

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

March 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Wilkerson, Peters, Fecas, and Reeley, Town Attorney Danny Scott, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Hallman.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting and the February 18, 2016 special session.

III. Presentations and Proclamations

A. P-16-01: March for Meals Month. Mayor Bishop read the proclamation recognizing March, 2016 as March for Meals Month. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve Proclamation P-16-01, recognizing March for Meals month.

B. Mr. Eddie Powell. Chief Cornett presented the Excellence in Service Award to Mr. Eddie Powell for his eight years of service as a member of the Springdale Police Department.

IV. 2015 Fiscal Audit Presentation – Matt Joy from The Hobbs Group

A. Mr. Matt Joy presented the results of the 2015 Fiscal Audit to the Town Council. Mr. Joy related that the Town earned an unmodified opinion, the best rating that the audit could produce.

V. Old Business

A. Consideration of O-16-01: An Ordinance amending the Town of Springdale Zoning Map for the Property Located at 3400 Platt Springs Road at the corner of West Fairhill Drive (TMS# 0056-02-014) from R-1 Residential to C-1 General Commercial. Mayor Bishop presented the ordinance for second

reading and permitted public comment on it. Mr. Joe Blackwell voiced concerns about traffic, noise, and property values. Ms. Polly Buff shared similar concerns. Administrator Stilwell alleviated concerns by discussing the effects of rezoning the property and the buffers that would exist between it and the neighborhood. Ms. Rachael Roddy expressed concerns about the buffer. Administrator Stilwell stated that he would encourage DOT to ensure that no entrance onto the property would spill onto West Fairhill Drive. Mayor Bishop expressed his sympathies with residents' concerns and vowed to make sure the change would not have a negative impact on the neighborhood. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to give second reading to O-16-01: An Ordinance amending the Town of Springdale Zoning Map for 3400 Platt Springs Road to rezone it from R-1 Residential to C-1 General Commercial.

B. Discussion of Platt Springs Road Master Plan Progress. Council took no action on the Platt Springs Road Master Plan.

VI. New Business

A. Adopt the Platt Springs Road Master Plan. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adopt the Platt Springs Road Master Plan.

B. Approve \$10,000 in grant matching funds for the Midlands Council of Governments to plan bicycle and pedestrian paths connecting Springdale with West Columbia and Cayce. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve \$10,000 in grant matching funds for a bicycle and pedestrian study with the Central Midlands Council of Governments, the City of West Columbia, and the City of Cayce.

C. Approve waiving business licenses for a food truck rally on Friday, April 1, 2016. Mayor Bishop explained the impact that food trucks were having on communities throughout the state and discussed the Town hosting its own food truck rally to bring more attention to Springdale. Council, on motion of Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve waiving business license fees for food truck rally participants on April 1, 2016.

VII. Reports

A. Town Council Reports. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard thanked the Police Department, and Mr. Powell in particular, for their hard work. He also asked about the possibility of doing another barbeque as the Town did for its anniversary last year. Council expressed its support for this event.

B. Administrative Report. Administrator Stilwell discussed filing economic interest forms for Councilmembers. He also mentioned the annual meeting for the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

C. Public Works Director's Report. Public Works Director Ancik's Report was received as information by Council. Mayor Bishop discussed the upcoming Easter in Springdale Event. Councilmember Fecas praised Public Works employee Josh Thomas's customer service.

D. Chief's Report. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with the Council. Chairman Fecas asked about zoning violations and Chief Cornett and Administrator Stilwell explained the process for code enforcement. Chief Cornett also discussed upcoming events. Chief Cornett informed Council that the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy has approached Springdale about being a pilot agency

for domestic violence documentation and participating in the next domestic violence training video. Chief Cornett also introduced the department's newest officer, Forrest Gant.

VIII. Appearance by Citizens

No public comment was made.

IX. Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter regarding property acquisition and future development

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter involving property acquisition and future development. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to exit executive session at 7:15 p.m. No action was taken during executive session.

X. Action Taken from Executive Session

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Jeff Stilwell
Town Administrator