

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

January 8, 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, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

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 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Council unanimously approved the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda. Council unanimously approved the minutes for the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting and December 18, 2018 Work Session Meeting.

III. Executive Session

A. Council, on Motion by Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session to receive legal advice incident to contractual agreements and purchase of property.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to return to public session at 6:41 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session.

IV. Old Business

A. ORDINANCE O-18-09MA; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; TMS 005735-03-011 OR 2320 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD; REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING FROM C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. (2nd and Final Reading). Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the Map Amendment request.

V. New Business

A. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve Pope Flynn Group as Bond Counsel in for the issuance of a General Obligation Bond.

B. Council, on motion by Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to enter into contract for property purchase located at 2909 Platt Springs Road, Springdale, SC Parcel B.

- C. ORDINANCE O-19-01; AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS AS A PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT. (1st Reading). Council on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve.
- D. RESOLUTION R-19-01; A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO ACT AS CLAIMANT AGENCY FOR THE COLLECTION OF DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT. Council on motion of Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve.

VI. Items for Discussion

- A. Fireworks Ordinance. Councilmember Fecas stated that she was proposing a fireworks ordinance since one was not currently in place. She stated that she had put together some research and it has been provided to Town Council in their meeting packets. She continued by stating that she has received feedback from residents that neighbors are not being considerate when shooting fireworks and they are leaving litter in adjacent yards and public streets. She further stated that her ordinance also proposes a moratorium of 15 minutes for every hour that would allow animals to relieve themselves without the fear of the fireworks. Her ordinance also proposed to only allow the discharging of fireworks on specific holidays and they were to end at 12:15 am the following day. Litter would also be required to be removed by noon the following day. Councilmember Fecas stated that her proposed ordinance would not supersede the current ordinance that allowed approved groups to have public displays of fireworks. Councilmember Wilkerson asked Chief Cornett if the moratorium described in the proposed ordinance would be able to be enforced to which Chief Cornett replied that it would be unrealistic to enforce. Chief Cornett stated that he also understands the need for such ordinance but doesn't believe it can be enforced as proposed. Councilmember Wilkerson and Mayor Bishop both recommended that this item be moved to the next Council Work Session, and Councilmember Fecas agreed.

VII. Reports

- A. Town Council Reports. Mayor Bishop mentioned that Town Council will be holding a Strategic Planning Session at the next Council Work Session. Mayor Bishop asked everyone to bring a few project ideas to discuss. He continued by stating that Shampy Street repaving project has started. He also mentioned that the Town will be hosting the Lexington County Municipal Association's next meeting here at Town Hall on January 24 at 6:30 pm. Councilmember Ricard mentioned that he was looking forward to the upcoming year and workshop.
- B. Police Report. Chief Cornett started his report by thanking Mayor Bishop for working diligently with the SC Department of Transportation in negotiating a space that the police department can use to conduct physical fitness tests. Chief Cornett continued by providing council with statistical and analytical maps for the month of December as well as a year-end report. Chief Cornett reported that in 2018, their highest incidents were for traffic incidents and the second highest being drugs and narcotics violations. Chief Cornett commended Code Compliance Officer Matthews for her hard work she has delivered in the short time she has been in this position. Chief Cornett continued by mentioning the events that were upcoming and invited Council to the "Chief's Fitness Challenge". He stated this physical challenge was mirrored after the FBI National Academy's workouts and the ultimate goal is to have the police department run a 5K as a group. He concluded by stating the "Daddy and Me 5K" would be held on June 15th, 2019.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser, began his report by stating that he had coordinated with the City of West Columbia to use their bucket truck to begin taking banners down. He stated that they worked on repairing a median that was struck as well as putting out turf dye. He

continued by stating that he had worked on updating the Town's website and added a business tab for potential developers.

- D. Town Administrator Report. Town Administrator, Ashley Watkins, stated that the park bench ordered for the Memory of Mr. John "Runt" Hook had been delivered and the public works department would be working on an area for that. She stated that the stop sign for the corner of Platt Springs and Lee Circle had been ordered but shipping would take several weeks. She further stated that the town's Financial Audit was near completion and she hoped to have it presented at the February or March council meeting.
- E. Attorney Report. Attorney Ward Bradley did not have anything to report.

VIII. Appearance by Residents

Ms. Ginger Swanson, 1062 Tarrytown Lane, appeared and requested that the Springdale Town Council look into adding a traffic light at the intersection of Platt Springs and Tarrytown Lane. Mayor Bishop stated that he will be glad to pass the message onto the SC Department of Transportation but they have told him several times in the past, they aren't willing to install such light. Mayor Bishop assured her that he would share her concerns with SCDOT. She continued by asking council if there would be any way to remove leaning pine trees on Tarrytown Lane. Mayor Bishop stated that if the trees were live trees on private property, they do not have the ability to force the removal of such trees. Ms. Swanson thanked Mayor Bishop for his email updates and notices.

Ms. Paula Williamson, 2206 Westmoreland Lane, appeared and spoke on several issues. She first stated that she felt the town should have a larger sign advertising town meetings. Next she spoke on the issue of water on roadways on Westmoreland. She stated that running water is collecting at the end of her driveway and she feels that it will create a pothole. Mayor Bishop contacted the City of West Columbia during the meeting and they stated it would be repaired in the next several days. Ms. Williamson continued by mentioning the potholes on Beverly Drive to which Mayor Bishop stated he would contact SCDOT about. Ms. Williamson asked about the Kitty Hawk sidewalk project as well and requested an update. Mayor Bishop stated that the town had paid for their portion of the project and he would work on getting an update on that. In closing Ms. Williamson mentioned that the signs directing the community to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport were in need of replacing. She stated that someone who is not familiar with the airport may have a hard time locating the airport. Mayor Bishop stated that he would look into this issue as well.

IX. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Watkins, Town Administrator