



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 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, Wilbourne, Reeley, Hook, and Hallman.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Police Chief Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Brian Lorick, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, 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

- April 1, 2025 Regular Meeting
- April 21, 2025 Work Session
- April 21, 2025 Special Meeting

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion

A. Modular Homes. Council and Administrator Watkins discussed state requirements for accepting modular homes. Council proposed the need for an infill lot ordinance to regulate design standards within residential zoning districts. Further discussion will take place at the next work session.

4. Reports

A. Town Council Report. Mayor Ricard recognized Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly in honor of Municipal Clerk’s Week. Councilmember Fecas announced that she will be unable to attend the upcoming Lexington Municipal Association meeting on Thursday, May 15, and encouraged other councilmembers to attend if possible. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson reported his absence from the April 21st work session was due to family obligations out of town.

B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his report with Council, noting that vehicle thefts were the only major crimes reported. He shared that an officer was hospitalized following exposure to opioids during an incident, but has since recovered and is doing well. He informed Council of an upcoming National Guard ceremony on Saturday, May 31, which is expected to increase traffic. He concluded by stating that interviews are scheduled for the department’s open position.

C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reviewed his report with Council, highlighting current and upcoming projects, including improvements to medians and mulching throughout town. He announced

that garbage collection routes will be adjusted to improve efficiency starting May 12. A litter pick-up is tentatively scheduled for May 30.

D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reported that staff will begin exploring an infill lot ordinance to establish design standards in residential zoning districts. She reminded Council of Pam Shepard's retirement drop-in on Thursday, May 8. She also stated the town's website will transition to a .gov domain beginning June 1. Splash pad hours for the season will be 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on weekends. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the Clerk of Court position. Administrator Watkins confirmed that she will assume Clerk of Court responsibilities until the part-time position is filled.

E. Attorney Report. No report.

5. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Ellin Baskin.

6. 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 6:36 pm. Councilmember Fecas recused herself from discussion in this executive session, and any action taken as a result of matters discussed during executive session according to a recusal statement that she submitted on March 4th, 2025 disclosing a conflict of interest.

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

Council returned to open session on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook at 6:56 pm. Mayor Ricard stated that no action was taken during executive session.

8. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Ashley Watkins, Town Administrator