

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm
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, Councilmembers Fecas, Reeley, Wilkerson and Hook. Councilmember Hallman joined by telephone.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Juston Ricard.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Attorney Ward Bradley, Police Captain Chris Manuel, Municipal Clerk Leann Eden.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present. Councilmember Reeley provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Council voted unanimously to approve the January 22, 2020 Work Session Agenda.

III. Items for Discussion

A. Springdale Municipal Complex Renovations. Administrator Watkins gave background information on the project and the bidding process so far, stating that bids came in well above the budgeted figure. She stated that this item was placed on the agenda for discussion on how to proceed with the project. She stated that if a bid is awarded, it must be awarded by the 31st and a special meeting would need to be called to take a vote. There was a discussion of ways to proceed with the project, Councilmember Wilkerson suggested phasing it out further over a longer period of time. Councilmember Fecas suggested scaling down the intricacy of the project in order to save money. Councilmember Hallman expressed concern over the bid prices, stating that he wants to be able to provide answers to constituents who may have questions about the price of the project. Gary Shaw, Architect with G3S Architecture was in attendance for the meeting and provided feedback on the project. Representatives from Smith Constructors, a bidding contractor on the project were in attendance for the meeting. Bill Rowell, Project Manager and Hooper Paty, Field Engineer for Smith Constructors provided feedback on the project and suggested ways to reduce costs. Mr. Rowell agreed that reducing the intricacy of the design and materials used would cut down on cost. He stated that phasing the project out further would cut down on immediate costs but would cost more for remobilization of contractors over time. Mr. Rowell stated that he would provide a value engineering list of cost-saving substitutes that could be used in the project to Administrator Watkins within one week's time. Councilmembers Reeley and Fecas discussed the project being a logical next step for Springdale and suggested thinking outside of the box in order to save money on the project. There was a discussion of the condition of the roofs on the police department and the old Jewelry Warehouse building. Councilmember Hallman asked if Hospitality Tax funds could be used for the project. Administrator Watkins stated that Hospitality Tax funds have been budgeted to

renovate the police department into a civic center. Council agreed to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 for further discussion and to vote on awarding a bid for the project.

- B. Incorporation of Springdale 501(c)(4) Non-Profit Corporation. Council agreed to table discussion on the incorporation of a 501(c)(4) Non-Profit Corporation until the special meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 pm.
- C. Financial Contribution to Home Works of America. After a brief discussion, Council unanimously agreed to make a financial contribution of \$2000.00 to Home Works of America in support of their mission to assist low-income homeowners of Lexington County with necessary home repairs they would otherwise not be able to afford.

IV. Town Council Reports

- A. Springdale Elementary School. Councilmember Fecas stated that the old walking path needs to be resurfaced and that she would like to have information about Cindy's Place updated on the Town's website. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested approaching Lexington District 2 for funding to resurface the walking path.
- B. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that Lexington District 2 has not responded to concerns of the washout coming from the school property into Parrish Plantation.
- C. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that the Wilton Road project and the Kitty Hawk Drive sidewalk project are in progress.
- D. Elected Officials. Councilmember Reeley stated that a concerned constituent contacted him about bubbles in the creek at Forestbrook Apartments. Councilmember Reeley stated that he would look into it and provide Council with a report as necessary. Councilmember Fecas stated the Lexington Municipal Association will hold a meeting on February 20th, 2020 in Irmo and invited all of her fellow councilmembers to attend with her. Mayor Bishop stated that he participated in a radio broadcast with Representative Micah Caskey concerning standardized business license legislation. There was a discussion of the effects the standardized business license legislation could have on Springdale.

V. Adjourn

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk

