

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 6th 2021 at 6:00 pm

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of this meeting. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Reeley, Hook and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Steve Hallman.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Ward Bradley, Attorney Sierra Carini, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Sergeant Forest Gantt, Officer Matt Hagins, Officer Matt Young, and Officer Denver Rogers.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes.
 - i. June 1st, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - ii. June 21st, 2021 Work Session
 - iii. June 21st, 2021 Special Meeting

Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the July 6th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the June 1st, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes for the June 21st, 2021 Work Session, and the minutes for the June 21st, 2021 Special Meeting.

III. Employee Recognitions

- A. Springdale Police department Employee of the Month, SGT. F. Gantt. Chief Richbourg recognized Sgt. Gantt as Employee of the Month, stating that he was nominated by a colleague due to the effort and care he puts into training the officers.

IV. New Business

- A. Consideration to Proceed with Springdale Municipal Complex Renovations. After a brief discussion, Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to move discussion of the Springdale Municipal Complex to the upcoming Work Session on July 19th, 2021.
- B. Consideration of an Alternate Board Appointment to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission. Mayor Bishop stated that he usually attends the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission Meetings but an alternate is needed. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson,

seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Ricard as an alternate for the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission.

- C. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-09**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE; SECTION 3.9 YARD & GARAGE SALES. (1st Reading). Councilmember Reeley made a motion to approve the ordinance at its first reading, seconded by Councilmember Hook. Mayor Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Hook, Reeley, and Wilkerson voted in favor of the motion with Councilmember Fecas voting opposed.
- D. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-10**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; 3021 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD TMS 005633-03-002, REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING FROM C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. (1st Reading). Administrator Watkins stated that the Planning Commission made a positive recommendation on the rezoning of both properties (Items E & F). CJ Disharoon with Phase One Design was in attendance to represent the concept drawings of the town homes that were submitted. Councilmember Wilkerson called upon Mr. Disharoon to approach the podium. There was a brief discussion between Council and Mr. Disharoon concerning price points and design. Councilmember Fecas inquired if the units are intended to be rentals. Mr. Disharoon stated that the units are not intended to be sold as rental units. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard expressed his concern of what could be built if the re-zoning request is approved and the current project falls through. Administrator Watkins explained that the town homes would be in the Design Overlay District which has stricter design standards. She stated that the project would still have one more reading before Council and will have to appear before the Design Review Board for Certificates of Appropriateness to be issued. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading. During discussion, Councilmember Wilkerson requested more information about the project be available at Work Session.
- E. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-11**; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; 3025 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD TMS 005366-03-024, REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING FROM C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. (1st Reading) Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.
- F. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-13**; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE, TRANSFER, AND/OR CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND IDENTIFIED BY TMS NUMBER 005638-02-046 TO JOSHUA AND ASHLEIGH HAIR. (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.
- G. Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-21-14**; AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (1st and Final Reading). Administrator Watkins stated that aside from the emergency order, electronic attendance at meetings is allowable for limited situations as long as FOIA requirements are met and the exception is not abused. Mayor Bishop stated that no current government mandate exists to warrant the extension of the emergency ordinance. Councilmember Fecas made a motion to approve the ordinance at its first and final reading, with Councilmember Reeley seconding. During discussion, Councilmember Wilkerson made a motion to

amend the emergency order to last for 31 days. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard seconded this motion, with Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Wilkerson, Fecas, and Reeley voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Hook voted opposed.

V. Items for Discussion

- A. 832 Seay Drive. Mayor Bishop stated that the property owner is interested in selling the property to the Town. Councilmember Fecas stated the Town could purchase a portion of the property to extend the property line at the tennis courts. Councilmember Fecas stated that Karen Wiggins, a neighbor of the property is interested in purchasing a portion of the property as well. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to move forward with discussion on purchasing the property. Mayor Bishop stated he will obtain more information from the property owner and report back.

VI. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Reeley asked if any progress has been made on the restoration of Durham Drive. Mayor Bishop stated no progress has been made. Councilmember Fecas stated since she is not attending the upcoming Municipal Association's Annual Meeting, she has requested Councilmember Reeley and Councilmember Wilkerson to take notes.
- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg stated that June was a slow month for crime with the only major crime being a burglary. He stated that the cameras that were installed along major intersections were instrumental in the investigation of a felony DUI that occurred in Town. Councilmember Fecas asked if data was available from the speed trailers. Chief Richbourg stated that he would have that data soon and stated that the Police Department has applied for a grant for two new speed trailers.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White was not in attendance of the meeting but submitted his report to Council previously. Council had no questions concerning the report.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that the City of West Columbia loaned the Town a driver to help with the garbage collection due to a Springdale Public Works employee being on vacation. She stated that the abatement at 945 Sigtler Drive has been completed and the work was done by the Public Works staff. Councilmember Fecas, on behalf of a resident, thanked Administrator Watkins and the Public Works Department for their work on the abatement. Administrator Watkins stated the Municipal Association is requesting elected officials to urge Senate and House representatives to request American Rescue Plan funds. She informed Council of the upcoming LEO Day camp on July 30th, hosted by the Springdale Police Department. She concluded her report by stating the invoice for the Kitty Hawk Drive sidewalk project was received and that this item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Bradley provided a letter that was drafted in regard to the Town Sign that has not been received from Memorial Design. Council reviewed the letter and agreed for Attorney Bradley to send the letter.

VII. Adjourn to Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Board Appointments

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:41 pm.

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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to return to Open Session at 6:47 pm. Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken during Executive Session. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to appoint Gill Owens to the Design Review Board. Mr. Owens is filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Wes Lawson, with a term ending date of 8/17/21.

IX. Public Comment

Patrick Shelley provided public comment.

X. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk