

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

December 4, 2012 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 Reeley, Ricard, Sox-Peters, and Wilkerson, Town Administrator Erica Barton, and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Councilmember Hallman.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve the November 6, 2012 and November 12, 2012 meeting minutes.

III. Old Business

A. Consideration of O-12-04; an ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance provisions for Insurance Companies. Council on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to adopt O-12-04 an ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance provisions for insurance companies.

B. Cambridge Plaza 2012 business license update. Administrator Barton updated Council on the interactions she has had with the Cambridge Plaza owner, Mr. Kislaya Sinha. She stated he had been very responsive and has worked hard to implement the proposed measures he talked about at the prior meeting. She stated that the owner is motivated to keep the criminal element away from his property, and he has done so despite the financial losses it has caused him. She stated that the two of them have been working together to develop some best practices that can be applied to all of the hotels in the area where the criminal element is or has been present. She requested that Council reinstate the 2012 business license while being mindful of the fact that the license must be renewed before April 2013 for the business to remain open. Councilmember Peters asked Chief Cornett if he was satisfied with the progress that the owner was making. The Chief stated that he was. The Mayor stated that the standards being developed by the Cambridge Plaza could potentially be applied to the other hotels in town that have had problems in the past. Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to reinstate the 2012 Cambridge Plaza business license.

IV. Items for Consideration

A. Consideration to require owners of rental property to obtain a business license to lease properties. Administrator Barton asked Council to consider whether or not they wanted to pursue requiring business

licenses for renting property. She stated that there was some leeway in how the ordinance could be interpreted as to whether or not a license should be required. Mayor Pro Tem Manos asked if this would apply to residential property. Administrator Barton stated that is for Council to decide. Mayor Smith stated that the members of Council should think the matter over to discuss it at the next meeting.

V. Reports

A. The Administrator referred Council to her monthly report.

B. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with Council. Mayor Pro Tem Manos stated that he had received some concerns about speeding on Platt Springs Road in the mornings. The Chief stated that he would address the issue. The Mayor congratulated the Chief on the successes of the interagency checkpoint that the police department recently hosted.

VI. Appearance by citizens

None.

VII. Executive Session

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss legal matters at 6:20p.m.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to exit executive session at 6:33p.m.

No action resulted from the executive session.

VIII. Adjournment

Council, on motion by Councilmember Ricard, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manos, voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Pat G. Smith
Mayor

Attest:

Erica Barton
Town Administrator