



MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 6:00 pm
2915 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC 29170

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Juston Ricard, Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Wilkerson, Councilmembers Fecas, Wilbourne, Reeley, and Hallman (joined via Zoom)

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Cory Hook

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Kelly, Chief of Police Andrew “Bear” Richbourg, Police Department Administrative Assistant Sheri Jonas, Police Sergeant David Jordan, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Attorney Ward Bradley, and Attorney Sierra Carini.

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
- B. Approval of Minutes

- January 2nd, Regular Meeting
- January 22nd, Work Session
- January 22nd, Special Meeting

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

A. Landscaping for Municipal Complex. Administrator Watkins recommended that Council approve the landscaping plan submitted by P&P Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$9,510.00. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, unanimously approved the landscaping plan as presented.

4. New Business

A. **Ordinance O-24-01:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE COUNTY OF LEXINGTON’S UPDATED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE; CHAPTER 10, ANIMALS, ARTICLE II, ANIMAL CONTROL, DIVISION I, GENERALLY; AMENDING SECTION 10-31 – DEFINITIONS, SECTION 10-32 – COMMERCIAL BREEDING KENNELS/CATTERIES, SECTION 10-33 – DOG IDENTIFICATION, SECTION 10-38 – REDEMPTION, MANDATORY STERILIZATION AND MICROCHIPPING OF CERTAIN CATS AND DOGS, AND SECTION 10-41 – TETHERING AND SHELTER. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance at its first reading.

5. Reports

A. Town Council Report. Mayor Ricard described a recent tour of the Lexington Two Fine Arts Center that is scheduled to open in April.

- B. Police Chief Report. Chief Richbourg reviewed his monthly report with Council, highlighting statistics, code enforcement activity, and speed trailer data. He reported that Police Officer Candidate Wesley Hilton has entered the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. He concluded his report by announcing awards that were received at the recent police department awards banquet.
- C. Public Works Report. Supervisor White reported ongoing and upcoming projects including mulching, clearing medians, and planting.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins reported Fairfield Inn's recent zoning permit application was denied because the landscape plan did not meet requirements of the zoning ordinance. Developers for the project submitted a variance request, and a hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for February 15th. She stated Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 19th for President's Day.
- E. Attorney Report. No report.

6. Public Comment

Public Comment was given by Leon Moore and Ellin Baskin.

7. Adjourn to Executive Session

A. Receipt of Legal Advice

B. Personnel Matters

Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Wilbourne, voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 6:21 pm.

8. Executive Session

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

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:05 pm, with no action taken in executive session.

10. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilbourne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Attest,

Juston Ricard, Mayor

Leeann Kelly, Municipal Clerk