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**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session

February 20, 2019 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. A quorum was present.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmembers Peters, Hallman and Reeley

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, 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 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilmember Ricard provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Consent Agenda**

Council unanimously approved the February 20, 2019 Work Session agenda.

**III. Items for Discussion**

A. Discuss Strategic Planning Progress. Mayor Bishop began discussion by asking Administrator Watkins for an update on the meeting with the architect concerning the building next door. Administrator Watkins stated that the architect should have something to report in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Bishop asked Administrator Watkins what department would be moving into the new building. Administrator Watkins stated that hopefully all departments would go into the new building but that would be determined once the architect's report is obtained. Mayor Bishop stated Council agreed that if only one department would fit they would like it to be at least Town Hall.

Councilmember Fecas stated that she was excited the Architect would have a full report before bids are requested. Administrator Watkins stated that the Town would need to obtain a design bid and whoever was hired would bid the job out to contractors. Councilmember Wilkerson indicated that Council should have a special meeting concerning the design of the build once a report is obtained. Councilmember Ricard stated that it would be a good idea to get a second opinion on design options and Mayor Bishop agreed. There was a brief discussion amongst Council and staff on design ideas and ways the existing buildings could be utilized.

Councilmember Fecas confirmed with Administrator Watkins that per the bond attorney, we could possibly close mid-March.

**IV. Town Council Reports**

A. Town Signs. Mayor Bishop stated that the Tarrytown Lane/I-26 sign should be completed in the next few weeks. Councilmember Wilkerson asked Mayor Bishop for an update on the West Columbia waterline project. Mayor Bishop stated that Parrish Pond Drive up to Silstar was completed and plans to bore to Hollydale were made in the past week. Mayor Bishop stated that the issues with Parrish Plantation's stagnant water will be fixed which should clear the water and give more pressure.

B. Springdale Elementary School. Councilmember Fecas stated that the school district provided plats to Parrish Plantation Homeowner's Association Board late last year that she forwarded to them at that time. She stated there have been some questions concerning the plats so she instructed the school to contact the HOA to discuss the issues directly. Councilmember Fecas stated that work is still in progress on the fence at Springdale Elementary.

C. Parrish Plantation. Mayor Bishop began discussion by stating he has been talking with Attorney Ward Bradley concerning the pond. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that Mayor Bishop forwarded a letter to him from an employee of DHEC. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that he attempted to contact this employee but she is no longer employed with DHEC. He stated that he made contact with another employee who is looking into it and will get back with us with a report.

There was a discussion amongst Council and Staff of difficulty with getting answers from DHEC. Councilmember Fecas discussed issues between Parrish Plantation LLC, the Homeowner's Association Board, and Community Attorney. Councilmember Fecas continued to discuss Parrish Plantation Pond's water levels and issues with the beaver dam. Council continued to discuss the moral and legal responsibility and action steps that should be taken ensuring the public safety of the Town. Attorney Ward Bradley is to update Council on progress at the next Town Council meeting.

D. DOT. Councilmember Fecas stated that there is another break in the pipe from Lemmond Pond. She is in contact with DOT about it and will keep Council updated.

E. Splash Pad. Nothing to report.

F. Elected Officials. Councilmember Fecas stated that she has graduated from Municipal Elected Officials Advanced Training and has obtained her certificate. Council congratulated Councilmember Fecas on her completion of training. Councilmember Fecas stated that she and Chief Cornett discussed training, recommended practices, and a safety plan for the town as a result of her training on public safety.

G. Town Council Special Project Requests. Council discussed Code Enforcement efforts throughout the Town and Chief Cornett updated them on such.

Councilmember Fecas requested Council's input on an event to recognize volunteers and boards. Council was in favor of the event, discussed ideas and decided to schedule them for an April or May Council Meeting.

Councilmember Fecas inquired about the video interviews for the Town documentary. Mayor Bishop stated that things are going well; the residents are enjoying the experience and enjoying seeing each other. Mayor Bishop continued to discuss future plans and ideas for the project with Council.

Councilmember Fecas inquired about the fireworks ordinance and stated that she would like to have something read by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Watkins inquired of Councilmember Wilkerson about the cost of the streetlight project cost. After discussion of the cost, the decision was made to not move forward with the project.

Councilmember Fecas stated that the Cindy Roof Wilkinson 5k has been postponed and the BBQ is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Cornett stated that he applied from the Achievement Award and will hear back on March 6<sup>th</sup>. He presented a copy of the proposed changes to the ordinances identified by Code Enforcement and supported by research on ordinances of other municipalities. Chief Cornett presented changes to the door hanger for Code

Enforcement and Council was in favor of the changes. Councilmember Fecas inquired if the Code Enforcement Officer is indeed a police officer. Chief Cornett indicated that she is not a sworn officer however she works for the police department so she carries the title of Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Cornett stated there is a possibility of swearing the Code Enforcement Officer in as a Class III Officer, with limited access to police duties.

Chief Cornett provided an update on traffic cameras and stated that videos recorded would be property of the Town. Chief Cornett advocated for the use of cameras in the aid of investigations and accidents.

**V. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk