

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Regular Meeting

April 4, 2017 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 Reeley, Peters, Wilkerson, and Fecas, and Town Administrator Jeff Stilwell. Councilmember Hallman joined the meeting by phone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Town Attorney Danny Scott.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6 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. Council approved the agenda without objection.

B. Approval of Minutes. Council adopted the minutes from the March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting, the March 10 Special Meeting, and the March 20, 2017 Work Session and Special Meeting without objection.

III. Public Hearing

A. Rural Development Project and Predevelopment Planning Grant for prospective water system improvements. Georgianna Graham from HPG and Company made the presentation to Council concerning the Town's application for the Predevelopment Planning Grant from the USDA. Ms. Graham informed the Council of the process to apply for the grant and its uses as well as conducting a study of the existing system currently managed by the City of West Columbia. Councilmember Fecas asked for clarification on the mapping of the water system and whether that would include the size of the pipes and Ms. Graham stated that it would include that information. Councilmember Wilkerson asked whether the Town would be able to identify from West Columbia's records the age of the pipes and Ms. Graham said that they could find out much concerning the status of the pipes from the study. Council discussed the spacing requirements for fire hydrants and Ms. Graham answered that it is typically 500 feet in most residential districts and 1,000 feet for more rural areas.

Council continued to discuss the maintenance of fire hydrants. Councilmember Fecas asked whether the publication of existing documents would be within the firm's scope of work and Ms. Graham answered that those documents could be requested. Mr. Lynn Hutchinson asked whether a flow test could be conducted of random hydrants and Ms. Graham stated that the firm could do a spot check to ensure that everything is adequate. Council and Ms. Graham continued to discuss flow testing of hydrants. Mayor Bishop asked if the \$15,000 mark for the grant was due to a certain grant opportunity and Ms. Graham

responded that the grant amount takes into account would be enough to determine the Town's options, develop the application, and conduct the environmental report. Mayor Bishop further asked what the study would show as to the Town's options and Ms. Graham responded that Rural Development's standard is what the firm would follow in determining the Town's options for its own water system or hooking onto another municipality. Councilmember Wilkerson asked whether it would be any trouble to request information from the City of West Columbia and Ms. Graham stated that it shouldn't be difficult. Councilmember Fecas asked how long the process would take and Ms. Graham answered that planning grants are funded fairly quickly, though the Department of Agriculture was currently in flux and she should find out more information at an upcoming workshop. She further stated that if it seems to be taking longer than usual, the firm can go ahead and request information. She also informed Council that the department has changed its filing requirements to require electronic rather than paper filing.

Administrator Stilwell asked whether this grant would reimburse the Town's expenses on the study and Ms. Graham stated that the firm would not bill the Town until the Town had received the grant funding. Councilmember Fecas asked whether a motion was required during the meeting and Mayor Bishop responded that this was a public hearing and no action would be taken during this meeting. Administrator Stilwell stated that the Council could continue discussion on a reimbursement standard for the study which would require the Council to approve the funding in the budget. Ms. Graham stated that the information from the public hearing was the last piece required for the grant application. Mr. Walter Shumpert asked where the Town would get the water from and Mayor Bishop responded that was what the study would determine. Mr. Shumpert provided some historical background on the water system. Mr. Paul Shumpert asked how a new system could tie into the joint municipal water commission and Mayor Bishop answered that it could as the new subdivision would tie into the same source. Mayor Bishop asked for any further public comment and, seeing none, closed the public hearing. Ms. Graham stated that she would collect the information from the public hearing and include it with the grant application.

IV. Old Business

A. Consideration of Ordinance O-17-02 Regarding: AMENDING THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATIONS FOR THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD TO MAKE THE MEMBERS' APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL VOTE – Second Reading. Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to give second reading to Ordinance O-17-02 amending the Zoning Ordinance regulations to allow for Design Review Board members to be directly appointed by Council.

V. New Business

A. Consideration of Resolution R-17-02 Regarding: A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ALLOW FOR THE REZONING OF TAX MAP #005616-01-043 AT 322 JOHN WAYNE DRIVE. Administrator Stilwell informed the Council that Lexington School District 2 is currently in the process of purchasing the property and that it had asked for the property to be rezoned to public prior to purchase, but Administrator Stilwell informed the district that the Town could not rezone it as such until it was owned by a public entity. He further informed Council that the school district would use the property for stormwater runoff to keep the water from flowing into Parrish Plantation and Parrish Pond. Councilmember Fecas asked if this was requested by Jake Moore and Administrator Stilwell answered that it was. Mayor Bishop asked what issues Parrish Plantation residents would have and Administrator Stilwell stated that they would lose regime fees on the property, but that the homeowners' association board had already agreed with the district to waive the fees. Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Peters, voted unanimously to pass the resolution of intent to allow the rezoning of 322 John Wayne Drive whenever Lexington School District 2 purchases the property.

VI. Reports

A. Town Council Reports. Mayor Bishop discussed West Columbia's work to loop the water lines in Parrish Plantation and that Rainbow Drive work would take two months. He also discussed the upcoming SC Community Development Association meeting in May and asked which members of Council would be willing to attend. He also discussed the desire to attend the Municipal Mayors Meeting in Miami this year if it was feasible and Administrator Stilwell stated that the Town was presently over-budget on trips for the fiscal year but could be worked into the next year's budget. Councilmember Fecas praised the neighborhood cookout for West Fairhill Drive and the Council discussed holding another event in a different neighborhood. Council discussed holding another cookout on April 22nd for the neighborhood on Marion Street, Preston Street, and Watling Road.

B. Chief's Report. Chief Cornett reviewed his monthly report and statistics with the Council. Chief Cornett also discussed the upcoming Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event and that he had been informed that Springdale would receive an award this year. Chief Cornett also informed Council of the upcoming drug takeback program where the police department will collect expired medications. Lastly, Chief Cornett introduced the new investigator, Andrew Richbourg. Councilmember Wilkerson asked for clarification on a larceny that occurred on Old Barnwell Road and Chief Cornett answered that trailers were stolen from a business.

C. Public Works Director's Report. Public Works Director Ancik's report was received as information by Council.

D. Administrative Report. Administrator Stilwell told Council that two of the Public Works employees finally earned their Commercial Drivers Licenses.

VII. Appearance by Residents

No public comment was made.

VIII. Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding Administration

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 6:37 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter regarding Administration.

IX. Return to Open Session – Action may be taken regarding matters discussed in Executive Session

Council, on motion of Councilmember Reeley, seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson, voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. No action was taken during Executive Session. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Council, on motion of, seconded by, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

John Rabon
Town Clerk