

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

July 17, 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 Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers, Reeley, Fecas, Wilkerson, and Interim Town Administrator Ashley Watkins. Councilmember Hallman joined by phone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Peters and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, unanimously voted to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding administration.

III. Old Business

A. Shed for Public Works and PD. Mayor Bishop discussed possible locations including Pond Drive and Delree Street. Council discussed the possibility of purchasing the property at Delree and locating the shed there.

B. Splash Pad Update. Public Works employee Mr. Joshua Thomas provided an update on efforts to have a new splash pad constructed in the park and gave Council examples that the splash pad company had drawn up. Council discussed the upcoming meeting with the company on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Mayor Bishop asked whether the plans included redoing the park's stormwater drainage and Mr. Thomas responded that these plans were only for the splash pad and informed Council that West Columbia would not assist with hooking up to the water. Council discussed the splash pad amenities and costs. Council discussed how to afford a new splash pad including grants and accommodations tax funds. Council also discussed including shades for the park playground equipment and putting the equipment out for bid. Mayor Bishop asked for more information on the PARD Grant and Special Projects Coordinator John Rabon and Mr. Thomas provided an overview of it. Council discussed the timeline for starting the project. Council discussed reinstating a hospitality board for the Town as its accommodations money has gone above the level at which the state requires a municipality to have such a board.

C. Pond Drive Property Update. Council discussed the use of property on Pond Drive. Councilmember Fecas brought up the proposed bark park and Council discussed getting Miss Jessica Watson who proposed the idea to attend the next Town Council Regular Meeting.

D. Elementary School Update. Council discussed their displeasure with the lack of information from Lexington County School District 2. Councilmember Fecas provided an update based on her conversations with Springdale Elementary personnel. Mayor Bishop discussed appointing Councilmembers to individual projects. Council discussed seeking more information about the school renovations from the school district. Councilmember Fecas suggested meeting with School Board Member Kevin Key for updates.

E. Parrish Plantation Update. Council discussed updates with the effects of the elementary school construction and drainage issues in Parrish Plantation. Council also discussed sidewalks along Kitty Hawk Drive and the possibility of that project being finished. Councilmember Fecas suggested talking to the Municipal Association of South Carolina to find more grant funding.

F. Bear Brach Update. Mayor Bishop informed Council that D.R. Horton has nearly completed getting all of the permits it needs before construction can begin. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard brought up the question of whether sidewalks would be permitted and Council discussed Lexington County's hesitance to allow sidewalks in the subdivision.

G. Water Project Update. Mayor Bishop discussed his conversations with engineering firms on the Request for Qualifications for a water distribution system. Mr. Rabon provided an update on the RFQ process and interest in the request as well as potential funding.

H. Welcome and Town Hall Signs Update. Mr. Rabon provided an update on the Request for Proposals for signs. Council discussed the process for the RFP and past efforts on getting signs for the Town. Council discussed which projects should be priorities for administration. Interim Administrator Watkins discussed a sponsorship banner for Airport High School with the Council.

IV. New Business

A. Mobile 311 Presentation and Discussion. This agenda item was not discussed due to the resignation of Administrator Stilwell.

V. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter Concerning Administration

A. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 6:50 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter concerning administration.

VI. Return to Open Session

A. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. Mayor Bishop announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Ashley Watkins as Interim Town Administrator.

VII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk