

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
February 26, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bishop, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Wilkerson, and Town Administrator Ashley Watkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Hallman and Reeley, and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present. Mayor Bishop provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. Town Council Reports

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Town Signs and Medians – Administrator Watkins went over the design sketches for the sign by Memorial Design with Council. Council discussed the locations where the signs should go. Council also discussed the possibility of commissioning two or more signs for the Town and various sizes for the signs. Chief Cornett explained the Town's boundaries with regard to Platt Springs Road past Watling Road for Council. Councilmember Fecas asked if the budget covered the signs for this year and Administrator Watkins responded that the signs were not covered, but that the Council could make a budget amendment. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Fecas asked if there would need to be a special meeting to vote on the expenditure and Ms. Watkins responded that the Council could likely simply approve the money since the sign cost is \$15,000. Council discussed putting the budget amendment on Tuesday's agenda. Council then discussed the possibility of using Accommodations Tax money and whether the Town still needed an Accommodations Tax Committee considering one of the hotels was temporarily closed. Mayor Bishop then tasked Ms. Watkins with researching whether the committee was still necessary and, if not, to approve the expenditure for the one sign. Council then discussed future signs and where to put a Town Hall sign. Chief Cornett raised a concern about putting it on the border with Steve Gunter's property considering all the lots are presently up for sale.

Springdale Elementary School – Councilmember Fecas informed Council that the contractors were currently working on the roof and that everything was moving ahead as scheduled. Council discussed the renovations on the elementary school and potential damage and repairs to Cindy's Place.

The Preserve at Roof Farm – Council did not discuss this topic.

Parrish Plantation – Mayor Bishop discussed a meeting on March 9th with Deann Price and Parrish residents concerning their issues in the neighborhood. Councilmember Fecas informed Council that Greg Jenkins and Debbie Dennis are confirmed to go through stormwater management course and stated her belief that this will benefit the Town.

DOT – Mayor Bishop updated Council on DOT's opinion of having intersection stripes put on Town Roads. Council then discussed striping in Town. Councilmember Fecas suggested looking into pedestrian island for Platt Springs Road where it intersects with Lee Circle. Mayor Bishop also informed Council that DOT's engineering for the interchange of I-26 at Airport Blvd. is now out of date and DOT is looking at 2021 to begin the project of revamping the interchange. Administrator Watkins discussed DOT working on the sidewalks on Lee Circle. Mayor Bishop discussed the progress on sidewalks for Kitty Hawk Drive and informed Council that West Columbia approved the contract to repair Shampy Street's water lines.

Splash Pad – Administrator Watkins informed Council that Carolina Parks and Play has been Okayed to begin on ordering the supplies. She also discussed her conversations with West Columbia about tapping onto the water line and recommendations for companies that could do the tap. Councilmember Fecas asked about the progress on the PARD Grant and Special Projects Coordinator John Rabon answered that the application had been submitted and the Town would need to make a presentation before the Lexington County Legislative Delegation on Thursday, March 8th. Council discussed the delegation meeting and who should attend.

Elected Officials – Mayor Bishop discussed his plan to attend the South Carolina Environmental Conference. He also discussed receiving a concern about a hole in the Parrish Pond dam. Council then discussed issues with Parrish Pond dam.

IV. Old Business

A. Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment request by Sajid Mughal to rezone property located at 3017 Platt Springs Road, (TMS # 005633-03-001) from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-1 Commercial. Second Reading. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to give second reading to a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment for 3017 Platt Springs Road, rezoning it from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-1 Commercial.

V. New Business

A. Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Request by the Town of Springdale to add a R-4 Traditional Neighborhood Classification. First Reading. Special Projects Coordinator Rabon informed Council that the Planning Commission had tabled the recommendation as it wanted Town staff to do more research into high-density residential districts including square footage and setbacks. Mayor Bishop asked whether the Council could move forward with the ordinance as it is or if Council needed to wait on the Planning Commission's recommendation. Administrator Watkins answered that Council could move forward on the first reading but would need a recommendation from the Planning Commission before second reading. Councilmember Wilkerson asked why this district was designated R-4 and was informed that it was the next designation as the Town already had R-1 through R-3 districts. Council then discussed residential districts and zoning regulations. Council expressed concerns about moving forward without the Planning Commission's recommendation. Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas, voted to postpone the ordinance indefinitely until such time as the Planning Commission made a recommendation to Council.

B. Springdale Shopping Center. Mayor Bishop informed Council about the price that the shopping center owners want for the building and the negotiations for purchasing the building. Council discussed the process for purchasing the property.

C. Golf Cart Parade. Administrator Watkins and Chief Cornett discussed what they had received from Mayor Pro Tem Ricard concerning holding a Golf Cart Parade within Town on June 30th. Chief Cornett provided details of the parade, judging, and food as well as the process for getting Platt Springs Road shut down for the parade. Ms. Watkins pointed out that the parade was still in the early stages of planning. Council discussed plans for the parade. Councilmember Fecas announced that everything was ready for the upcoming Run So Kids Can Play 5K benefitting Cindy's Place and asked Mayor Bishop to communicate it in his newsletter. Councilmember Wilkerson discussed placing road signs for the race with Chief Cornett. Councilmember Fecas also asked for staff to look into business licenses for people enterprising by mowing lawns, babysitting, and other tasks. Mr. Rabon informed Councilmember Fecas that most municipalities don't have policies governing adolescents engaging in business activities and how that differs from professionals providing services. Administrator Watkins and Chief Cornett also helped inform Council concerning the requirements for a business license.

VI. Presentations

A. Springdale Police Department #dontDUI Campaign. Officer Bruce Compton made a presentation to Council concerning his #dontDUI campaign against drunk driving. Council discussed the possibility of including Officer Compton's campaign in National Night Out. Councilmember Fecas recommended that new licensed drivers come by the Police Department to have their picture taken signing the pledge not to drink and drive. Council also asked Officer Compton for his background before law enforcement and he outlined his prior job experience as a cameraman. Council discussed possible future events and festivals. Council also discussed with Officer Compton other events that he could use to promote his campaign.

VII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk