

— South Carolina —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, March 15th, 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 Pro Tem Juston Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, Hook and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Councilmember Kevin Reeley.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the March 15th, 2021 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

- A. Residential Registration Program. Administrator Watkins provided feedback on the program, including issues that have been identified. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that the goal of the program was not to collect revenue; it was strictly to obtain points of contact and information for rental properties in Springdale. Council briefly heard comments from members of the public who were in attendance, including Tate Wilbourne, Jack Sox, and Vance Vollmer. Council agreed to continue to work on the ordinance and make changes that will resolve the current issues that have become apparent.
- B. Tree Preservation. Vance Vollmer, Landscape Administrator for Lexington County and Member of the Design Review Board provided an overview of Lexington County Tree Preservation Guidelines. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard inquired if a tree survey was previously completed on the Roof property on Watling and Ermine. There was a brief discussion. Councilmember Fecas asked if a clearing plan was submitted for the property by the developer. Administrator Watkins stated that a clearing plan was not submitted. Councilmember Fecas stated there are concerns other than clear cutting and harvesting to be considered, such as development close to the flight paths of the Airport. She continued by stating the developer should be given notice that what they did was not acceptable and could be mitigated by planting additional trees. Council agreed that the previous tree survey completed on the property should be located and reviewed. Council agreed to a joint meeting with Planning Commission on April 19th, 2020 at 6:00 pm to further discuss Tree Preservation Guidelines.
- C. Kitty Hawk Sidewalk Funding Request. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he and Councilmember Hook are unable to make the figures add up. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that Council should review the funding request and add it to the next Council meeting for discussion. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that DOT might need to attend the meeting to explain the costs.

- D. Code Enforcement – International Property Maintenance Code. Councilmember Fecas provided an overview of an IPMC Self-Inspection Checklist intended for residents to use in order to self-audit their property for compliance with the International Property Maintenance Code. There were no questions or further comments from Council.
- E. Summerfest. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that if the success of the first Summerfest can't be replicated or surpassed, it should be canceled for this year, he also expressed concerns over time constraints. He suggested beginning planning work in January 2022 for Summerfest 2022. Councilmember Wilkerson agreed, stating he doesn't feel it is a good time to have Summerfest due to COVID-19. Council agreed not to hold Summerfest this year. Councilmember Wilkerson and Administrator Watkins briefly discussed the idea of a fall event.

IV. Town Council Reports

- A. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas thanked Attorney Bradley and Attorney Carini for the letter sent to DHEC. She discussed repairs that will be made to the Springdale Elementary walking track.
- B. DOT. Councilmember Fecas stated she sent three emails to Mayor Bishop concerning potholes on Pond Drive. There was a brief discussion among Council of potholes on the roads in Town. Councilmember Hallman discussed issues with DOT clearing behind his house.
- C. Elected Officials. Councilmember Fecas discussed the American Rescue Plan and the process for requesting funds. She stated that the American Rescue Plan would be a topic of discussion at the April 22nd, 2021 Lexington Municipal Association meeting.

V. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk