

*South Carolina*  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Regular Meeting

January 7, 2014 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 Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro-Tem Manos, Councilmembers Hallman, Reeley, Ricard, Sox-Peters and Wilkerson, Town Administrator Erica Barton, and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** None.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was present. Pastor Tim Hodge from Crossroads World Outreach Center provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A. Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes.

**III. Oath of Office**

A. Mayor and Town Council. Judge George Nicholson administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Mayor, Michael Bishop, and to the returning Councilmembers, Kevin Reeley, Juston Ricard, and Jacob Wilkerson.

B. Officer Johnathan Williamson. Judge Nicholson administered the oath of office to Springdale's newest police officer, Johnathan Williamson.

**IV. Public Hearings**

A. Consideration of O-13-10; an ordinance to approve a petition for consolidation from the Town of Springdale into the City of West Columbia TMS: 005717-01-014. Mayor Bishop opened the public hearing at 6:12 pm and invited the petitioner, Jeff Carroll, to present information relating to this matter. Mr. Carroll noted that the property in question lies on the boundary between the two municipalities with no direct access on the Springdale side. No one else spoke in relation to this matter and the public hearing was closed at 6:13 pm.

B. Consideration of O-14-01; an ordinance to approve the updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Bishop opened the public hearing at 6:14 pm and invited Wayne Shuler from the CMCOG to present on the matter. Mr. Shuler provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan items. No one else spoke in relation to this matter. The public hearing was closed at 6:25 pm.

## **V. Old Business**

A. Consideration of O-13-10; an ordinance to approve a petition for consolidation from the Town of Springdale into the City of West Columbia TMS: 005717-01-014 on Brookwood Circle. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to approve O-13-10; an ordinance to approve a petition for consolidation from the Town of Springdale into the City of West Columbia TMS: 005717-01-014 on Brookwood Circle. [SECOND READING]

B. Consideration of O-13-11; an ordinance to amend Chapter 2: Administration of the Code of Ordinances. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Manos seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to approve O-13-11; an ordinance to amend Chapter 2: Administration of the Code of Ordinances. [SECOND READING]

C. Consideration of O-13-12; an ordinance to delete Chapter 3: Alcoholic Beverages from the Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Wilkerson noted that this section was being deleted because the activity is regulated by state law. Council, on motion of Councilmember Ricard, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve O-13-12; an ordinance to delete Chapter 3: Alcoholic Beverages from the Code of Ordinances. [SECOND READING]

D. Consideration of O-13-13; an ordinance amending the SCANA Franchise Fee Agreement. Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted 5-1 to adopt O-13-13; an ordinance amending the SCANA Franchise Fee Agreement. Mayor Bishop was the dissenting vote. Councilmember Ricard abstained from the vote because he is an employee of SCE&G, a SCANA subsidiary. [SECOND READING]

E. Lexington County Penny for Progress. Administrator Barton informed Council of the progress of the Penny for Progress initiative in Springdale. She noted that Council has narrowed the projects to pursue having placed on the ballot. She recommended that Council create a subcommittee to further develop these projects so that they can be ready by the upcoming deadline. Several members volunteered to serve on said subcommittee. Mayor Bishop stated that they would need to coordinate their schedules to ensure the work was completed. Several members had concerns about the distribution of the proposed tax at the County level.

F. Planning Commission/Town Council Workshop January 28, 2014 at 6 pm. Administrator Barton notified Council that the workshop will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. She noted that the Chairman of the Planning Commission, Lynn Hutchinson, was in the audience. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he was looking forward to the workshop.

## **VI. New Business**

A. Consideration of a pilot communication platform: Nixle. Mayor Bishop called on Chief Cornett to provide information about this program to Council. Chief Cornett stated that Nixle is a free communication tool that the Chief would like to use to communicate with the citizens. He asked for Council's consideration to pursue it on a trial basis. Council, on motion by Councilmember Sox-Peters, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the use of Nixle on a trial basis.

B. Consideration to appoint an elected official to the Central Midlands Council of Government. Council, based on a nomination by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Ricard to the CMCOG.

C. Consideration to amend an appointment to the Joint Water and Sewer Commission. Mayor Bishop stated that the prior Mayor has been appointed to a position that he feels should be held by someone who is currently in office. He stated that he would like it to be himself in the position. Councilmember Sox-Peters made a motion to appoint Mayor Bishop to the Joint Water and Sewer Commission. Councilmember Hallman seconded the motion. There was discussion about the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Manos stated that the issue should be tabled to ensure that the Council follows the rules on appointments. Mayor Bishop asked Town Attorney Danny Scott to render an opinion on the matter. Mr. Scott stated that he would have to research the matter because a lawful appointment had been made, and that individual had not been removed or resigned. Councilmember Sox-Peters withdrew her motion so that the issue could be researched further.

D. Consideration of O-14-01; an ordinance to approve the updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to provide first reading to O-14-01; an ordinance to approve the updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

E. Consideration to present Council Reports. Mayor Bishop stated he had visited several different Councils and they had Council reports where the members reported on the items they had done for the community since the last meeting. He stated that he would like for the Springdale Council to have a monthly Council Report. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to include Council Reports on the agenda for upcoming Council meetings.

## **VII. Reports**

A. Administrator Barton referred Council to her monthly report. She updated Council on the progress of the Town code review, noting that the nuisance chapter would be under review next. She provided an update on the FY15 budget process. She asked Council if there is an interest in having a Council workshop to discuss the budget. All members stated that they would be in support of that. Administrator Barton noted that there are two appointments for Council to make to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. She advised the public to fill out the interest sheet available in the lobby. She provided an update on Legislative Action Day and the Elected Officials Institute. Administrator Barton reported that ethics reports must be filed online by March 30, 2014.

B. Public Works Director Ancik reviewed his monthly report with Council.

C. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with Council.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

David Asbill questioned the members of Council on the appointments made at the December meeting. Mayor Bishop stated that Pat Smith was appointed to both positions. Mr. Asbill asked Mr. Scott why the appointments were made when no one had resigned or died. Mr. Scott referred the question to Mrs. Barton. Mrs. Barton stated that the prior mayor had asked to have the appointments voted on in December. Kayleen Mobley asked the members of Council why they voted the way they voted on the appointments and asked about the Penny sales tax projects. Councilmembers Ricard and Hallman stated that they voted the way they voted because they thought Mr. Smith would do a good job and Mr. Bishop had expressed no interest. Mayor Pro Tem Manos stated that the matter may have gone differently if Mayor Bishop had attended the Council meeting. Lynn Hutchinson commended the public works department and the police department. He asked if automobile break-ins were the most prolific crime. The

Chief stated that they were. Julie Carroll stated that she has lived in the town for thirteen years and recently experienced her first theft. She stated that she leaves her doors unlocked, and her keys in her vehicles with no worries. Now she no longer feels like she is protected. The Chief stated that he has a limited number of officers, but they are patrolling. He stated that calls for service have doubled over the past five years. Joyce Freeman stated that she has lived in the town for 58 years and only had one break-in. She stated that she feels safe, but thinks an increase in rental property may have led to crime issues. Debbie Richardson asked if sewer were approved through the Penny Sales tax, would the town receive revenues from the lines. The members stated that the City of Cayce would operate and own the lines.

## **IX. Executive Session**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Sox-Peters, voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter at 7:32 pm.

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Sox-Peters, voted unanimously to exit executive session at 8:12 pm.

Mayor Bishop stated that no action was taken in executive session.

## **X. Adjournment**

Council, upon motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

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Michael Bishop  
*Mayor*

Attest:

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Erica L. Barton  
*Town Administrator*