

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
November 20, 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 Fecas, Peters, Hallman, Wilkerson, and Town Administrator Ashley Watkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Reeley 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. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard provided the invocation and Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved without objection.

III. Old Business

A. Town Council Reports.

Town Signs and Medians – Mayor Bishop informed Council of Public Works Director Ancik’s acquisition of plant-friendly green paint to keep the medians looking nice during the winter. Councilmember Fecas brought up a median that needed repair and Mayor Bishop stated that he would bring it up with DOT or see who else could fix the median. Administrator Watkins stated there was nothing new on signs and Council discussed the drawings that they had received since the Regular Meeting on November 7th.

Springdale Elementary School – Councilmember Fecas informed Council that she spoke to School Board Member Kevin Key and said the foundation work has been done. She also stated that other design decisions were forthcoming and a new website should be published in the coming week. Councilmember Fecas also related a meeting involving all concerned parties over the memorandum of agreement for Cindy’s Place. She also discussed the disagreements between Parrish Plantation and the school district and the progress being made between the two parties.

The Preserve at Roof Farm PDD – Administrator Watkins informed Council that the Planning Commission would be meeting tomorrow concerning the proposed PDD changes.

Parrish Plantation – Mayor Pro Tem Ricard discussed his conversations with Danny Scott and Wade Caughman to address the drainage and other issues in the development. Councilmember Fecas brought up Mr. Caughman offering the deeds to the HOA and the HOA not accepting due to uncertainty about liability for repairs. Council discussed the possibility of accepting liability for the repairs in exchange for Mr. Caughman turning the deeds over to the Parrish Plantation HOA. Councilmember Fecas also informed Council of a phone call she took from residents concerning the beaver dam within Town and issues with the dam. She proposed that the Town send a member of the Parrish community, the

lower pond community, and a Town employee to go a pond management course offered by Lexington County. Council discussed how to get rid of the beavers. Council further discussed what could be done about the pond in the short and long term.

Water Project – Council tabled the subject.

DOT – Mayor Bishop discussed DOT doing sidewalk repairs on Platt Springs Road and following up on painting the lines. Councilmember Fecas brought up a significant pot hole on Airport Blvd. Administrator Watkins brought up the missing barrels at the Airport Blvd. exit and Mayor Bishop stated that the Police Department took them up because they created a safety issue.

Splash Pad – Councilmember Peters discussed her upcoming meeting with Randy Gibson, the Executive Director of the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. Administrator Watkins asked Mr. Ancik for new figures the Town received for the cost of the splash pad. Council discussed the cost of the splash pad materials and work. Mayor Bishop discussed the soap dispenser in the park bathroom being empty and encouraged Mr. Ancik to have it refilled.

Elected Officials – Mayor Bishop stated he didn't have anything to add on this topic.

IV. New Business

A. Residential Rental Property Ordinance. Special Projects Coordinator John Rabon discussed a proposed ordinance to bring the Town up to the level of nearby municipalities and others in the state that do not require a business license for renting residential property unless a certain amount of gross income was received from the activity or more than one rental property was within the jurisdiction. He observed that, under the current business license ordinance, every rental property owner would have to get a business license. Council discussed the ability to regulate rental properties with the ordinance and ensure that codes are enforced. Council discussed the current authority of the Code Compliance Officer to enforce the codes on rental properties. Council also discussed how many rental properties were located within Town.

B. Parrish Plantation Pond. Topic covered under discussion of Parrish Plantation.

C. Landscaping Projects at Town Hall. Mayor Bishop praised Public Works for the landscaping and sidewalks work done around Town Hall. Council discussed the cost of crepe myrtle trees for the property. Mayor Pro Ricard asked what the timeline was for improvements and Mayor Bishop stated that there wasn't one.

D. Hurricane Builders – 1065 Crest Drive. Administrator Watkins informed Council on the denial of permission to build on the property as the zoning ordinance does not permit single family home construction for lots of that size by herself and then the Board of Zoning Appeals denying the appeal. Council discussed the zoning ordinance and the construction of that subdivision. Council also discussed the reaction by the neighbors to Hurricane Builders wanting to construct a home on the lot. Council discussed how they could overrule the Board of Zoning appeals and allow the house to be built considering the remaining homes in the subdivision were allowed to be built on those size lots. Council discussed next steps to take with the Board of Zoning Appeals and permitting the construction to go forward.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk