



# MINUTES

Town Council Work Session  
Monday, January 23, 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, Reeley, Hook, Wilbourne, and Fecas (joined via Zoom)

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, 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. 2023 Strategic Planning

A. Updates

1) 10-year Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Fecas complimented the Planning Commission and administrative staff on the appearance of the document. She stated that she reviewed the plan and will send notes to Administrator Watkins. Administrator Watkins stated that a special meeting will likely need to be held in February to review the future land use map.

2) Parrish Plantation. Mayor Ricard discussed a meeting he had with Bryan Moore from the Parrish Plantation Homeowner’s Association. He stated that Parrish will likely hire a pond management company to manage the pond.

3) Native American Proclamation. Mayor Ricard discussed a request to adopt a proclamation to declare the month of November as Native American Heritage Month. Council agreed to move forward with drafting the proclamation.

4) Lexington School District 2 PAC Tour. Council agreed to tour the PAC on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

5) Cottages at Roof’s Pond. Council expressed their excitement for the project. Mayor Ricard stated that two residents are living in the development so far.

6) Town Owned Property on Kirkwood Drive. Mayor Ricard asked Council to keep the Kirkwood Drive property on their mind for future uses. Councilmember Fecas discussed using the property as a starting place for a walking trail, and promotional signage

7) Town of Lexington Force Main. Mayor Ricard stated that he will provide an update as soon as he is able to.

8) Headshots for Website. Mayor Ricard stated that another date will be scheduled for whoever needs to have their picture taken.

9) MASC MEOI Classes. Mayor Ricard encouraged Council to attend the Municipal Association's Municipal Elected Officials Institute.

10) Culvert on Watling Road. Mayor Ricard discussed a productive meeting with Shane Williamson of SCDOT. He stated that Mr. Williamson will look into the issue with the culvert. Mayor Ricard will report back to Council once more information is available. Councilmember Fecas discussed a repair at Hollydale Drive and Pond Drive.

## B. Updates

### 1) C-Funds

- 2022 – Kitty Hawk Sidewalk Project (initiate construction by 06/2023)
  - Easements
- 2023 Proposed Project Ideas

Mayor Ricard discussed speaking with realtors concerning easements along the sidewalk path. He stated that the project engineer would draft plans and reach out to the property owners. Council agreed to vote on a price per easement at the next Council meeting. Council discussed possible uses for C-Funds. Council agreed to discuss this item further at the next work session.

2) Kitty Hawk Lights (Durham to Albatross). Mayor Ricard stated that he will update Council when more information is available.

3) Council Field Trip. Mayor Ricard stated that Council would like to tour the Town again, and would likely need two hours. Council agreed that April would be a good time.

4) Proposed Walking Trail. Councilmember Fecas stated that she will send a map of the proposed walking trail to Council. Council agreed to revisit this item in the near future.

5) Town Signs. Mayor Ricard discussed enclosing the stone columns of the existing Town Signs with brick. Administrator Watkins stated that Allstate Insurance Company should be sending a check for the loss of the Town sign soon. A digital sign was discussed for the new Town Hall. Administrator Watkins stated that planning for the sign needs to begin soon, and that Sign-O-Rama would be providing her with some ideas. Council agreed to discuss the current Town Hall building, parking, and signage in March.

6) Playground Equipment. Councilmember Wilkerson discussed gathering ideas and prices for equipment in order to approach the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. Several Councilmembers supported revitalizing the park on Pond Drive.

7) Striping on Lee Circle. Councilmember Hook stated that the sidewalk on Lee Circle that was crumbling has been repaired. Handicap parking for park access was discussed. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he would check in with the County's sign shop for assistance with signage. Councilmember Hook stated that he would discuss ADA compliance with his contact. Council agreed to address striping parking spots on Lee Circle, and ADA compliance at the next work session.

### C. Community Relations

- 1) Citizens Academy. Councilmember Fecas stated that she will put together an outline and update Council.
- 2) Local Pond Owners Meeting. Mayor Ricard stated that the DNR biologist he has been speaking with regarding the meeting is unable to schedule anything until April, and will update accordingly.
- 3) “Adopt-a-Highway” Litter Pickup. Council agreed to ask Public Works Supervisor Kevin White to plan future “Adopt-a-Highway” events, and stated they hope to have events twice a year, in the Spring and Fall.
- 4) Events
  - Neighborhood Cookouts – Council agreed to kick-off neighborhood cook-outs in March.
  - Food Truck Rodeo – Council discussed holding a food truck event in conjunction with a movie night in the park.
  - Movies in the Park – See above.
  - Summerfest – Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden suggested that planning meetings should begin in March.
  - Fall Festival. Administrator Watkins discussed having a fall festival in which families and local businesses decorate tents and hand out candy, among other festivities.
  - Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Ricard stated that Public Works Supervisor White requested that the event be held on a day other than Monday.

### 3. Future Planning

- 1) 5-year goals
- 2) 10-year goals
- 3) Long-term goals

Councilmember Fecas suggested using the Comprehensive Plan as a guide to future planning goals. Council agreed to revisit this item at the next work session.

### 4. Town Council Reports

- A. Parrish Plantation – Ricard. No further report.
- B. Elected Officials. Mayor Ricard stated that during the March meeting, plans for the current Town Hall will be discussed. Councilmember Fecas informed Council of an upcoming Lexington County Municipal Association meeting on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
- C. Kitty Hawk Lights – Ricard. No further report.
- D. Kitty Hawk Sidewalk – Ricard. No further report.
- E. Sewer Expansion – Councilmember Wilbourne stated that there is no report and he is waiting for grant awards to be announced.
- F. Cottages at Roof’s Pond – No further report.
- G. Platt Springs Road Corridor – Reeley. Councilmember stated that major corridor development along Platt Springs Road is a goal he would like to see come to fruition in the next 5-10 years.

- H. Durham Drive Dam – Hook. Councilmember Hook stated that he would keep in touch with the local delegation concerning opening Durham Drive.
- I. Town Events – Ricard. No further report.
- J. Murphy Express – Hallman. Councilmember Hallman stated that construction of the Murphy Express is steady and the store is going up quick.
- K. Town Parks – Wilkerson. No further report.
- L. Springdale Municipal Complex – Mayor Ricard stated that the complex is scheduled for completion in late summer.
- M. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas described a positive meeting with residents of the Winston Court neighborhood. She stated that the residents would like to meet quarterly and would like to have Councilmember Hook attend the meetings due to his residential proximity to the neighborhood. Administrator Watkins stated that she is drafting a response to questions submitted during the meeting.

**5. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk