

— South Carolina —  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 28, 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 Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Hook, Hallman, Reeley and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Michael Bishop

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

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda.

Council unanimously approved the agenda for the January 28, 2020 Special Meeting.

**III. New Business**

A. Springdale Municipal Complex Renovations. There was a discussion of the value engineering bid reduction submitted by Smith Constructors. Councilmember Fecas suggested phasing building one and two together and remodeling building three at a later time. Councilmember Fecas stated that the longer the Jewelry Warehouse building sits unused, maintenance costs will potentially add up. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested obtaining bids to demolish the current buildings and rebuild followed by a discussion of pros and cons of demolishing and rebuilding. There was a discussion of the project budget. Administrator Watkins stated that Chief Richbourg suggested renovating the Jewelry Warehouse building for the new Town Hall immediately and renovate the current Town Hall building to house the Police Department in a year or two. There was a discussion of the condition of the HVAC system at the Jewelry Warehouse building. Councilmember Fecas stated that if the Jewelry Warehouse building is not renovated as the new Town Hall, the current Town Hall building will need some investments including security for the lobby, key pad entry and microphones in Council Chambers. Councilmember Fecas asked if a bid has to be awarded. Administrator Watkins and Attorney Ward Bradley explained that the Town is not obligated to award a bid. Administrator Watkins suggested writing in the bid proposal as phases for building one, building two and building three. There was a brief discussion of grouping all of the departments into a one-building complex. Councilmember Hallman expressed concern over the price of the project and suggested that the public spaces of the buildings are where the money should be spent on details. Chief Richbourg inquired if a new Town Hall complex could stimulate economic development within the Town. Council agreed that updating the face of the Town could indeed stimulate the Town’s economy. Councilmember Wilkerson stated that he believes everyone agrees the project should be done in phases and he does not want to see the project reduced to something the Town won’t be proud of. Councilmember Fecas described an HGTV contest titled “Home Town

Takeover” in which small Towns are awarded a complete makeover. She suggested the Town could apply for the contest. Administrator Watkins stated that she would look into applying for the contest and Councilmember Fecas stated that she would create a narrative on the Town for submission with the application. After discussion, Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to reject the bids that were submitted, and to request new bids for phasing out the project.

- B. Incorporation of Springdale 501(c)(4) Non-Profit Corporation. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Hook, voted unanimously to create a committee, comprised of Mayor Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, and Councilmember Fecas to go over the details of the 501(c)(4) and present results to Council at the next work session. Councilmember Fecas stated that she will help to get things started and then will step back for another Councilmember to join the committee due to personal obligations. Councilmember Fecas suggested using USC Masters of Public Administration interns to aid in the operation of the 501(c)(4) and satisfy the requirements of their capstone projects. She concluded by stating that a standardized index for identifying blight properties that does not rely on individual opinions will be needed.

Report- Councilmember Fecas stated that Lexington District Two has not responded to inquiries by the County of Lexington concerning the wash out coming from Springdale Elementary School’s property into Parrish Plantation. She stated that Lexington County is handling the issue.

#### **IV. Adjourn**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk