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Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 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 Fecas, Hallman, Wilbourne, and Hook.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kevin Reeley

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, 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. 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
      - August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting
      - August 17, 2026 Work Session

   The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. **Old Business**
   A. Ordinance O-26-02; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE DISTRICT REGULATIONS; SECTION 2.2.3; R-2 DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

   B. Ordinance O-26-03; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE DISTRICT REGULATIONS; SECTION 2.3.3; R-3 DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

4. **New Business**
   A. Discussion and Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and the Town of Springdale for the Provision of Secure Detention Services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

   B. Discussion and Consideration of **Ordinance O-26-04**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 4: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 4.2.13: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

C. Discussion and Consideration of **Resolution R-26-02;** RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE TO PROVIDING A LOCAL MATCH FOR A MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA BIG IDEA GRANT AND FOLLOWING ITS PROCUREMENT POLICY WHEN SECURING SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WITH GRANT FUNDS. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

5. Reports

A. Town Council Report. Representative Micah Caskey was in attendance and discussed state funding for municipal improvements. Mayor Ricard thanked Representative Caskey and everyone involved for their hard work on securing the funding. Council discussed additional grant funding through the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council. He reminded everyone that National Night Out is scheduled for October 6th. Chief Richbourg asked everyone to keep the Columbia Police Department in their thoughts following the murder of Police Officer Christopher DeLong, Jr., on August 29, 2026. Chief Richbourg stated his Department is now staffed at full capacity after filling the vacant Wil Lou Gray SRO position. The new hire will start work in two weeks, and seems to be a good fit for the position given his background. Chief Richbourg shared that things are going well at Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, as programs and initiatives continue to be strengthened and expanded.

C. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated a Board of Zoning Appeals variance hearing is scheduled for September 8th. The variance request is seeking relief from front setback requirements for accessory structures. The splash pad will close for the season on September 13th.

D. Attorney Report. No report.

6. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Ellin Baskin.

7. Adjourn.

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Attest,

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

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Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk