

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

April 18, 2016 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 Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro-Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Peters, Wilkerson, Reeley, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Hallman 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 Pro Tem Ricard provided the invocation. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. New Business

A. Feasibility of Water Study

Mayor discussed meetings involving himself, Administrator Stilwell, and Hydrostructures about the feasibility of the Town creating and maintaining its own water system. The Mayor stated that everyone was working together to draft a Request for Qualifications. Administrator Stilwell said that he got great help from Hydrostructures. Councilmember Fecas asked if the water tower at Time Warner Cable was functioning and the Mayor stated that he didn't believe it was. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested inviting Mr. Bud Summers to be a resource. Councilmember Peters asked whether The Town would take over the water lines that West Columbia has already installed and Mayor Bishop said that the Town would. Council discussed the benefits of having water for annexation as well as replacing water meters.

B. Adjustment of PDD

Administrator Stilwell updated Council on the status of the PDD. Council discussed development of the property by interested firms. Council discussed the proposed developer changes to the PDD, including more green space and larger lots. Council discussed water in the PDD and drainage. Council also discussed the lot and home sizes.

C. Discuss Master Plan Banquet

Council discussed the upcoming Master Plan Banquet, the guest list, and the seating arrangements. Guests invited included the neighboring municipalities' elected officials and administration, property

owners, and the local legislative delegation. Councilmember Reeley asked who would be presenting and Council discussed having someone from LandPlan Group South or the Bordeaux Group.

IV. Old Business

A. Town Cleanup.

Administrator Stilwell informed Council of upcoming cleanups for Town rights-of-way. Council further discussed cleanup in public areas. Council discussed several code enforcement issues related to overgrown yards. Council also discussed the advertisements being thrown in people's yards and potential solutions for homes that do not want them delivered.

B. Available Land Discussion.

Administrator Stilwell talked about the use of the food truck rally to help promote Mr. Steve Gunter's available property. He further discussed the success of the food truck rally and Council discussed options to make the rally even more successful. Council also discussed a potential time for a Town BBQ.

C. Business Relations.

Administrator Stilwell discussed façade improvements at the Quick Stop on Platt Springs Road. Mayor Bishop suggested advertising for adolescents seeking summer employment. Council and the Mayor expressed concerns over liability.

D. SC DOT Projects.

Mayor Bishop asked if any Councilmembers had comments on the letter set to go out to property owners surrounding the two dams within Town. The Mayor also discussed the I-26 interchange and the possibility of property owners taking over the landscaping from DOT. Administrator Stilwell discussed what possible assistance the Town could render including advocating for the owners and researching grants to cover funding repairs. Council discussed the price to fix the dams.

E. Facility Improvements.

Administrator Stilwell informed Council of several improvement projects in Town including trees, irrigation, and grass in the park. Council also discussed other parks as well as adopting a non-smoking policy for the parks as well as regulating animals and animal waste in the parks. Chief Cornett advocated for an ordinance that will enable the Police Department to enforce park rules. Council discussed adding waste bags to the parks for visitors who bring their dogs. Council discussed bathrooms being added to the park on Pond Drive. Council discussed other possible improvements to the Pond Drive park. Council discussed trimming low-hanging limbs on park trees. Council discussed the possibility of getting rid of the palm tree in the park or relocating it within the park.

F. Town Partnerships.

Council did not discuss this topic.

G. Future Development.

Administrator Stilwell discussed development property in Town that outside parties were interested in purchasing. Mayor Bishop discussed more ways to advertise the older homes in Town to potential residents. Council discussed revitalization of older homes.

H. Grant Opportunities for Businesses and Residents

Administrator Stilwell mentioned the traffic study Request for Proposals and the Transportation Alternatives Program grant application. Town Clerk John Rabon provided more information on the TAP grant application which would go towards new mast arms. Administrator Stilwell further discussed the traffic study RFQs that the Town had received.

I. Council Attendance at Boards and Commissions around Lexington County

Mayor Bishop mentioned to Council how he is compiling schedules for all the boards and commissions for Council members to attend. The Council discussed future opportunities for board members and commission members to visit the Town and for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to see the Town parks. Council further discussed the Master Plan banquet and who was attending.

J. Worldwide Equipment

Council did not discuss this topic.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk