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Town Council Work Session
Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm
2909 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170

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

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew "Bear" Richbourg, Police Captain Brian Lorick, and Attorney Ward Bradley.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, provided the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda
The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion

A. SCDOT Updates. Joshua Meetze, Program Manager for the South Carolina Department of Transportation's Midlands Regional Production Group was in attendance for the meeting. Mayor Ricard stated that SCDOT's proposed solution to the Durham Road closure is to permanently close the road and create a pedestrian pathway. Mr. Meetze stated that the pathway would feature lighting and landscaped shoulders. Golf carts will be able to access the pathway but bollards will be installed to prevent full size vehicles from access. Council requested railings or fencing on each side of the pathway, heavy landscaping, and benches. Council requested SCDOT's presence at a future public information meeting. Mr. Meetze stated survey work will begin in the next few weeks, and they will come up with a conceptual design.

B. Park Renovations. Council discussed plans for municipal renovations using state funding that has been secured, as well as a potential grant award. Council indicated they would like to begin the process as soon as possible. Councilmember Hallman stated council should be very cautious with the project budget and costs. A project manager would be hired to oversee the project. Administrator Watkins stated that the procurement policy would be followed. Councilmember Fecas discussed additional state funding from appropriations. Council requested a financial performance review at the January 2027 work session. Council agreed that the timeline of the project should align with the town's activities and needs, including holidays, court, and park use.

4. Town Council Reports

A. Elected Officials. Councilmember Fecas stated she will be attending the Municipal Association's Regional Advocacy Meeting on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026.

B. Projects – Hook. No further report.

C. Town Parks – Wilkerson. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson inquired if park equipment had been ordered. Administrator Watkins stated park equipment had not been ordered but the funding from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission has been secured. Councilmember Hallman cautioned against spending unnecessary money, as the Town started the budget year in a deficit. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated that since the funding was requested from the recreation commission, it should be used in good faith.

D. Community Relations/Education – Fecas. No report.

E. Airport Blvd./Platt Springs Rd. Corridors – Reeley. Councilmember Reeley stated street lights are out on Platt Springs Road from the Springdale Shopping Center to the Springdale House.

F. Asset Maintenance – Wilbourne. No report.

G. Finance – Hallman. No report.

5. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm.

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk