

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

May 16, 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, Hallman, Reeley, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman 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. Budget Discussion

Administrator Stilwell gave Council an update on the budget and indicated that copies would soon be disseminated to the councilmembers. He stated that the first and second readings would take place at the June regular meeting and work session meeting, respectively. Administrator Stilwell discussed employees who have gone from part-time to full-time and new police officers. He also reported on several necessary vehicle purchases including police cars and a garbage truck. Councilmember Fecas asked about part-time employees and Administrator Stilwell clarified the news employees' statuses. She further asked about tax benefits to the Town for contributing to charity and Administrator Stilwell stated that the Town does not pay taxes. Council and Chief Cornett discussed grants and other opportunities to upgrade the speed counter to gain more traffic information as well as police salaries.

B. Information from Community Development Conference

Administrator Stilwell updated Council on the results of the Community Development Conference attended by himself and Mayor Bishop. He further discussed grant opportunities for redevelopment and preparation work for grants. Council discussed development and grants available to the Town.

C. Discuss MASC Annual Meeting

Mayor Bishop and Administrator Stilwell reminded Council of the annual meeting in July and took a count of who will be attending. Council discussed the programming and available classes at the conference.

D. Discuss Mayor's Forum – Mayor Bishop

Mayor Bishop discussed the possibility of doing an open house for the public. Council expressed their support for the idea and made several suggestions. Mayor Bishop suggested holding an event in the fall.

IV. Old Business

A. Town Cleanup.

Administrator Stilwell discussed clean up on the right of ways and out of compliance properties within Town. Mayor Bishop asked how the Town would recoup expenses from mowing lawns and Administrator Stilwell answered that he would go to the Magistrate at the end of the month with a bill based upon hours spent on yardwork and file it with the court. Mr. Lewie Glenn asked about who pays for larger yard trash pickup and Administrator Stilwell responded that it is paid through property taxes. Council discussed code violations and out-of-compliance homes that had been purchased recently. Councilmember Peters related a concern from elderly residents who are physically unable to do yardwork and Council discussed potential solutions.

Mayor Bishop asked Administrator Stilwell about façade plans from other Towns and Administrator Stilwell responded that he was still collecting that information. Mayor Bishop also discussed pushing the trailers to get cleaned up. Administrator Stilwell discussed the processes and effects of adopting International Property Maintenance Codes. Council discussed property maintenance codes throughout Town.

B. Available Land Discussion.

Administrator Stilwell discussed Mr. Steve Gunter's available land as well as the Roof property on Platt Springs Road. He further discussed potential investors for properties located within Town and how they related to the Master Plan. Council discussed various properties as they relate to the Master Plan.

C. Business Relations.

Council did not discuss this topic.

D. SC DOT Projects.

Mayor Bishop discussed potential repairs to the dams and getting them approved on Wilton Road and Durham Drive so that DOT would fix the roads. Council discussed the timeline for repairs. Councilmember Fecas asked about water and drainage at Parrish Pond and Council informed her that the creek nearby had dried out. Council discussed beaver dams and solutions. Mayor Bishop stated that they could not be killed except for during the beaver hunting season.

E. Facility Improvements.

Mayor Bishop discussed the work done in the park on Pond Drive. Councilmember Fecas asked about a "Men Working" sign that had been left behind and Council discussed what to do with the sign.

Administrator Stilwell discussed irrigation for the park, laying sod, and new chairs for the Council Chambers.

F. Town Partnerships.

Mayor Bishop discussed setting up the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission meeting and Council discussed the setting up of the meeting and the expectation that it will bring more attention to Springdale's parks. Council discussed relevant stakeholders to invite to the meeting.

G. Future Development.

Administrator Stilwell mentioned Lake Caroline and the potential greenway that would run through Springdale. Council further discussed ways to develop that land and the potential natural beauty of the area. Mayor Bishop asked about the timeline of the traffic study and Administrator Stilwell discussed the extent of the traffic study. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard discussed doing a mobile workshop to survey several neighborhoods for development ideas. Council discussed other neighborhoods and possible amenities. Councilmember Fecas discussed people continuing to block the post office box at the Springdale Shopping Center parking lot.

H. Grant Opportunities for Businesses and Residents

Mayor Bishop discussed continuing to meet with John Hardy concerning the sidewalk grant. Administrator Stilwell discussed the CDBG grant.

I. Council Attendance at Boards and Commissions around Lexington County

Mayor Bishop asked Councilmember Fecas if she would be attending the Lexington County School District 2 Board meeting and Councilmember Fecas answered that she would try but would be focused on preparations for the Cindy Roof Wilkerson Foundation annual BBQ fundraiser. Council discussed other potential Town stakeholders who could attend. Council also discussed pushing the school board to follow through on its commitment to Springdale Elementary School.

J. Worldwide Equipment

Mayor Bishop stated that he and Mr. Kevin Key were still working on the plan for the I-26 and Airport Boulevard interchange.

K. Master Plan Progress

Administrator Stilwell mentioned that the Town was getting more printed up. Mayor Bishop said that he discussed it on the Southwest Lexington Ledger's blog. He also asked what the first project from the Master Plan that residents can expect to see and Administrator Stilwell responded that the welcome signs would be the first tangible product of the plan. Council discussed having the signs by late summer. Mayor Bishop discussed recognizing high school graduates at the June Town Council Regular Meeting. Administrator Stilwell recommended recognition at the July meeting and Council discussed the date of that meeting. Mayor Bishop asked about a property owner who wants to annex into Town and Administrator Stilwell stated that the man was on the agenda for the May Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Bishop discussed attending the U.S. Mayors' convention.

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