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**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session  
December 18, 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, Reeley, and Town Administrator Ashley Watkins.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Wilkerson and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 5:54 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman 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 – Administrator Watkins went over the proposed Town Sign with Council. Council discussed the design and materials. Council discussed a potential timeline to approve the sign design and begin the construction. Administrator Watkins discussed the bid process with Council and the proposals. Council praised the work done on the medians and discussed the planting of flowers in one of the medians that had been run over by a car.

Springdale Elementary School – Councilmember Fecas provided an update of her attempt to attend the school district meeting, but had to leave before Springdale Elementary was discussed. She also stated that she and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard met with Parrish Plantation and she felt that issues between the neighborhood and the school would be resolved soon. Council discussed some issues with water running down the wall of Parrish Plantation’s entrance, though the Council was certain the wall would hold. Council discussed the possibility of Ms. Bernie Adkins from the Lexington School District 2 CATE Center speaking to Council at the February work session meeting.

The Preserve at Roof Farm PDD – Mayor Bishop stated that there wasn’t any further information to discuss regarding the PDD.

Parrish Plantation – Mayor Pro Tem Ricard informed Council of the meeting with Parrish Plantation and his desire to have another meeting with them in early 2018. Chief Cornett related some positive comments from Parrish residents that were posted on the NextDoor app. Councilmember Fecas suggested that the school district communicate more with Parrish Plantation residents. Council discussed conversations that residents on NextDoor had about the Mayor and Council.

Water Project – Council tabled the subject indefinitely.

DOT – Mayor Bishop informed Council that he reported a pot hole on Highway 302 to DOT that has not been repaired yet. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the yard waste ordinance and Administrator Watkins answered that the current ordinances already account for the blowing of yard waste into the street, so no new ordinance was necessary. Council discussed the blowing of yard waste into the road.

Splash Pad – Councilmember Peters informed Council that there was nothing to report on the splash pad until next month. She also discussed the previous Public Works Director’s attending a relevant meeting and her need to get a hold of his files on the splash pad to continue working on this.

Elected Officials – Mayor Bishop announced that he would be attending a press conference with Governor McMaster along with other mayors and legislators for an initiative to help veterans without transportation. Mayor Bishop invited other Councilmembers to attend. Councilmember Fecas asked about the status of the proposed dog park and Administrator Watkins responded that there was nothing new on that. Mayor Bishop mentioned that Platt Springs Road United Methodist is planning to do a park next to the church and suggested that Councilmember Fecas could provide advice due to her work with Cindy’s Place. Councilmember Fecas related a meeting about Cindy’s Place and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town over the park. Mayor Bishop discussed surveying points on Town property that’s undeveloped and Council continued to discuss work on a dog park. Council discussed enforcement of animals in the parks.

#### **IV. New Business**

A. Discuss Public Works Department organization. Mayor Bishop stated that it would be better to replace a Public Works Director position with a working supervisor position. Council discussed possibilities for reorganizing the Public Works Department and building inspections or hiring someone as a supervisor who has contractor experience. Chief Cornett advocated patience while he addresses issues within the Public Works Department prior to any changes being made. Chief Cornett gave Council an overview of how garbage pickup would be revamped in the coming weeks to address concerns of missed trash and landscaping projects.

B. Town Scholarship. Mayor Bishop discussed a Town scholarship with Midlands Technical College and that there has been a lack of funding. Midlands Tech desires to come speak to the Town about fundraising and Mayor Bishop asked for Council to donate some money to it. Council discussed funding methods for the scholarship and any requirements to qualify.

C. Golf Cart Parade. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard discussed having a parade to help promote the Town with decorated golf carts as a fun event. Council discussed parade and event ideas for the Town to host. The Mayor discussed the possibility of a retreat meeting with Council and the field services representative from the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Council discussed holding the retreat and what should be done during it. Councilmember Fecas discussed showing more appreciation for the Town boards and commissions. Councilmember Fecas also asked about the uniform business license bill and Mr. Rabon responded that it had not passed yet in the General Assembly.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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Michael Bishop  
*Mayor*

Attest:

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John Rabon  
*Town Clerk*