

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session
August 15, 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 Pro-Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Peters, Hallman, Reeley, Wilkerson, Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Bishop and Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, approved without objection.

III. New Business

A. Drainage on Wattling Road

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard noted that Mr. Smith, whose property is affected by the drainage problems on Wattling Road, had planned to attend the meeting but was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard informed Council of the problems Mr. Smith is having with water from Springdale Baptist Church and Springdale Elementary School draining onto his property and solutions that had been discussed with him.

B. MASC Economic Development Grant Project Possibilities

Administrator Stilwell informed Council of the MASC Economic Development Grant and discussed the possibility of using the funds to support a Greenway within Town or development of the Roof farm property to make it “shovel ready” for developers. Councilmember Wilkerson asked what work would be done on the Roof property. Administrator Stilwell answered that much of the pre-development work would be done in advance to make the property more enticing to developers. Councilmember Wilkerson expressed his opinion on doing the work that the developer would normally perform. Council further discussed what could be done with the Roof property. Council also discussed what the Town’s contribution would be in both projects.

C. Banner Designs

Administrator Stilwell submitting several designs for banners along Platt Springs Road to the Council and received feedback from them.

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion/Q&A regarding an additional investigator position for the police department

Chief Cornett made a presentation to the Council regarding the need to hire an additional investigator to handle the department's caseload. Council asked Chief about causes and locations of major crimes within Town and he answered that they tend to take place in the same relative area. Councilmember Fecas asked Administrator Stilwell to discuss how the request relates to the budget process. Administrator Stilwell explained that the need for this position was realized after the budget process had begun and Chief and Captain Bice had been on leave. He also discussed funding options for the investigator position. Council discussed potential solutions to alleviating the caseload. Council asked Chief Cornett how many officers he would need ideally and he stated that an ideal number for Springdale would be eleven, including himself and two investigators. Chief Cornett also discussed other options that would not be as effective. Council further discussed options with Chief Cornett.

B. Park Renovation Discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard discussed several plans for improvements to Benton Park including a shelter over the former basketball court. Administrator Stilwell mentioned several uses of the Accommodations Tax that could be used for the park improvements. Council agreed to use the Accommodations Tax funds on renovations to Benton Park, but took no action. Councilmember Fecas shared her concerns for accommodations for persons with disabilities and Administrator Stilwell discussed renovations to the park and Town Hall that would make both more accessible. Council discussed the palm tree in front of the park and the possibility of moving it. Councilmember Peters shared concerns of residents over installing a bathroom at the park on Pond Drive. Council discussed irrigation in the park and Administrator Stilwell informed Council of the work being done to improve it.

C. Business Relations.

Administrator Stilwell discussed his efforts to make contact with Worldwide Equipment and Super 8 to set up a meeting concerning cleanup of that interchange. He also discussed meetings with other businesses over the façade improvement grants program.

D. SC DOT Projects.

Administrator Stilwell also discussed Durham Road dam.

G. Future Development.

Councilmember Peters asked who was going into the property located at 3430 Platt Springs Road and Administrator Stilwell explained that the new business there is a wholesaler for convenience stores.

H. Grant Opportunities for Businesses and Residents

Council did not discuss this topic further.

I. Council Attendance at Boards and Commissions around Lexington County

Council did not discuss this topic.

J. Topics for Future Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard discussed the renovation ideas he had for the park and encouraged the rest of Council to devise projects for future discussion. Council also discussed the proposed greenway and its pathways as well as the property owners to speak to about it.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Reeley, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk