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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Monday, April 20th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Council Chambers – Springdale Town Hall, 2915 Platt Springs Road

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, and Wilkerson, Councilmember Hallman joined the meeting at 6:19 pm.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmembers Reeley and Hook

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden, Police Chief Andrew Richbourg, Public Works Supervisor Kevin White, Attorney Ward Bradley

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 voted unanimously to approve the April 20th, 2020 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

- A. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget. FY 2020-2021 budget items were reviewed and discussed. Council discussed using Accommodations Tax to replace and improve playground equipment. Council agreed to suspend the façade grant for the 2020-2021 budget year to allow for other expenditures. There was a discussion of budget items for the police department, including street cameras, additional patrol officers and a full time Administrative Assistant that would also function as a grant writer to obtain additional services and supplies. Expenditures for Public Works were discussed, including an employee moving from part time to full time and reducing temporary labor. Expenditures for Public Works also included an increase in water, roof repairs, a recirculation system, and a new town sign. Expenditures for special use funds were discussed. Councilmember Fecas asked Administrator Watkins to check on the CMRTA bus services fee increase. Administrator Watkins stated that she will check in with CMRTA concerning the fee increase before the first reading of the budget. Mayor Bishop thanked Administrator Watkins for her breakdown of the budget.
- B. Incorporation of Springdale 501(c)(4) Non-Profit Corporation. Council agreed to put the Incorporation of the Springdale 501(c)(4) on hold for the 2020-2021 budget year in favor of renovations to the municipal complex.

- C. Springdale Municipal Complex Renovations. Municipal Complex Renovations were discussed, including a value engineering report submitted by Lyn-Rich Contracting Co, Inc. Council agreed to move forward with the renovation process for the municipal complex in the next budget year, beginning with phase 1- renovation of the old Jewelry Warehouse building as the new Town Hall. There was a discussion of using Hospitality Tax funds for Town Hall renovations. Administrator Watkins asked Attorney Ward Bradley for clarification on the allowable uses for Hospitality Tax funds. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that he would look into it and report back.

IV. Town Council Reports

- A. Springdale Elementary School. Mayor Bishop stated that the school district will not turn off the flashing speed limit signs in the school zone because school has not been cancelled for the remainder of the year as of yet.
- B. Parrish Plantation. A storm drain on Dickson Hill was discussed. Public Works Supervisor Kevin White stated Lexington County would not work on it and that it was Springdale's responsibility. Mayor Bishop stated it is necessary to find out who owns the easement. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that he would work with Administrator Watkins to determine who owns the easement and how to proceed.
- C. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he talked with DOT concerning replacing some ballards that have been previously removed and DOT felt that it would be possible. He stated that he will maintain contact with DOT. Administrator Watkins stated Councilmember Hook mentioned some standing water on Kitty Hawk Drive near the sidewalk project. Mayor Bishop stated that the water has cleared up. Administrator Watkins stated that she would ride by and check it periodically. Councilmember Fecas asked Chief Richbourg how the management of opening of Wilton Road has been. Chief Richbourg stated that he has had officers present in the area and will continue to do so.
- D. Elected Officials. No report.

Administrator Watkins asked Mayor Pro Tem Ricard his opinion on canceling or postponing the Springdale Summerfest and Golf Cart Parade due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he does not see it happening at this time but will make a decision within the next week. Chief Richbourg stated the Daddy and Me 5K has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmember Fecas expressed her gratitude to Administrator Watkins for providing her with the footage of her late father's interview for the Town Documentary.

V. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk