

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
February 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall – Springdale Baptist Church, 357 Wattling Road

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of this meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro-Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Hallman, Peters, Reeley, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Wilkerson and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. A quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard provided the invocation and Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved without objection.

III. Old Business

A. Town Cleanup.

Mayor Bishop and Administrator Stilwell discussed the tennis courts fence at the park on Pond Drive and the possibility of getting a volleyball court there. Administrator Stilwell stated that the Town could petition the Lexington County Parks, Recreation, and Aging Commission to replace the fence in the park. Mayor Bishop asked what the Commission's position was on replacing the fence and Administrator Stilwell responded that they did not have one yet as the Town still needed to approach them to request the replacement. Mayor Bishop stated that he thinks the Town should have someone on the Commission and Administrator Stilwell mentioned that Kevin Key had met with members of the Commission and had not gotten back to him yet, but that there was no reason why Springdale should not have someone on the Commission to represent the Town. Administrator Stilwell stated that Mr. Key would get back to him about it.

Administrator Stilwell related a report from Public Works Director Joshua Ancik concerning litter pick up on Kitty Hawk Drive. Public Works Director Ancik's report related the interest of the Platt Springs Road United Methodist Church youth group in volunteering to pick up litter along the road as they had done in January. Administrator Stilwell stated that there is an interest in having a volunteer litter pick up once a quarter and another individual who works with Keep Your Streets Clean was also interested in volunteering. Administrator Stilwell stated that this could turn into an excellent opportunity for grant money to cleanup several areas in Town. Mayor Bishop asked how often Public Works had to clean up right of ways on major roads such as Wattling Road. Administrator Stilwell responded that they did not have enough time to finish this past time and Mayor Bishop asked if they could pursue more volunteer

opportunities from churches. Council discussed various areas in need of pick up. Councilmember Fecas asked if she could advertise the volunteer opportunities and Mayor Bishop stated that if Mr. Ancik could reach out to more churches and find volunteers. Chief Cornett suggested getting in touch with the SC Highway Patrol concerning the Adopt-A-Highway program. Mayor Bishop suggested seeing if the Town could have litter pickup events once per month for six months and Administrator Stilwell stated that another possibility would be to reach out to clubs at Airport High School for volunteers. He also felt that the Town should put out anti-littering signs. Councilmember Fecas suggested we'd have to have a police presence for any volunteers for safety reasons and Administrator Stilwell responded that the Town always does and the trash truck as well. Councilmember Peters suggested soliciting volunteers from the neighborhoods.

Administrator Stilwell stated that the landfill will be able to take tires soon, so the Town will advertise that those can be taken there. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard asked if Public Works would pick those up, and Administrator Stilwell stated that they would not unless the resident was physically unable to take it themselves, but that residents will have the option to take old tires to the landfill themselves. He also reported that Springdale would do another electronics trash day and that the previous event was the most successful one of its kind in Lexington County. Councilmember Fecas discussed two television sets left out for collection that were not picked up because they're electronics and asked what the procedure is. Mayor Bishop states that it should have been tagged as not available for pickup. Mayor Bishop stated that he and Administrator Stilwell had been working with Public Works on communication and relating to residents why an item was not collected. Town Clerk John Rabon stated that anyone is free to call Town Hall and ask if Public Works will collect an item. Administrator Stilwell mentioned that if an item that can't be picked up is metal, employee Josh Howell will pick it up for scrap for himself.

Administrator Stilwell stated that gravel was filled into the pot holes on Silstar Road, but it washed out with the rain. He also related that the Town has no further obligation to the road as it is a privately-owned road and no documentation exists where the Town offered to take responsibility for Silstar Road. Mayor Bishop asked about the removal of the remaining pine trees in the park and Administrator Stilwell responded that Mr. Ancik had received three bids for the removal: \$2,750 from Big Tree Guys Service, Phillip Kane at \$3,625, and Premiere Tree Service with \$2,900. He stated that Big Tree Guys had done work for the Town before and that this would not be an action item as it was included in the Town budget, but he stated that he still wanted Council's input. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard asked what work would be done and Mayor Bishop responded that the trees in the front would be removed and replaced with grass. Council discussed other possible uses for that area once the trees are removed, including a new shelter and shade sails.

Mayor Bishop brought up the French drain issues on Lee Circle and how it is outside of DOT's public right-of-way, so the owner will be responsible for fixing it. Administrator Stilwell discussed further solutions to fixing the hole in the owner's yard. Administrator Stilwell said that he was sending the owner a certified letter informing him that he had thirty days to fix the drain. Mayor Bishop brought up the water line replacement on Rainbow Drive and Shampy Street is on track for November and thanked Council for letting him get aggressive with the City of West Columbia. He stated that Shampy Street water line was replaced within four days and other drains were repaired. Mayor Bishop mentioned yard trash that Public Works needs to collect.

B. Available Land Discussion.

Administrator Stilwell discussed a potential acquisition of property on Delree Street through a land swap or an easement on the property for a Town sign and possible development.

C. Business Relations.

D. SC DOT Projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he had been in discussions with John Hardy and that Mr. Hardy would get back to him. Mayor Bishop reported that DOT had taken a stance on Wilton Road and Durham Drive dam replacements that they would not be repairing it and the responsibility fell with the property owners. Administrator Stilwell stated that DOT's position was that the homeowners would have to pay for an engineer to come out there that met DOT specs and DOT would look at it afterwards. Council concluded that as long as DOT held this stance, the roads would likely remain closed. Administrator Stilwell related how the pond for the Shadblow subdivision was deeded to the homeowners from Dr. Durham when the subdivision was built and it was assumed the dam was included with the properties. If not, then the dam remains with Ronnie Wilbourne, but the deeds do not put a requirement on him to fix the dam. Mayor Bishop also discussed drainage issues at Springdale Baptist Church and meetings with DOT to have the drain fixed. Council discussed potential solutions to the drainage problems and the relationship with Springdale Elementary School and Lexington School District 2. Council discussed pot holes in various streets in Town. Administrator Stilwell mentioned his meetings with DOT that Friday and how they would be working to find out how to implement the Master Plan as soon as possible.

E. Facility Improvements.

Mayor Bishop discussed potential Town Hall signs and asked Council if the members had a chance to review the examples yet. Council discussed the designs and the desire to have a Town Hall sign match "Welcome to Springdale" town signs as part of the Master Plan. Councilmember Hallman asked if the Design Review Board had been asked to assist with the Master Plan and Administrator Stilwell responded that they had been tapped for the signs. Administrator Stilwell also stated that next year he would also ask the Design Review Board for its input on new Town Christmas decorations. Councilmember Reeley asked if it would be appropriate to have the Design Review Board look at the new signs as part of the Master Plan so that they are uniform as the Town rebrands. The Council agreed that is the intent. Mayor Bishop discussed the designs that Mrs. Kayleen Mobley and Mrs. Deann Sweat had proposed before and whether the Design Review Board could meet to make suggestions. Administrator Stilwell stated that they could meet. Council further discussed design features of the signs. It also discussed maintenance of the brick fence for the park. Mayor Bishop suggested that future developments use the same or similar design.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard went over his notes for park improvements with the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard suggested placing another shelter in the corner of the park that borders Lee Circle and Platt Springs Road. Mayor Bishop asked if this was the stage that he proposed and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard said that the shelter could have one side of handrails removed and act as a stage. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard's plan would create three zones in the park, one for events, another as a picnic area, and the third for playground equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard also stated his desire to see a roof constructed over the site of the former basketball court as well as extending the brick fence down Lee Circle. Mayor Bishop and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard further discussed developing the court into a shelter and stage. Councilmember Peters suggested that Lexington County should assist with this as part of their responsibilities and Mayor Bishop responded that this is a reason why the Town needs someone on the board. Administrator Stilwell informed Council that the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission does not answer to the Lexington County Council, so getting the Commission to budge can prove difficult. Mayor Bishop asked about the street light in the park that was unhooked to remove the trees, then lights were run to the shelters.

Council further discussed lighting in the park and whether to hook up the light pole again or run more lights to the shelters. Councilmember Fecas suggested waiting until after the pine trees are removed and Council agreed. Council discussed drainage issues in the park and asking Public Works Director Ancik to get quotes for the line to be flushed out. Council asked if Accommodations Tax funds could be used for the park and Administrator Stilwell said they could not unless it was used to promote the Town. Council discussed the possibility of adding further handicapped parking and restriping the parking lot in front as well as behind Town Hall. Chief Cornett offered his thoughts on the location of a stage within the park. Administrator Stilwell informed Council of one property's issues tapping onto sewer on Rainbow Drive due to the depth of the tap under the owner's house. Due to the additional cost, Council assented to Administrator Stilwell not requiring the property owner to tap onto sewer until he could afford to do so.

F. Town Partnerships.

Administrator Stilwell mentioned discussions about partnering with Midlands Technical College and CERTA transportation services. Mayor Bishop discussed the benefits of such a partnership for both new developments and for Midlands Tech students. Administrator Stilwell discussed how expanding foot and bike paths could benefit Midlands Tech and connect its students to the developments. Councilmember Fecas brought up the new facilities suggested in the Master Plan that would benefit the school including a new conference and performing arts center. Mayor Bishop stated that Midlands Tech had approached them on a partnership to benefit the college and the Town. Mayor Bishop discussed the possibility of the Town hosting a food truck rally on Steve Gunter's property.

G. Future Development.

Mayor Bishop also stated his desire to hold a meeting with important officials over the Master Plan and Administrator Stilwell said that he would work with Springdale House to arrange a time for a dinner presentation. Mayor Bishop asked the Council to consider elected officials and stakeholders they feel should attend this meeting. Mayor Bishop discussed a trip with Administrator Stilwell to observe housing developments in Rock Hill, South Carolina and what they learned from it. Council discussed rezoning the Planned Development District between Ermine and Watling Road back to R-1 Residential. Administrator Stilwell informed Council of the procedure to rezone the property. The Council discussed the possibility of an art installation commemorating the Doolittle Raiders being placed on the side of the Springdale Shopping Center. Council also discussed taking steps to encourage the shopping center to restripe the parking lot and add handicapped accessible parking spaces. Council also discussed the location of the U.S. Postal Service collection box and the possibility of relocating it so that vehicles parking in the lot would not block access to it. Council discussed further opportunities to develop property throughout town. Councilmember Fecas shared what she learned from Municipal Elected Officials training. Town Clerk John Rabon presented his research on domestic chicken ordinances in Cayce and West Columbia. Council discussed hiring an intern to assist with any future annexation efforts. Mayor Bishop introduced Jan Shaw who discussed Blue Zone fitness areas as they relate to development and creating healthier communities.

IV. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk