

*South Carolina*  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session

December 17, 2018 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, Wilkerson, and Reeley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Hallman and Attorney Ward Bradley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk, Tare’ Stapp, Chief Cornett, and Public Works Supervisor, Scott Bolser

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 5:53 P.M. A quorum was present.

A. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard provided the invocation.

B. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

**III. Items of Discussion**

- A. Creating an allocation of Town Council budget items. Administrator Watkins stated that Council had requested information on Councilmembers budget items, and this was a follow up to go over the requested material. Councilmember Fecas expressed her concern that there is not anyone in charge of handling the budget and spending for Council. Councilmember Fecas suggested putting an individual in charge of handling Council’s budget and using an index to help inform Councilmembers when they are getting close to their spending threshold, as well as inform any Councilmembers when they are going to go over their spending budget. Councilmember Fecas continued and stated that if any Councilmembers know they are going to go over their spending threshold, they can present it to the other Councilmembers at one of the meetings. Mayor Bishop inquired how much the budget would be for Councilmembers next year since the Town car will not be included in the spending budget. Administrator Watkins responded by stating that the typical budget amount is around \$15,000.00.
- B. Town of Springdale Municipal Complex Master Plan. Administrator Watkins stated there were a few new updates since the last meeting regarding this topic. Councilmember Fecas and Mayor Bishop suggested waiting to discuss the Municipal Complex Master Plan until a future date.
- C. 2909 Platt Springs Road Property Purchase. Council agreed they would like to tour the facility if possible. The property costs 1.2 million for the land and the building. Councilmember Fecas suggested purchasing

the building and the 1.6 acres, and then if Council would like to move forward in purchasing the other piece of property, they can do so in the future. Administrator Watkins stated that she spoke with the Town's bonding attorney, Mr. Lawrence Flynn, and he stated that the Town has a bonding capacity max of \$925,000.00. Administrator Watkins mentioned that Mr. Flynn also stated that these types of transactions take around four to five months to complete; however, the Town can give escrow money and have the property held until the remainder of the money is available. Council stated they would like to tour the building first before making any decisions.

#### **IV. Town Council Reports**

- A. Town Signs. Administrator Watkins reported that there were not any new updates regarding the Town signs.
- B. Springdale Elementary School. Councilmember Fecas reported that Springdale Elementary has not yet passed the storm water inspection according to Lexington County Stormwater.
- C. The Preserve at Roof Farm. Councilmember Fecas and Mayor Bishop reported that this item can be removed from the agenda due to this project being cancelled.
- D. Parrish Plantation. There were not any new reports for this item at this time.
- E. DOT. Mayor Bishop reported that he met with DOT at a breakfast meeting and saw a great presentation on the gas tax money and where each municipality is headed in the next ten years. Mayor Bishop mentioned that he spoke with DOT in regards to Chief Cornett's project idea of doing a fitness training facility for the police department at the vacant building at 600 Cherokee Lane. Mayor Bishop continued by stating that DOT is creating an agreement right now that states there will be a liability lease for the building, but there will not be a fee associated with this lease.
- F. Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins reported that a new design has been created, due to some of the new features not being able to fit in the allotted space inside the Splash Pad. Mayor Bishop inquired when Administrator Watkins would like to place a new order for the next fixture. Administrator Watkins stated that there \$8,000 available now in the budget to purchase new pieces.
- G. Elected Officials. Mayor Bishop reported that he attended the Midlands Mayor breakfast, as well as the Lexington County Municipal Association Christmas dinner with Councilmember Fecas and Councilmember Peters.
- H. Town Council Special Project Requests:
  - i. 800 Rosedale Road. Chief Cornett reported that the swimming pool at this location was green again, and Chief Cornett has assigned the Town's Code Enforcement Officer to this property regarding this issue.
  - ii. 3100 & 3104 Oweada Drive. Chief Cornett reported that 3100 Oweada Drive still has a tire in their yard. Chief Cornett continued his report and stated that the property owners of 3104 Oweada Drive came into compliance at the last court date; however, they have been cited again for their yard.
  - iii. Lot on Lee Circle. Chief Cornett reported that this property can be removed from the agenda.
  - iv. 3025 Platt Springs Road, Mobile Homes. Administrator Watkins reported an update for this property. Administrator Watkins stated that she spoke with the property owner and he has requested to have until January 31, 2019 to remove the last mobile home, due to his stepson living in the mobile home at the moment. Councilmember Fecas mentioned that it is a zoning violation to allow an individual to reside in the mobile home. Mayor Bishop inquired what the next step would be to

move forward with this process. Administrator Watkins responded by stating that the police department is waiting for approval from Council to write tickets to the property owners until the issues are resolved. Council gave approval for Chief Cornett to begin writing tickets after the deadline of December 31, 2018 until the property owners come into compliance.

- v. 3400 Platt Springs Road (burned home). Chief Cornett reported that this property can be removed from the agenda.

Mayor Bishop mentioned that he knows a gentleman who collects TV's, and was inquiring if it would be appropriate to give Mr. Scott Bolser the gentleman's number to add to the TV's left on the side of the road for pick up. Administrator Watkins suggested Public Works tagging the TV's and adding this gentleman's information to the tag. Mayor Bishop stated he will provide Mr. Bolser with the gentleman's information. Mayor Bishop suggested about setting goals and dates in the January Work Session meeting, as well as Mr. Bolser creating a calendar for special projects and so forth.

## **V. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Ashley Watkins, Town Administrator