

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

January 23, 2017 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bishop, Mayor Pro-Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Reeley, Wilkerson, Hallman, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Peters and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. Council approved the consent agenda without objection.

III. New Business

A. Discuss Springdale Elementary School Renovation. Administrator Stilwell discussed a meeting between Parrish Plantation's HOA, Council, and several stakeholders concerning the plans for the new school. He further informed Council of how the renovations will affect bus lanes and teacher parking. Council discussed the effects of these changes on the Parrish neighborhood as well as DOT creating a three lane road on Wattling Road.

B. Discuss Parrish Plantation Road and Drainage Repairs. Administrator Stilwell proposed that because the Town did not renew the bond for the development, the developer went bankrupt, and the Town permitted the roads, then the Town should take on the responsibility for repairing the roads. He stated that the plan would be to repair them to an acceptable level for Lexington County so that the County would then take over further responsibility. Council discussed what would be necessary to repair the roads and drainage system. Council discussed Lexington County's requirements to take over the roads.

C. Discuss Responsibilities of HOA for Common Areas and Pond. Administrator Stilwell informed Council of the ownership of the common areas and the pond and the liability issues for taking responsibility for both. Council discussed the condition of the pond and Administrator Stilwell informed Council of work that had been done with the HOA and the adjoining neighborhoods with regards to the beaver dams. Council discussed possible solutions for creating retention. Council discussed with Mr. Jeff Coberle of Halcyon Real Estate the condition of the dam and the clearing out of the beaver dams by Mr. Jenkins. Mayor Bishop asked who pays the taxes on the pond and Mr. Coberle stated that the HOA currently does under duress. Council continued to discuss the beaver dams and their effect on nearby properties. Council and Mr. Coberle discussed efforts to get Mr. Wade Caughman to turn over the

properties to the HOA. Administrator Stilwell informed Council of his intention to discuss getting the roads fixed with the relevant stakeholders at Lexington County within the next week. Council discussed a potential timeline for the repairs.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Nate Russell asked what type of buffer would exist between Parish Plantation and the additions to Springdale Elementary School. Administrator Stilwell answered that existing trees would act as a buffer and the school district is willing to build a buffer fence as well. Council discussed the landscaping work that the school district intends to do for the buffer. Mr. Russell asked whether the school district would be taking over the road making any repairs for the bus lane that connects to Parrish. Administrator Stilwell answered that the plan is to repair the road and then turn it over to Lexington County.

Ms. Christy Cole asked how much of the Parrish roads Lexington County would become responsible for. Administrator Stilwell responded that was why the Town needed to coordinated with the County to get everything fixed at once so that the County could take over all the roads in Parrish Plantation in sections. Mayor Bishop answered that the school district would repair the roads to the entrance of the bus lane, but that the Town would take on the responsibility of fixing the remaining roads in the neighborhood. Council further discussed talking to County about a punch list in order to make the repairs.

Mr. Greg Jenkins asked if the stormwater system was grandfathered in. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard answered that the system was on the punch list for repairs. Council and Mr. Jenkins continued to discuss water retention and potential stormwater problems on properties in and around Parrish.

Mr. Jeff Coberly discussed Council members attending the HOA meetings.

Ms. Deanne Price encouraged the Council to solve the problems that Parrish Plantation has been having with its roads and drainage.

V. Old Business

A. Discuss Current Projects, Concerns, and Action Steps. Administrator Stilwell and the Council went over the list of projects including the purchase of property on Kirkwood, the proposed greenway, having more public works employees get a commercial driver's license, flooding in the park, promoting and revitalizing older neighborhoods, and putting lights in the shelter at the park on Pond Drive.

B. Discuss Future Projects. Mayor Bishop discussed setting up a projects committee to ensure work on projects is proceeding at a reasonable pace. The Council also discussed use of the old sewer pond lot on Pond Drive and possible options. Mayor Bishop also discussed his trip to the Presidential Inauguration and Mayors' forum. Mayor Bishop also discussed being more proactive on problems and projects within Town. Council also discussed the proposed water system project and work on getting the funds for an engineering study.

VI. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk