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SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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 Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hallman, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Peters and Reeley

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, and Attorney Ward Bradley

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the January 14, 2019 Work Session agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

Strategic Planning.

Mayor Bishop began by stating that he was excited to help create a plan for the upcoming projects for this year. He requested that each member present have a five minute limit and each would submit their top project ideas for the Town.

Councilmember Wilkerson began by stating that his main goal for the upcoming year would be to get more residential development in the town. He suggested reaching out to builders in hopes of developing residential areas to our standards. Councilmember Fecas suggested we create a mailer to send out to developers to inform them of the opportunities in town.

Councilmember Ricard began his discussion speaking on the Kitty Hawk Drive sidewalk project. He stated he is eager for that project to be completed. He continued by stating that he would also like to work on improving the Golf Cart Parade. He suggested we work on advertising for the next parade. He would also like to create an amphitheater that would allow children to use for events in the park. Councilmember Ricard agreed to create a sketch drawing that could be used to submit to contractors for bids.

Councilmember Hallman began by mentioning the need to improve rental homes in the town. Chief Cornett added that the City of Cayce recently passed an ordinance that helps them with such improvements. Town Council agreed that we should look into creating a similar ordinance. He continued by stating that we should look at updating our Code Enforcement door hangers. He stated that often times residents believe they are being issued a ticket for violations when they are only issued a warning. Chief Cornett stated that they would work on creating a new door hanger. Councilmember Hallman concluded by stating that he would also like to focus on updating the splash pad throughout the year.

Chief Cornett stated that Code Enforcement Officer Matthews has created a list of ordinances that she would like to see updated and reviewed by council. On advice of council, Chief Cornett stated that he would add all suggested updates to the next work session.

Councilmember Fecas stated that she would like to see more focus on grants that are available to the town. Council agreed that we would look into sources of grant opportunities. She continued by recommending that the town submit an Achievement Award nomination to the Municipal Association. She believes that Chief

Cornett should submit a nomination for the “Daddy and Me 5K”. Chief Cornett and Councilmember Fecas agreed they would work on this together. She continued by stating she would like to continue working on creating a fireworks ordinance. She also suggested that the town create a trades committee that, under the supervision of a licensed contractor, they would have the opportunity to work on projects for the town. She concluded by stating that she would really like to have an event for the voluntary board members in the town. Council agreed that we should create such an event.

Administrator Watkins stated that she had emailed all employees of the town and asked for their ideas of goals for the town. She began by stating that a few things mentioned were snack machines in the park, birdhouses in the park, and upgraded playground equipment to include shades for the equipment. Mayor Bishop stated that he would like to see council to begin attending the board meetings for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. She also stated that although this was a large expense, she would like to see the town seek funding for mast arms at our major intersections. In closing she mentioned that although Councilmember Reeley was unable to attend, he had mentioned that he would like to see improvements to our corridors.

Mayor Bishop stated that one of his biggest goals was to improve Airport Boulevard. He stated that he felt the town has neglected that area and he proposed a beautification project. Administrator Watkins stated that we should speak with the City of Cayce since we share that corridor. Attorney Ward Bradley brought up the idea of a Beautification Committee. Mayor Bishop thought this was a great idea and stated that he would work on coming up with ideas for the corridor. Mayor Bishop also stated that he would like to see the town introduce a Hospitality Tax in the town. Administrator Watkins stated that she would add this item to the next regular town council meeting.

Councilmember Wilkerson continued his discussion by mentioning the documentary that Mayor Bishop had previously discussed. He stated that he thought this was a good idea to interview some of the older residents in town to preserve the history of the town. Mayor Bishop stated that he is continuing to work on this project but asked for council’s support. He concluded by mentioning that he would like to see the town add additional street lights down Platt Springs Road.

Councilmember Hallman mentioned that he would like for us to work on employee retention in the police department. He suggested adding an incentive program that would draw in more qualified applicants. Chief Cornett stated that he had already been working, and will continue to work, with Mayor Pro Tem Ricard on creating such a program. Chief Cornett continued by suggesting installing traffic cameras at intersections throughout the town. He stated he felt the cameras would help with crime investigations as well as deterring crime in the town. Attorney Bradley stated that he understood the need for the cameras but he wanted to make sure the video recordings were property of the town. Chief Cornett stated that he would clarify this with the merchant.

IV. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Watkins, Town Administrator