



MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, September 19th, 2022 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, Hallman, Reeley, and Wilbourne.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Hook.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, 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.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the June 20th, 2022 Work Session.

3. Items for Discussion

A. Appeal Process for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Administrator Watkins stated that appeals of the decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals are held in the Circuit Court by State Law. Attorney Carini provided an overview of legal regulations concerning the appeal process.

B. Vacant and Abandoned Properties. There was discussion of the definition of the terms *vacant* and *abandoned*. Council agreed for Attorneys Bradley and Carini to draft an ordinance that defines the terms and outlines a process for bringing those properties back into compliance. Attorney Carini stated that an update should be available before the next Council meeting.

C. Abandoned Items in Old Jewelry Warehouse Building. Administrator Watkins overviewed items left in the building. Town Council agreed to list the sign for sale on Gov Deals, and to keep the safe for use by the Police Department. Councilmember Fecas asked Administrator Watkins to post an update on the Town’s Facebook advising the public that work is ongoing at the building next door. Administrator Watkins said she would also work on getting a conceptual drawing to post near the Lyn-Rich Contracting sign.

II. Town Council Reports

A. Parrish Plantation – Ricard. Mayor Ricard stated that he hopes to begin pond management meetings early next year. He stated that the Parrish Pond Community Association is on board.

B. Elected Officials. No report.

- C. Kitty Hawk Lights – Ricard. Mayor Ricard stated that this project is ongoing and he will provide updates as available.
- D. Kitty Hawk Sidewalk – Ricard. Mayor Ricard provided an update, stating that surveying is in the finishing stages and design will begin soon. He believes the project will go out for bid near the first part of November, and that he should have an update at the October Work Session.
- E. Sewer Expansion – Wilbourne & Hook. Councilmember Wilbourne stated that the grant submission was completed and he is waiting for grant awards to be announced. He and Mayor Ricard urged the rest of Council to contact Elected Officials who provided letters of support to advocate for Springdale during the grant awards process.
- F. Cottages at Roof's Pond – Wilkerson. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson stated that construction is continuing at the development. Administrator Watkins stated that the for-sale sign will be removed soon.
- G. Platt Springs Road Corridor – Reeley. Councilmember Reeley shared that he was impressed with the construction of the PAC and District Offices and is excited for work to be in full swing for the new Municipal Complex. He mentioned the possibility of touring the District Office/PAC site with the Contractor, Thompson Turner.
- H. Durham Drive Dam – Hook. No update.
- I. Town Events – Ricard. Mayor Ricard reminded everyone that National Night Out will be on October 4th, 2022 at 5:30 pm. He discussed the upcoming Holiday Parade of Lights and proposed that the Town's float be a generic Town theme with banners and staff members riding on the float. Council and staff were amenable to this suggestion.
- J. Murphy Express – Hallman. Councilmember Hallman stated that Murphy Oil, USA representatives are waiting to hear back from DOT. He stated that DOT has 30 days to respond. Mayor Ricard suggested having representatives contact DOT several times a week for updates. Councilmember Hallman stated that the businesses in the shopping center have moved.
- K. Town Parks – Wilkerson. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that Public Works Supervisor White provided a wishlist for park improvements and additions. He plans to approach the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission for possible funding opportunities. Administrator Watkins will send the wishlist to Council for prioritization. Councilmember Fecas asked about a subrogation claim for the Town Sign recently destroyed by an impaired driver. Administrator Watkins said she is waiting to hear from the motorist's insurance company. Councilmember Wilkerson shared that he has a contact for a sign contractor in Triangle City that could possibly help with repairs to the portion of the sign that was salvaged.
- L. Springdale Municipal Complex – Administrator Watkins stated that demolition has started in the building. She requested an update from Attorney Carini on the status of the contract review. Attorney Carini stated that she will provide an update the following week. Councilmember Fecas asked for an estimated completion date. Administrator Watkins stated that project should take about 10 months to complete.
- M. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas stated that she had minimal contact from concerned citizens. She expressed gratitude to Public Works Supervisor White for diversifying the location of Yard of the Month throughout Town.

III. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk