



**MINUTES**  
**Town Council Work Session**  
**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm**  
**2915 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170**

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

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmembers Hallman, Hook, Wilbourne, Fecas, and Reeley.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation, and Mayor Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda

Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

**3. Discussion**

A. Town Council Tour of Springdale. Council agreed to call a special meeting for the tour of Springdale in May.

B. Summerfest. Municipal Clerk Eden provided an update on Summerfest planning, stating that entertainment has been booked and sponsorship letters were being mailed.

C. Hot Dogs in the Park. Mayor Ricard stated that the event will be held at the little park between Pond and Sighthler Drive, at 6:00 pm. He stated that volunteers should arrive around 5:00 pm – 5:15 pm.

D. Springdale Municipal Complex. Kevin Key of Lyn-Rich Contracting was present for the meeting and discussed change orders for the roof repairs. Council discussed changes to the front entrance of the municipal complex.

E. Future Property Purchases. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Reeley agreed to ask for an appraisal report on the property in question.

F. Police Department Retention. Administrator Watkins and Chief Richbourg discussed changes to the Police Department retention plan, including salaries and incentives. Chief Richbourg stated that South Carolina has a severe shortage of officers, because individuals are leaving law enforcement and new recruits are low. He stated that large departments are cutting positions to offer large sign-on incentives, which creates competition for smaller agencies. Councilmember Fecas stated that she appreciated the creativeness of the plan. Councilmember Hallman stated that he supports the new plan but would like to know up front about changes of this nature.

#### 4. **Town Council Reports**

- A. Parrish Plantation – Ricard. Mayor Ricard discussed planning for pond management meetings.
- B. Elected Officials – Councilmember Hook reported he reached out to Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers concerning issues with dispatch, and that she requested reports to review so she can look into the problem. Councilmember Fecas reminded Council that Springdale will be hosting the Lexington County Municipal Association meeting in May and Lexington County Councilmember Debbie Summers will be in attendance. Administrator Watkins stated that Pretty Pictures has agreed to schedule another day for headshots and asked for Council’s input on potential dates. Councilmember Fecas discussed inviting intern Natalie Faustine to an upcoming Council meeting to give feedback on her experience at Springdale. Administrator Watkins stated that Natalie has done an excellent job.
- C. Kitty Hawk Sidewalk – Ricard. Councilmember Hook stated that the property owner at the corner of Kitty Hawk Drive and Albatross Street has graciously agreed to grant the Town an easement for the sidewalk project. Mayor Ricard stated that HPG Consulting Engineers is applying for easements this week and the project will go out for bid next week.
- D. Sewer Expansion – Wilbourne. Administrator Watkins stated that awards have not been announced yet.
- E. Cottages at Roof’s Pond – Wilkerson. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported that the build out of the second phase has begun and there are about a dozen families living in phase 1. Councilmember Fecas inquired about a SCDOT traffic study. Administrator Watkins stated that a traffic study was completed and the subdivision will have two entrances and exits.
- F. Platt Springs Road Corridor – Reeley – Councilmember Reeley discussed brick work being completed on the Performing Arts Center. Council discussed future plans for the George I. Pair property.
- G. Durham Drive Dam – Hook. Councilmember Wilbourne discussed documents related to the Durham Drive Dam that Attorney Bradley is to review.
- H. Town Events – Ricard. No report.
- I. Murphy Express – Hallman. Councilmember Hallman stated that Murphy is open for business. Administrator Watkins and Mayor Ricard discussed a meeting with Murphy representative John Goetz.
- J. Town Parks – Wilkerson. No report.
- K. Springdale Municipal Complex – No report.
- L. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas stated that a meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> with Winston Court residents. She discussed the Citizens Academy, stating she will be meeting with administrative staff soon to begin planning. Council discussed inquiring about a crosswalk across Platt Springs near Town Hall for pedestrians.

**5. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk