

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
February 23, 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: Councilmembers Reeley, Wilkerson, Peters, Hallman, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Councilmember Reeley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Fecas as Chair for the meeting. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation. Councilmember Fecas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. Council approved the consent agenda without objection.

III. New Business

A. Discuss options for new teams and committees. Administrator Stilwell discussed the Design Review Board and Planning Commission applications and the vacancies. Council discussed setting up a new Beautification Committee as well as committees dedicated to special events, bicycles & pedestrians, and parks. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested adding boards rather than committees and handling the topics of two or three of these subjects. Councilmember Fecas recommended putting a committee together and if it was big enough to require formation as a board, it could be reorganized as such. Council discussed forming a board to handle these topics. Council discussed forming a foundation for fundraising and carrying out these responsibilities and Chief Cornett discussed the logistics of foundations as they relate to police departments in the area.

IV. Old Business

A. Discuss Current Projects, Concerns, and Action Steps. Administrator Stilwell informed Council concerning the traffic study and his meeting with Dennis Corporation. Based on their recommendation, he suggested the installation of a streetlight at Tarrytown Lane and Platt Springs Road. Council discussed getting a traffic light for this intersection. Council further discussed development of property on Platt Springs Road and other potential streetlights that could go on that street. Administrator Stilwell further suggested a light at the intersection with Lonely Street and discussed a traffic study Dennis Corporation did for Churchdale Drive and how that will affect the new development and getting a stoplight outside of Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas asked for a copy of the traffic study. Council discussed DOT's

future planning. Council discussed the dead trees behind homes on Lonsdale Drive and the removal of debris. Administrator Stilwell discussed a lot on which a resident has been placing his trash since he cannot put it on the road and the trash cleanup on the lot. He further informed Council of issues that the Town does not have ordinances to cover.

Councilmember Fecas asked about the work on the Planned Development District and Administrator Stilwell responded that D.R. Horton was currently applying for permits and would begin work in the next week. Councilmember Fecas also asked about the rezoning of property on Wattling Road for the school district and Administrator Stilwell answered that the district should begin clearing the property in June and that the public hearing for the rezoning will take place on March 2nd and also discussed the change in the zoning ordinance for appointing board and commission members having a public hearing that night as well. Administrator Stilwell further informed Council of other zoning issues with the property concerning Wade Caughman's continued responsibilities towards it. He also discussed the school district redoing the plans to permit the bus lane to come from Churchdale Drive and Councilmember Fecas expressed her concern over the change. Council further discussed potential problems created by this change.

B. Discuss Future Projects. Administrator Stilwell discussed encouraging more developers to come to Springdale and provide advice, including what incentives the Town can offer. Council discussed potential incentives for developers. Councilmember Fecas asked about the status of the Façade Improvement Grant offered by the Town and Administrator Stilwell stated that the Town has spent no money on it yet as one applicant has yet to complete all the work. He also stated that he has spoken with businesses along Platt Springs Road about applying for the grant. Councilmember Fecas asked about the Springdale Shopping Center's application and Administrator Stilwell answered that the work on the center was not completed satisfactorily, so the funds were not granted to them from the Town. He further discussed development of commercial property across the street from Town Hall and discussion that he has had with the developers. Council discussed other undeveloped property and what could go in those locations and the possibility of the Town acquiring the old Jewelry Warehouse office. Town Clerk Rabon shared a suggestion for a retail design he witnessed. Council discussed methods for rezoning property for development. Administrator Stilwell further informed Council of several issues, including a burned out house on Kitty Hawk and the efforts the Town is making to contact the owner as well as abandoned property that could be redeveloped for commercial use. Councilmember Fecas asked about liens on properties that the Town has been cleaning up and Administrator Stilwell stated that the liens have been filed, but have not gone before the magistrate yet.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk