
South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

June 23, 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, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmembers Hallman and Reeley Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. New Business

A. Mosquito Vector Spraying and Public Information

Councilmember Fecas and Councilmember Peters discussed the spraying for mosquitos in Town. Council discussed the times and procedure Vector Control uses to spray for mosquitos. Administrator Stilwell and Councilmember Wilkerson discussed what Vector Control will do if you call them to come out to your property. Council discussed pest control companies' prices and services.

B. Hospitality Tax

Mayor Bishop discussed other municipalities in the area adopting a hospitality tax and his opinions on Springdale pursuing it as well. Council discussed whether Lexington County had the ability to institute a hospitality tax and what revenue a hospitality tax in Springdale would generate. Council discussed the necessity to have a clear purpose that benefits the community if a hospitality tax was adopted. Councilmember Fecas asked for a list of businesses that would be affected by the tax and the permitted uses for the revenue. Council discussed resistance to the hospitality tax from residents. Mayor Bishop requested that the list of acceptable uses be ready by the next work session meeting. Council further discussed possible uses as permitted by statute.

Administrator Stilwell briefly discussed the dam in Parrish Pond and the work being done on the pond repairs.

C. Merchandise Outside of Business

Administrator Stilwell discussed zoning on businesses where merchandise is displayed outside of the store during the day. He discussed how this affects businesses and new business that wish to relocate to Springdale. He provided Council with information that he received from Conway, South Carolina. Council discussed zoning for commercial properties in relation to permitting outside merchandise and how it works into the Master Plan.

Administrator Stilwell discussed the process of the Quick Stop attempting to get a new pole sign and the meetings with the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission had been receptive to some changes, but were not certain about changing setbacks. He also stated that the gas station had changed to a monument sign and should be receiving the plan for the new sign soon. Councilmember Fecas discussed variances and council discussed when variances are appropriate. He also stated that Design Review Board had everything but the plan for the sign and the Board said as long as the colors matched, it would be permitted.

IV. Old Business

A. Town Cleanup.

Councilmember Fecas discussed a volunteer group from Salkehatchie cleaning up trash on Platt Springs Road. Council further discussed trash cleanup on public land and rights-of-way.

Mayor Bishop asked about Public Works' ability to get a weed sprayer for the Town sidewalks. Administrator Stilwell responded that Public Works Director Ancik was checking with DOT to see what the Town can spray. Council further discussed how to go about spraying weeds on the sidewalks throughout Town.

B. Available Land Discussion.

Administrator Stilwell discussed purchasing property near Lake Carolina to use for parking and to transform into a pedestrian greenway. Council discussed how to pay for the land and potential uses. Administrator Stilwell explained that the purchase would need to go on the agenda and be an amendment to the budget. Council further discussed use for the property and what work would need to be done to it. Council discussed other properties for sale in Town.

Council also discussed the difficulty some residents are having with residents getting their trash cans out and changing the policy of requiring medical waivers for elderly and disabled residents. Council discussed the need for a waiver to enter property and a release to absolve public works of liability associated with retrieving the trash dumpsters. Chief Cornett cautioned the Council on the language of a waiver and Council discussed it with him.

Council discussed annexation efforts on Delree and Rainbow Circle with property owners who are choosing to annex into Town.

C. Business Relations.

Council did not discuss this topic.

D. SC DOT Projects.

Council did not discuss this topic.

E. Facility Improvements.

Mayor Bishop also discussed cleanup of the park and getting a price on a bagger for the lawnmower. Administrator Stilwell discussed work being done in the park for irrigation and then sod. Council discussed attending the Parks and Recreation meeting in August.

Mayor Bishop also surveyed Council and staff on their opinions of the new chairs for Council Chambers. Council and staff expressed their appreciation for the new furniture. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard expressed his concerns with the park and Council further discussed work on the grading and the palmetto tree that is blocking visibility on Platt Springs Road. Council discussed where the tree could be relocated and who would do the work. Mayor Bishop expressed concerns about the grapple truck's ability to pick up limbs and other yard trash. Council discussed the need for Public Works to follow up on yard trash.

Administrator Stilwell discussed getting a new splash pad and benches to honor the Hooks who ran that attraction in the park for so many years. Council discussed other improvements to the equipment and operations to improve the splash pad. Council discussed the sprayer in the Town Hall kitchen sink.

F. Town Partnerships.

Mayor Bishop discussed his upcoming lunch meeting with Pastor Bill Harmon and invited any members of Council wished to join them. He also mentioned an upcoming meeting with Wesco Distribution on June 29th.

Councilmember Fecas discussed the money that Cindy Roof Wilkerson Foundation will be receiving from the Mayor's efforts at Midlands Gives. Council discussed political signs and regulations regarding them.

G. Future Development.

Council did not discuss this topic.

H. Grant Opportunities for Businesses and Residents

Council did not discuss this topic.

I. Council Attendance at Boards and Commissions around Lexington County

Council did not discuss this topic.

J. Worldwide Equipment

Council did not discuss this topic.

K. Master Plan Progress

Council did not discuss this topic.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk