

— *South Carolina* —  
***SPRINGDALE***

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**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session  
Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Attorney Sierra Carini

**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**

Council unanimously approved the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Work Session Agenda.

**III. Items for Discussion**

- A. Lexington County Municipal Association Participation. Mayor Bishop stated that he will no longer participate in Lexington County Municipal Association events or meetings.
- B. Municipal Complex Renovations. Administrator Watkins provided a summary of current events concerning the project. She stated that Kevin Key with Lyn Rich Contracting is working to see what can be done with the funds available. After a brief discussion, Council agreed the project should not be submitted for rebidding. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he will reach out to Kevin Key with Lyn-Rich Contracting and will provide an update at the next Council meeting.
- C. American Rescue Plan. Councilmember Fecas provided a summary of her research on applicable uses for funds received from the American Rescue Plan. She stated that she identified her number one priority as sewer improvements and expansions. Additionally, she stated that funds could be used to fund organizations who already serve individuals with socio-economic barriers or to offset public transportation fees. She stated that the State has not requested the disbursement of funds and legislators could be contacted to speed up the process. Councilmember Fecas stated that she will continue to research uses for the funds. Council agreed that using the funds for sewer improvements and expansions would be favorable. Administrator Watkins stated that she has talked with Tracy Hegler, City Manager for the City of Cayce, regarding additional sewer projects. Ms. Hegler stated that she would speak with Cayce's Public Works Department.
- D. 945 Sightler. Councilmember Fecas stated that adjoining property owners are being negatively affected by the lack of maintenance on the property. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to address the issues on the property by paying to have someone cut the grass and clean up the property. Council will discuss further options for ongoing maintenance at a later time.

- E. Retention Pond on Silstar. Mayor Bishop stated that adjoining property owners are complaining about mosquitos coming from the retention pond, and have expressed interest in purchasing the property to maintain the retention pond themselves. Administrator Watkins stated that she talked with the property owner in February, at that time he said he would address the problem but he has failed to do so. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to have Code Enforcement start a case based on complaints and provide an update next month.

#### **IV. Town Council Reports**

- A. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas discussed correspondence with DHEC Dam Manager John McCain. Administrator Watkins stated that DHEC never previously verified that there was livable space in the house that could be threatened by dam failure. Councilmember Fecas stated that photographs of the house were sent to DHEC.
- B. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he requested DOT to trim the trees near the entrance of Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that grass is growing into the road at the old house behind Corner Pantry. Administrator Watkins stated that Administrative staff has reported it to DOT. Councilmember Fecas thanked Public Works Supervisor Kevin White for notifying DOT about the fallen tree on the sidewalk.
- C. Elected Officials. Councilmember Fecas described a meeting with Lexington Two Trustee Tre Bray. She stated that repairs are being made to the walking track and during that process, the split rail fence and planting boxes placed by the Cindy Roof Wilkerson Foundation were mistakenly removed and mulched. Councilmember Fecas stated that there is no barrier between the detention pond and the school and that the wash from rain in front of the pavilion is threatening the slab foundation. She stated that there is no water in the hand crank water pump. She expressed these concerns to Mr. Bray and he stated it is a work in progress and all areas that are disrupted should be fixed. Councilmember Fecas stated that the Joint-Use Agreement for Cindy's Place may need to be reviewed and sent back to Lexington County School District Two Trustees for approval.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk