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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, April 19th, 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, Hallman, Hook, and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kevin Reeley.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the April 19th, 2021 Work Session Agenda.

III. Board Member Introduction

Members from the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Design Review Board were invited to attend this meeting as an introduction opportunity for the newly appointed board members. Each member present from Springdale's Boards and Commissions introduced themselves. Those in attendance from the Planning Commission include Keith Driggers, John Huffman, Christie Cole and Vance Vollmer. Those present from the Board of Zoning Appeals include Joseph Kennedy, Jan Shaw and Paul Kiepert. There were no members present from the Design Review Board.

IV. Items for Discussion

A. Tree Preservation Guidelines – Joint Discussion with Planning Commission. Town Council and Planning Commission held a joint discussion concerning the Tree Preservation Guidelines in the Land Development Regulations. Mayor Bishop stated that Council as a whole wished the Tree Preservation Guidelines would have been revisited prior to the unexpected clear cutting of the new subdivision on Wattling and Ermine. Discussion points included Tree Preservation Regulations from neighboring municipalities, staffing capacity to enforce the regulations, zoning issues that affect tree preservation, population growth warranting new developments, and tracts of land that could be developed in the future. Council agreed to have the Planning Commission and Administrative staff work together to draft a comprehensive Tree Preservation Guideline that would prevent clear cutting during development and retain as many natural resources in Springdale as possible.

Resident Fred Herauf provided comments concerning flood zone regulations.

B. Springdale Municipal Complex Update. Administrator Watkins stated that all of the bids recently submitted for renovating the old Jewelry Warehouse building for use as the new Town Hall came in over budget. Mayor Bishop asked if any Councilmembers are okay with proceeding with the lowest

bid. Council unanimously agreed not to proceed with the lowest bid. Council discussed ideas on ways to move forward with the project, including spending the budgeted money on the infrastructure of the building, to include the façade, HVAC and ADA compliance. Mayor Bishop asked what issues there are with the current Town Hall. Administrator Watkins cited lack of space for meetings, additional office space for future growth, and inadequate resources in the court room. Mayor Bishop and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard discussed obtaining a line item summary from the lowest bidder to be able to pinpoint what should be done first with the money that is budgeted. Administrator Watkins stated that Lyn-Rich Contracting previously submitted a line item summary for their previous bid. Council agreed that the line item summary submitted by Lyn Rich Contracting should be reviewed before further planning takes place.

V. Town Council Reports

- A. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that the dam repairs on Huffstetler Pond have not been completed. She requested an update from Attorney Bradley on correspondence from DHEC, and he stated he has not received a response. Councilmember Fecas gave an overview of recent events concerning Huffstetler Pond. Council agreed for Councilmember Fecas to compose a letter on behalf of Council to Senator Katrina Shealy and Representative Micah Caskey requesting assistance with the matter.
- B. DOT. No report from Council. Vance Vollmer of the Planning Commission described a worsening hazard area on Pinedale Road.
- C. Elected Officials. Councilmember Fecas advised of the upcoming Lexington Municipal Association meeting scheduled for April 22, 2021, stating the American Relief Act and how to earmark those funds will be discussed. Councilmember Wilkerson requested an update from Chief Richbourg concerning a previous police matter. Mayor Bishop requested Chief Richbourg to determine if the Cayce/West Columbia Magistrate’s Court can be used to hold Municipal Court on a temporary basis if the need arises during future Town Hall renovations.

VI. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:

Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk

Keith Driggers, Member – Planning Commission