



**MINUTES**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, Hook, and Hallman (joined via Zoom)

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Police Sergeant David Jordan, Investigator Lonnie Houser, Code Enforcement Officer Ed DeVore, Patrolman Karson Mann, 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. A quorum was present.

**2. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes

- February 6<sup>th</sup>, Regular Meeting
- February 26<sup>th</sup>, Work Session
- February 26<sup>th</sup>, Special Meeting

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**3. Presentations**

A. Andrew Stevenson, Director, Market Development, Lumos Fiber. Representatives from Lumos Fiber presented plans to install fiber internet in Springdale. The presentation included a map of the proposed service area, details about service plans, and discussion of a franchise fee agreement with the Town. Council and Attorney Bradley will review the franchise fee agreement.

**4. Employee Recognition**

A. SRO Brooks Houser’s promotion and swearing-in as Investigator. Chief Richbourg issued the Oath of Office to Investigator Houser, whose family was present for the swearing-in.

**5. Old Business**

A. **Ordinance O-24-01:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE COUNTY OF LEXINGTON’S UPDATED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE; CHAPTER 10, ANIMALS, ARTICLE II, ANIMAL CONTROL, DIVISION I, GENERALLY; AMENDING SECTION 10-31 – DEFINITIONS, SECTION 10-32 – COMMERCIAL BREEDING KENNELS/CATTERIES, SECTION 10-33 – DOG IDENTIFICATION, SECTION 10-38 – REDEMPTION, MANDATORY STERILIZATION AND MICROCHIPPING OF CERTAIN CATS AND DOGS, AND SECTION 10-41 – TETHERING AND SHELTER. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its second reading.

## 6. Reports

A. Town Council Report. No report.

B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He reported video footage of the recent hotel shooting would soon be released to the public for tips. Police Officer Candidate Wesley Hilton will graduate from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and will begin field training and observation the following week.

C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reported ongoing and upcoming projects including maintenance and planting in the medians.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reported that Fairfield Inn submitted plans and the review would take anywhere from 4-6 weeks. She informed Council of recent meetings with the local delegation, and upcoming meetings with representatives from the County of Lexington.

E. Attorney Report. No report.

## 7. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Ellin Baskin and Darla Stone.

## 8. Adjourn to Executive Session

A. Receipt of Legal Advice

B. Board Appointments, Richard Gadsden, Board of Zoning Appeals

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 6:43 pm.

## 9. Executive Session

### 10. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council returned to open session at 7:09 pm, with no action taken in executive session.

Councilmember Fecas made a motion to reappoint Richard Gadsden to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four-year term beginning on February 2, 2024 and ending February 2, 2028. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Attest,

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

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Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk