

— *South Carolina* —  
***SPRINGDALE***

**MINUTES**

Town Council Work Session  
Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm  
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. A quorum was present.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Michael Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Hallman, Reeley and Wilkerson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Ashley Watkins, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Attorney Ward Bradley, Municipal Clerk Leeann Eden

**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**

Council unanimously approved the March 18, 2019 Work Session agenda.

**III. Items for Discussion**

**A. Strategic Planning Progress.**

- i. Administrator Watkins discussed a meeting with the architect concerning the plans for the new Town Hall campus and introduced draft drawings. Administrator Watkins stated that she met with the Administrative Staff, Chief Cornett and Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser to obtain suggestions for changes with the draft plan. Council discussed the cost for the project, the layout, and ideas for changes to the draft plan with input from Administrator Watkins and Chief Cornett. Administrator Watkins and Council discussed the cost with the current architect compared to the JLA Group and Council agreed unanimously that it would be more cost effective to stay with the current architect, Gary Shaw with G3S Architecture & Design, LLC. Council agreed that the project should be completed in phases in order to avoid interruptions to Town business. Councilmember Fecas requested notice from Administrator Watkins when the plan was offered for bids to contractors. Administrator Watkins stated that the architect can write the bids and stated that she would keep Council informed.
- ii. Golf Cart Parade. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:15 to discuss ideas for the parade.
- iii. Amphitheatre. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated he previously spoke with Administrator Watkins on the project and both agreed that we would hold off on plans for the amphitheater. He stated that if we begin renovations for a new town hall, it may be more beneficial to use a contractor that is already on site.

iv. Fireworks Ordinance. Councilmember Fecas stated that it was decided at the Council Meeting on March 5, 2019 that further discussion concerning fireworks would occur during the Work Session. There was a discussion among Council, Administrator Watkins and Chief Cornett concerning enforcing the removal of fireworks debris. Council discussed putting notices out concerning fireworks on the Town's social media accounts. Councilmembers Wilkerson and Hallman expressed concerns in limiting the days someone can shoot fireworks. Councilmember Wilkerson suggested amending the current noise ordinance to include regulations concerning the usage of fireworks. Councilmember Fecas inquired of Attorney Ward Bradley if it would be possible to amend the noise ordinance. Attorney Ward Bradley stated that it could be amended by vote. Council agreed that amending the noise ordinance to include new language concerning fireworks would be the best option. Council will vote on the amendment at the next Council meeting.

B. Yard Debris Guidelines. Mayor Bishop led discussion according to the collection of fees for excessive waste/debris and stated that he was in favor of collecting the waste without charge if the removal of waste/debris was completed by the homeowner. Mayor Bishop asked Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser what the ordinance stated for excessive waste/debris. Public Works Supervisor Bolser stated that anything more than three 55 gallon drums full is considered excessive by ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard expressed concern in regards to discerning between homeowners that remove the waste/debris themselves and homeowners who have hired someone to complete work that creates the waste/debris or removes the waste/debris. Mayor Bishop stated that there needs to be some language in the ordinance distinguishing waste/debris created and removed by the homeowner and waste/debris created and removed by a professional or business. Attorney Ward Bradley requested time to research the matter and consult the Municipal Association in order to advise Council.

#### **IV. Town Council Reports**

A. Town Signs. No Report

B. Springdale Elementary School. No Report

C. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that she contacted DHEC employee Nelson McCloud regarding discrepancies in the DHEC report. She stated that he was able to clarify the discrepancies.

D. DOT. Councilmember Fecas and Mayor Bishop discussed updates concerning the Wilton Road closure. Mayor Bishop stated DOT has committed to opening the road by fall of 2020. Councilmember Fecas expressed concerns with the lack of space in the turning lane located at the entrance of Pond Drive.

E. Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins stated that two additional features have been ordered for the splash pad and we are waiting on delivery. Administrator Watkins stated that she would like to wait to open the splash pad after the new features are installed. Council agreed that Administrator Watkins and Public Works Supervisor Bolser should decide on an appropriate day to open the splash pad.

F. Elected Officials. No report.

G. Town Council Special Project Requests

i. 800 Rosedale Road. Chief Cornett stated that this is still an ongoing investigation.

ii. 3104 Oweada Drive. Chief Cornett stated that this is still an ongoing investigation.

Mayor Bishop went around the table for individual updates from Councilmembers. Councilmember Hallman asked Administrator Watkins if she has contacted the Hook family regarding the bench dedication. Administrator Watkins stated that she had been in contact with Mrs. Hook and she loved the idea of the dedication. Mrs. Hook stated that she would let Administrator Watkins know if the family would be able to be present at the dedication ceremony.

Administrator Watkins stated that a resident has asked if Council would possibly sell the property behind the Dollar General. His property is adjacent to this property and he would like Council to consider allowing him to purchase the full parcel or part of it to extend his backyard. Council and Attorney Ward Bradley briefly discussed the matter and agreed that they would be willing to sell the property with the right conditions. Councilmember Fecas requested that Attorney Ward Bradley bring the plats of land for further consideration to the next meeting. Administrator Watkins suggested that the residents surrounding the property should be contacted and given notice that the property is available for sale. Council agreed that this would be a good idea.

Councilmember Reeley stated that he enjoyed attending a CMRTA Board Training session.

Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he enjoyed participating in the Council Cook-Out and would like to expand this project. He continued by stating he would like to see an increase in attendance from residents and Town representatives at the Council Cook-outs. He suggested a master calendar that everyone would have access to for scheduling events.

Councilmember Wilkerson expressed concern with trash being dumped near Old Barnwell Road and suggested a trash pick-up/beautification project this spring.

Councilmember Fecas inquired about the dog park and the board appreciation ceremony. She proposed having the ceremony in May directly after the Council meeting and Council agreed with that suggestion.

Attorney Ward Bradley stated that the bond closing for the property next door would take place on March 19, 2019. Administrator Watkins stated that Bart Bartlett will be handling the property closing.

Chief Cornett reported that the department did not receive the MASC Achievement Award. He stated that the new code enforcement hangers are in use. Chief Cornett discussed additions to his budget and requested an update from Council at the next work session concerning changes to the ordinances proposed by the Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that Wil Lou Grey Opportunity School has requested two school resource officers. There was a discussion amongst Council and Chief Cornett regarding the cost and the need for the officers. Mayor Bishop proposed meeting this need with off-duty Springdale Police Officers. Chief Cornett expressed that this would be a great incentive for the officers. Administrator Watkins stated that providing the school with full-time School Resource Officers would require the Police Department to provide them with a car, increasing costs. Council agreed that offering the work to off-duty officers would be a viable plan. Chief Cornett stated that he would present the offer to Wil Lou Gray.

## **V. Adjournment**

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

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Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk