. He stated he was working with SCE&G to get a quote on moving the power pole located directly behind the sign on Wattling Road. He continued by stating he was working on grants for recycling and litter control programs. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard praised Scott and his crew for the work they had done in the park.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Town Administrator, Ashley Watkins, stated she was meeting with an architect next week about the property next door. She stated that two new pieces of the splash pad had been ordered and would be in before opening. She continued by stating she had received a rezoning request for a portion of 2909 Platt Springs Road and that request would be on the Planning Commissions upcoming meeting.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Ward Bradley stated he had some model Firework Ordinances drafted for review. Mayor Bishop stated it would be a good idea to add that discussion to the next work session. Councilmember Fecas thanked Attorney Bradley for providing that information to Council.

VI. Appearance by Residents. No residents signed in to speak at public comment.

VII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Watkins, Town Administrator