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MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

December 4, 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.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Wilkerson, Reeley, and Hallman

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Peters

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Municipal Clerk Tare' Stapp, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, and Attorney Ward Bradley

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6 P.M. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda. Council unanimously approved the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- B. Approval of Minutes. Council unanimously approved the November 6, 2018 Regular Meeting and November 19, 2018 Work Session Meeting.

III. New Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-18-09MA; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP; TMS 005735-03-011 OR 2320 PLATT SPRINGS ROAD; REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONING FROM C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to approve the Map Amendment request.
- B. Council Appointment of an Advisory Member to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Reeley as the Advisory Member.

IV. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-18-08; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17: PURCHASING, OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES. (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to approve this ordinance.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-18-10; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ORDINANCES, ADDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE IV,

LICENSING AND REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS AND FOOD TRAILERS (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve this amended ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard requested to recuse himself from the following business, due to a potential conflict of interest with his employment at SCANA. (Councilmember Ricard read aloud his recusal letter at the November 6th, 2018 Council Meeting.) A copy of Councilmember Ricard's recusal is attached to the official minutes.

- C. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-18-11; AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY. (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted unanimously to approve the updated franchise ordinance.
- D. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE O-18-12; AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE AND MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (2nd Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Hallman, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to approve this ordinance.

V. Reports

A. Town Council Reports:

Councilmember Fecas reported that she did not have anything new to report for Parrish Plantation and Lexington Two at this time. However, Councilmember Fecas did report that she, Councilmember Peters, and Mayor Bishop will be representing the Town of Springdale while attending the Lexington County Municipal Association Christmas Party on December 13th.

Councilmember Wilkerson reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting went well and ran smoothly. Councilmember Wilkerson inquired if there was any new information regarding the housing development on Ermine. Mayor Bishop responded by stating that the project is at a standstill at the moment due to profit margins, as well as with issues involving clearing and grading.

Mayor Bishop reported that he met with the gas station across the street from Town Hall, and the owners are very pleased with the Police Department and all their efforts in catching the suspect from the robbery. Mayor Bishop also reported he met with Lexington Nails regarding their storm drainage issue. Mayor Bishop continued by stating that Lexington County and the State informed him that this is a private property issue. Mayor Bishop advised the property owners to come by Town Hall and request contact information regarding storm drainage and property clean up. Chief Cornett stated that the property having storm drainage issues is not owned by the nail salon, but rather by another property owner.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard reported that the Town's Christmas float is looking great, and encourages Council and Town Hall to come by to see the progress. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard also reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting was great and a wonderful showing for the Town, and he appreciated everyone's efforts in making this event a success. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard continued his report by introducing Mr. Jacob Ricard and Mr. Marcus Gadsden from Troop 1, who were attending the Council Meeting to fulfill their citizenship and their community requirement for Eagle Scouts. Mayor Pro Tem ended his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Reeley did not have anything new to report at this time.

Councilmember Hallman reported that he received a call from Mrs. Margaret Hook regarding the bench in the park. Councilmember Hallman inquired if there has been an update on this issue. Administrator Watkins responded by stating there is not an update at this time, but she and Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Scott Bolser are looking into this matter. Councilmember Hallman also reported he was contacted by another resident regarding the outer fence near Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas responded by stating that it is her understanding that the HOA has taken the project upon themselves to fix the fence.

B. Police Report:

Chief Cornett reported on the Statistical and Analytical Data map, as well as the Officer/Investigator statistics and the Code Compliance report to Council. Chief Cornett continued his report stating that all the officers have been through taser and Narcan training and are now certified in both of these fields. Chief Cornett also reported that the officers will have five new laptops in their patrol cars through a three year leasing program. Councilmember Wilkerson questioned how much the cost would be to purchase each laptop. Chief Cornett responded stating that each laptop would cost \$1,200 each, whereas it is costing \$3,000 for five new laptops to be leased every three years. Chief Cornett stated that it would be more financially sound to lease brand new laptops every three years, rather than purchasing a \$1,200 laptop over again. Chief Cornett ended his report by introducing Officer Sharpe for his presentation that is required after an officer has completed their FTO training with the Police Department. Officer Sharpe presented to Council his project called "Eat with a Cop," and explained this project is to help create involvement, as well as a relationship between the police department and the community. Officer Sharpe continued to explain that he would like this event to take place on a Tuesday, once a month or every other month, where the community can come out and enjoy good food and good conversation with officers, as well as voice any concerns they may have. Officer Sharpe stated that he thinks this would be great for fellowship between the community and the Police Department.

Mayor Bishop inquired how many vacancies the Police Department currently has at the moment. Chief Cornett responded stating there are two vacancies and six pending applicants.

C. Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor, Mr. Scott Bolser reported that the Town's snowflakes are up and the lights on Airport Blvd. had been replaced. He also reported that they planted flowers by the new Town sign on Watling Road. Mr. Bolser reported that the Public Works Department still has two vacancies, and is currently looking for applicants. Councilmember Wilkerson inquired about the park lighting near the parking area, and whether Public Works can look into possibly adding an additional light source for that particular area. Mr. Bolser responded by stating that he has been looking into adding flood lights to help illuminate that area of the park.

Mayor Bishop mentioned that he received an email from an individual suggesting the Town add more street lighting on Platt Springs Rd. with the Accommodations money.

D. Town Administrator Report:

Administrator Watkins started her report by thanking everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration and making it a success. Administrator Watkins continued her report by stating that she had researched information regarding notary fees and starting December 1st, the Town of Springdale will begin charging \$5.00 for non-residents for each notary request. Administrator Watkins also reported that Lexington School District 2 Innovation Center is having their Dedication and Open House on December 11th at 6:00 pm, and all Councilmembers are invited to attend. Administrator Watkins reminded Council of the Town's Christmas Party on December 6th at 6:00 pm, as well as the Holiday Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 8th at 5:30 pm. However, the parade may be postponed due to inclement weather, but Administrator Watkins stated that she will continue to keep Council updated as she receives more information. Administrator Watkins continued her report by stating that Councilmember Hallman and Mayor Bishop had requested quotes on new

wrought iron stop signs for the corner of Lee Circle and Platt Springs Rd. Administrator Watkins stated that the price range for these signs would be around \$300 to \$400. Administrator Watkins stated that she can present the signs to Council, or if they prefer, she can choose one for the Town. Mayor Bishop and Council agreed to allow Administrator Watkins to choose and purchase the new sign. Administrator Watkins also reported that she has not heard back from the realtor in regards to the vacant lot located at West Columbia Pentecostal Holiness Church. Mayor Bishop responded to Administrator Watkins statement and stated that he has spoken with the Dean of the church and he has said that the church has DHEC removing the contaminated dirt and concrete, and the purchase price should be lower due to the Town not having to handle the process of removing the contaminated dirt. Administrator Watkins continued her report and stated that the Town will be having their audit starting December 17th, and once it is completed she will have that to Council promptly. Administrator Watkins ended her report by stating that she spoke with the property owner next to Town Hall, and he is willing to discuss selling the commercial area of the property to the Town.

E. Attorney Report:

Attorney Bradley did not have anything new to report at this time.

VI. Appearance by residents

No members of the public signed up to speak at this meeting.

VII. Adjournment

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

Attest:

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Ashley Watkins, Town Administrator