



# MINUTES

**Town Council Work Session**  
**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Councilmembers Fecas, Reeley, and Hook.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmembers Steve Hallman, and Tate Wilbourne.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Brian Lorick, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, and Attorney Ward Bradley.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, provided the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**3. Discussion**

- A. Keep the Midlands Beautiful Outdoor Mural.** Council agreed that the mural grant is a great opportunity. They discussed design elements and placement of the mural. Administrative staff are to reach out to Keep the Midlands Beautiful to determine the average size of the murals and pursue the grant.

**4. Town Council Reports**

- A. Elected Officials.** Mayor Ricard discussed a recent meeting with Senator Carlisle Kennedy concerning Durham Drive and municipal projects. Administrator Watkins reported that no earmarks for special projects were included in the South Carolina Senate Budget that was recently passed. Mayor Ricard stated Senator Kennedy would try to seek other potential funding opportunities. Administrative staff are to compile a timeline of events concerning Durham Drive for submission to Senator Kennedy. Councilmember Fecas proposed that Council consider becoming a Bee City USA Affiliate. Bee City USA is a certification program that recognizes, supports, and encourages pollinator conservation.
- B. Sewer Expansion – Wilbourne.**
- C. Cottages at Roof’s Pond – Wilkerson.** Mayor Ricard reported ongoing progress with sidewalks and driveways.
- D. Durham Drive Dam – Hook.** No further report.
- E. Town Parks – Wilkerson.** Administrator Watkins reported on funding secured from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission for park improvements. A detailed project list is pending.

- F. Springdale Municipal Complex. Mayor Ricard reported the water line by the palmetto trees has been repaired.
- G. Community Relations – Fecas. Councilmember Fecas shared a detailed report of an animal control issue.
- H. Corridor Improvements – Reeley. Councilmember Reeley shared concerns with design standards in the Design Overlay Districts. Council discussed a comprehensive zoning ordinance review with the Central Midlands Council of Governments. Councilmember Reeley proposed examining corridor designs from other municipalities and exploring potential design guidelines for new businesses.

Councilmember Fecas requested crime stats be displayed during council meetings and announced the South Carolina Municipal Association's Annual Meeting would be held July 16-20<sup>th</sup> in Hilton Head Island.

**5. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

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Juston Ricard, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk