

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

December 3, 2013 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 Pat Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Manos, Councilmembers Hallman, Reeley, Ricard, and Wilkerson, Town Administrator Erica Barton, and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Councilmember Sox-Peters.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes.

III. New Business

A. Town Calendar. Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve the town calendar for 2014.

B. Consideration of R-13-11; a resolution to approve a mutual aid agreement with the City of Columbia Narcotics Unit. Chief Cornett informed Council of the purpose of the mutual aid agreement. He stated that it allows the pooling of resources to fight against narcotics. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to approve R-13-11; a resolution to approve a mutual aid agreement with the City of Columbia Narcotics Unit.

C. Police Commendation of Service. Chief Cornett recognized Corporal Powell for an incident relating to a stolen golf cart. Chief Cornett stated that Corporal Powell actions should be commended for a job well done.

D. 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. Mrs. Barton informed Council about the situation. She stated that the property in question is in Springdale, but can only be accessed from West Columbia. Mr. Carroll, the property owner, spoke to Council about the situation and importance of changing the jurisdiction of the property. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to approve O-13-10; an

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E. Council appointment to the Joint Water and Sewer Commission and the Central Midlands Council of Government. Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to appoint Pat Smith to both positions.

F. Consideration of O-13-11; an ordinance to amend Chapter 2: Administration of the Code of Ordinances. Mrs. Barton provided an overview of the changes to Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances. Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Manos seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to provide first reading to O-13-11; an ordinance to amend Chapter 2: Administration of the Code of Ordinances.

G. Consideration of O-13-12; an ordinance to delete Chapter 3: Alcoholic Beverages from the Code of Ordinances. Administrator Barton informed Council that this section was unnecessary because it pertains to an issue that is regulated by state law. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to provide first reading to O-13-12; an ordinance to delete Chapter 3: Alcoholic Beverages from the Code of Ordinances.

H. Consideration of O-13-13; an ordinance amending the SCANA Franchise Fee Agreement. Administrator Barton provided the background on the franchise fee. She noted that the increased fee would result in an additional \$90,000 in franchise fee revenue. Councilmember Wilkerson asked what neighboring municipalities charge. Mayor Pro Tem Manos stated that they have the fee set at 5%. Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted 5-0 to provide first reading to O-13-13; an ordinance amending the SCANA Franchise Fee Agreement. Councilmember Ricard abstained from the vote.

I. Lexington County Penny for Progress. Administrator Barton informed Council about the Penny for Progress initiative at the County level. She noted that Council needs to select potential projects to be submitted to the County commission that will select projects for the ballot. Additionally, Council needs to select an engineering firm to help to develop the projects. She noted that submitting projects does not amount to any type of endorsement of the Penny for Progress by the town or any individual member of Council. Council, on motion by Councilmember Hallman seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to select the engineering firm paid for by the county, Alliance Engineering, and to move forward on pursuing several projects including sewer throughout the town, a new town center, and the Cindy's Place project.

J. Springdale Monument Signs. Administrator Barton updated Council on an initiative that staff was looking at pursuing. She stated that monument signs are very expensive, and an option may be to look at the monument sign as a way to incorporate public art and a tourist element. If that option were pursued, the town may be able to use Accommodation's tax funds. She asked for Council's support on creating a public contest to help with the design of the signs. Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to support the initiative to create a contest to develop a tourist attraction monument sign scheme.

K. Signage Plan for Springdale Plazas. Administrator Barton asked for Council's blessing to pursue streamlining the sign permit process for businesses located in the Design Overlay District in the various plazas throughout the town. She stated that she would like to work with the owners of the plazas to develop a unified signage plan customized for each plaza. Council, on motion by Councilmember

Wilkerson seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to move forward with developing a unified signage plan for each plaza in conjunction with the owners of said plazas.

IV. Reports

A. Administrator Barton referred Council to her monthly report. She updated Council on the Planning Commission/Town Council joint meeting, the review of the Code of Ordinances, the FY15 budget preparation, the building permit and licensing review, and the progress of the CDBG demolition grant. Mayor Pro Tem Manos asked the Administrator to look into doing something about solicitation in the town.

B. Public Works Director Ancik reviewed his monthly report with Council. Mayor Pro Tem Manos complimented the Public Works Department by saying that the department was second-to-none.

C. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with Council. Mayor Pro Tem Manos asked if the park hours of operation could be enforced. Chief Cornett stated that he would look into it.

V. Public Comment

A member of the audience thanked Mayor Smith for his service to the town.

VI. Executive Session

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:40 pm.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to exit executive session at 7:05 pm.

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

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos seconded by Councilmember Ricard, voted unanimously to grant Administrator Barton two months of paid maternity leave and appoint Joe Boyes as Interim Town Administrator in her absence.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Erica L. Barton
Town Administrator