



**MINUTES**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 7<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.

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

**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, Master Police Officer Justin Jeffcoat, 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
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**3. Presentations**

A. Spotlight on Springdale – Recognizing Kids Stuff Learning Center. Mayor Ricard introduced Ashley Scott, owner of Kids Stuff Learning Center. He recognized the impact of the facility on the community and thanked Ms. Scott for being a part of Springdale.

**4. Old Business**

A. **Ordinance O-24-02; AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND LUMOS FIBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LLC GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR FACILITIES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**  
Mayor Ricard referred to Attorney Bradley. Attorney Bradley stated he reviewed agreements Lumos made with other Lexington County municipalities, and would like to discuss contractual matters with Council in Executive Session. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to defer further discussion of this item to Executive Session.

**5. New Business**

A. Discussion and Approval of an Agreement Between the Town of Springdale and Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, LLC, to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Watling Road Sidewalk “C” Funds Grant. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

B. Discussion and Approval of an Environmental Screening by Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, LLC for a 1.54-acre parcel (TMS; 005631-06-027) Council, on motion of Councilmember Hook, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to approve the Environmental Screening.

## **6. Reports**

- A. Town Council Report. Mayor Ricard reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for Lexington School District Two Performing Arts Center and District Offices. He verbally recognized Town Administrator Ashley Watkins for 25 years of service and commitment to the Town.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He reported on major crimes, including a vehicle theft that was later recovered, and an assault.
- C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reported ongoing and upcoming projects including grounds maintenance. He informed Council that the fence behind the garbage trucks has been completely replaced, and gutters have been installed on the new Town Hall. He concluded by reporting two new employees will be starting work next Monday.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reported that Town Hall will be closed on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of a state holiday. Staff will begin moving Town Hall to the new building on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Summerfest will be held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 6:19 pm.

## **9. Executive Session**

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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:58 pm, with no action taken in executive session.

## **11. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilbourne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Attest,

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

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Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk