

— *South Carolina* —
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

April 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm

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, Hallman, Peters, Reeley, and Wilkerson

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Ashley Watkins, Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser, Police Chief Kevin Cornett, 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, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson unanimously approved the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as Amended. Council, on motion of Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Reeley unanimously approved the minutes for the March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting, and the March 18, 2019 Work Session.

III. Presentations

A. Mr. John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO, CMRTA, The COMET. Mr. Andoh arrived late for his presentation but was still given time to speak after items A and B under New Business was presented. Mr. Andoh was introduced to Council and all present by Councilmember Reeley. Mr. Andoh discussed the CMRTA, what services are available within the Town of Springdale, and plans for the near future. Administrator Watkins stated that COMET bus tickets are available for purchase at Town Hall. Mayor Bishop and Councilmembers Reeley, Wilkerson and Fecas expressed gratitude for Mr. Andoh's efforts to improve the services of the CMRTA and its services in the Town of Springdale.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-19-05MA**; An Ordinance Amending the Town of Springdale Zoning Ordinance Map, 12.728 Acres at 2909 Platt Springs Road, Parcel C (TMS# 005631-06-025) from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential). (1st Reading). Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman voted unanimously to maintain the current R-1 Zoning for the property.

B. Discussion and Consideration of **ORDINANCE O-19-06**; An Ordinance Amending the Town of Springdale Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article III: Fireworks: Section 8-54, Prohibited Acts. (1st Reading). After a brief discussion with Attorney Ward Bradley, Council, on motion of Councilmember Wilkerson, seconded by Councilmember Fecas voted unanimously to amend

Section 8-54 – Prohibited Acts, #10, Item A of the ordinance to read Fourth of July between the hours of 9:00 a.m. July 4th and 12:00 a.m. July 5th. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ricard voted unanimously to approve the ordinance as amended.

- C. Consideration of **RESOLUTION R-19-02**; A resolution by the Town of Springdale to dedicate a park bench in Felton C. Benton Park to the Honor and Memory of John “Runt” and Carolyn Hook. Councilmember Hallman introduced and addressed members of the Hook family that were present and read RESOLUTION R-19-02. Mayor Bishop invited the Hook family to come forward to be presented with the resolution by Councilmember Hallman and to take pictures.

V. Reports

- A. Town Council Report. Councilmember Wilkerson expressed gratitude to the Hook family for being in attendance and discussed his memory of John “Runt” and Carolyn Hook. He congratulated the family on receiving the resolution. Mayor Bishop expressed gratitude for Councilmember Hallman’s words and prayers and stated that the waterline at Watling Road is finished but is not turned on due to DHEC permits not being issued as of yet.
- B. Police Report. Chief Cornett expressed his gratitude to the Hook Family and stated that he appreciates the dedication of the park bench to the memory of John “Runt” and Carolyn Hook. Chief Cornett presented and discussed statistical and analytical maps and code enforcement statistics for the month of March. He stated that in the month of March, the Police Department, working with other law enforcement agencies, recovered over \$75,000.00 worth of stolen property and returned it back to its owners. Chief Cornett stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is doing a good job of enforcing business licenses. Finally, Chief Cornett stated that the Daddy & Me 5K will take place on June 15, 2019 and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2019 and invited the gentlemen of Council to join him at the walk. Mayor Bishop asked Chief Cornett if he has received any feedback concerning the new code enforcement hangers, Chief Cornett stated that he has only received one call from a resident asking what the new hanger was about.
- C. Public Works Report. Public Works Supervisor Scott Bolser stated that materials for the fence between the Police Department and the splash pad have been delivered and work will begin soon. He stated that plants were purchased and planted at the new town sign at the I-26 exit, a light was also installed. He stated that there is still some work to do behind the sign. Supervisor Bolser presented a new project that he is working on to Council, concerning a collaborative vegetable garden at Springdale Elementary School. He stated that he has met with administration at the school and plans have been made to construct the garden during spring break. He states that planting will begin upon the children’s return to school and will coincide with their science curriculum and Arbor Day activities. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Wilkerson commended Supervisor Bolser on this project.
- D. Town Administrator Report. Administrator Watkins stated that she met with Mayor Bishop and Mayor Pro Tem Ricard concerning the budget and the first reading will be on May 7th. She stated that there have been two meetings held concerning the golf cart parade that will take place on June 29, 2019. Administrator Watkins stated that the Cindy Roof Wilkerson BBQ would be on Friday, April 5th. Councilmember Fecas stated that if anyone needed additional tickets they need to let her know quickly.
- E. Attorney Report. Nothing to report.

VI. Appearance by Residents

Lorie Gilstrap/Courtney Lotchlighter- Manager & Assistant Manager of Dollar General, 2922 Platt Springs Road – Ms. Gilstrap offered comments concerning displaying items on the sidewalk in front of the store, as required by Dollar General corporate office. Ms. Gilstrap stated that the current ordinance does not allow for these display items, which causes a burden on the store. Mayor Bishop, upon agreement from Council, invited Ms. Gilstrap & Lotchlighter to the Work Session on April 15th to discuss this matter further.

Frank Long, 1117 Swannanoa Drive - Mr. Long thanked Council for their vote on ORDINANCE O-19-05MA, expressed gratitude for Council’s service and gratitude for the Hook family.

Laura Effinger, 1120 Pompeii Place – Ms. Effinger expressed gratitude to Council and the residents that appeared, and explained her stake in the community. Councilmember Fecas thanked Ms. Effinger for her comments and commended her on her articulation during the Public Hearing at the Planning Commission meeting on March 19, 2019.

Steve Gunter, 16 Lonely Street – Mr. Gunter confirmed with Mayor Bishop that the zoning for the property located at 2909 Platt Springs Road, Parcel C would remain R-1. Mr. Gunter expressed his frustrations with the vote concerning ORDINANCE O-19-05MA and the opinions of the residents. Mr. Gunter stated that he is going to sell the property but would like to sell it to the benefit of the town. Mayor Bishop asked Mr. Gunter to meet with him briefly after the Council Meeting to discuss these matters.

Herman Watson, 1120 Baywater Drive – Mr. Watson expressed gratitude to Council for their service. He requested guidance on safety concerns with a steel plate in the road at Swannanoa Drive and Pincroft Drive, and a dead tree leaning over the road on Baywater Drive by the apartments. Mayor Bishop requested that Mr. Watson see him after adjournment to discuss these matters.

VII. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Michael Bishop, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Eden, Municipal Clerk