

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
December 5, 2017 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 Peters, and Fecas, Town Attorney Danny Scott, and Administrator Ashley Watkins. Councilmember Hallman joined the meeting by phone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmembers Reeley and Wilkerson.

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 adopted the agenda for the meeting without objection.

B. Approval of Minutes. Council adopted the minutes from the November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting and the November 20, 2017 Work Session.

III. New Business

A. Approval of Town Calendar. Councilmember Fecas spoke on behalf of Councilmember Wilkerson, whom she stated would be out of town on the January 2, 2018 Town Council meeting. Administrator Watkins also pointed out that Councilmember Reeley would be absent January 2 as would she. Councilmember Peters questioned having a Council meeting on July 3, 2018 given that the next day is a holiday. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the Town Calendar for 2018. Mayor Bishop and Administrator Watkins discussed new ways to deliver the Town Calendar to residents.

B. Discussion of Accommodation Tax Committee. Mayor Bishop informed Council of the need to create a board due to the amount of accommodation tax revenue. Councilmember Fecas requested that Mayor Bishop put information about the committee in his newsletter. She also asked who needed to comprise the committee and Administrator Watkins stated that it would be businesses, residents, and hotel owners.

C. Discussion of Draft Ordinance O-17-13, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances: Licenses and Business Regulations, Section 2 “Definitions”, to include new provisions for renters of residential property within Town Limits. Special Projects Coordinator John Rabon provided Council with information on the need for a new ordinance that would not monetarily penalize property owners with only one rental property, as the current business license ordinance would require them to get a business license regardless of how many rental properties they own within Town. Mr. Rabon stated that

the ordinance was still being drafted based on his research and conversations with other municipalities that have enacted similar programs. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas thanked him for his work on the ordinance.

IV. Reports

A. Town Council Reports. Mayor Bishop asked if anyone had a report to add and Council did not respond.

B. Chief's Report. Sergeant Manuel reviewed the Police Department's monthly report and statistics with the Council. Sergeant Manuel also discussed Chief Cornett's return from the FBI National Academy. Councilmember Fecas noted her observations of court that morning.

C. Public Works Director's Report. Public Works Director Ancik thanked West Columbia Public Works for their help hanging Christmas banners and decorations. He also informed Council of work done on the medians, the Yard of the Month, and the results of the new garbage pickup schedule. Mayor Bishop also thanked West Columbia for providing bleachers for the Christmas Tree Lighting and Councilmember Fecas thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the Christmas Tree Lighting.

D. Administrative Report. Administrator Watkins thanked everyone involved in the Christmas Tree Lighting the previous evening. She also discussed the upcoming Christmas parade with Council. She also informed Council of the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Planned Development District known as The Preserve at Roof Farm and Planning Commission Chair Bill Jordan informed Council as to the reasoning behind the Commission's recommendation to approve the PDD changes. Council discussed the lot size changes with Ms. Watkins and Mr. Jordan. Councilmember Fecas reiterated that both the minimum square feet of heated space and maximum lot coverage were not changed in the proposed plan.

V. Appearance by Residents

No members of the public spoke before Council.

VI. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk