

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

WORK SESSION

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, Reeley, Hook and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Chief of Police Andrew Richbourg, Attorney Ward Bradley, Attorney Sierra Carini.

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 February 17th, 2021 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

A. Proposed Proclamation regarding Faye Swetlik. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas discussed a proclamation recognizing all of the children who have passed away in the Community. Councilmember Fecas discussed cases of children who have passed away and stated that the proclamation could contain language that it is inspired by Faye Swetlik. Council agreed to draft the Proclamation and bring it for a vote at the next Council Meeting.

B. COVID-19 Vaccination Outreach. Administrator Watkins stated that information has been posted regarding COVID-19 vaccines on the Town's Facebook page. She stated that she has not had a chance to get a price on flyers or stickers. Administrator Watkins explained that flyers could be costly and could be done in house to save money if that is what Council decides. She explained that the COMET is providing free transportation to vaccine sites and that information could be advertised on the Town's social media as well. Councilmember Fecas proposed putting road signs out with COVID-19 vaccine information and Town Hall's information for staff to point people to available resources. Council agreed to have Administrator Watkins purchase 5-6 signs for placement at major intersections. Councilmember Wilkerson discussed a permanent LED sign for placement near Town Hall that could convey important messages to citizens.

IV. Town Council Reports

A. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas gave a brief overview of a written timeline of issues with Parrish Pond. She referenced the Emergency Order issued by DHEC and read Findings of Fact Item

#4 into the record, which states: “The Department has determined through field inspections that the referenced dam appears unsafe and a potential danger to life and property. It has been determined that it is necessary that immediate action be undertaken by the dam owner to prevent failure of the dam and the damage to property or loss of life that would result from its failure. Council agreed for Attorney Bradley to contact DHEC’s attorneys regarding repairs to the dam and provide an update at the next Council meeting.

- B. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he contacts DHEC weekly with issues in Town and he is not getting results that he used to get. He stated that repair projects are not being completed while new projects are. There was a discussion of pot holes in Town. Mayor Bishop stated that he contacts DHEC weekly with issues in Town.
- C. Elected Officials. Mayor Bishop stated that he may attend the Greater Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Governor McMaster is scheduled to speak at the event.

Councilmember Fecas stated she reached out to Stanley Martin Homes for information on design plans in the new development. She was unable to receive any details on home design. She received a response that information could not be released at this time but they would be back in touch once plans are advertised. She asked for an update concerning the Rental Registration Program. Administrator Watkins stated that the notice packets were finished and would be mailed out tomorrow. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he is interested in hearing updates on the new development and is anxious to see what they will build based on the zoning. He continued by stating communication will be key moving forward. Mayor Bishop stated that he has had multiple requests from citizens for information on the new development and requested that Municipal Clerk Leann Eden compose a newsletter containing details on the development. There was a discussion of news articles recently published concerning the development. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard proposed revisiting the Land Development Ordinance to discuss the tree preservation plan. He concluded by stating Municipal Clerk Leann Eden gave a good interview to WLTX Street Squad about the park re-opening. There was a brief discussion of revisiting parking ordinances to clean up language that seems to be conflicting. Attorney Bradley gave an update on the letter that was sent to the property management company regarding the property on Shampy Street. He stated that the property management company responded asking for clearer pictures. Attorney Bradley stated that clear pictures were sent, he has not received any further response, and that he will provide an update at the next Council meeting.

V. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk