

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

May 21, 2018 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 Bishop, Councilmembers Fecas, Wilkerson, Hallman, and Town Administrator Ashley Watkins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Peters and Reeley.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

A. Councilmember Hallman provided the invocation.

B. Mayor Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda. Council approved the agenda without objection.

III. Oath of Office

A. Albert J. “Trey” Dooley, III Municipal Judge. Mayor Bishop officially swore in Mr. Albert J. “Trey” Dooley, III as the Municipal Judge for the Town of Springdale.

IV. Town Council Reports

A. Town Signs. Mayor Bishop and Administrator Ashley Watkins stated there was not an update at this time.

B. Springdale Elementary School. Councilmember Fecas reported that she emailed Kevin Key for an update, but has not yet received a response. Mayor Bishop stated that Superintendent Brian Sturkie says that any Councilmembers wanting to tour Springdale Elementary can contact him to set up a time.

C. The Preserve at Roof Farm. There was not an update at this time.

D. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas stated that she has been in contact with Ms. Debbie Dennis, who wanted to express her gratitude to Council for allowing her to attend and complete the Storm Water Management course. Ms. Dennis will be recognized at the Town’s next council meeting. Councilmember Fecas stated that she has learned that Parrish Plantation’s HOA has met with Mr. Wade Caughman on two occasions regarding previous problems. She stated Mr. Caughman was surprised by

the current state of things, and stated that he and the HOA leaders have been over to look at the Parrish pond. In regards to the pond, Mr. Caughman stated that the pond is way too high and he also does not have the money to fix each problem at this time. In response, the Parrish Plantation HOA encouraged him to make the pond his first priority. Mr. Caughman could not locate his drawings; however Councilmember Fecas was able to find a copy of the drawings at Town Hall and stated that Mr. Caughman and the leaders would need to amend the PD since the border is now different with the lot out of it. Administrator Watkins researched this matter and gave Councilmember Fecas the proper form to take for Mr. Caughman to sign. Councilmember Fecas went on to discuss other matters regarding the pond including homeowners who are creating more debris and raising the water level. Mr. Caughman commented that this pond was never meant to be a pond, but rather a run-off pond.

E. DOT

Mayor Bishop stated that DOT is supposed to start the turning lane for the elementary school in two weeks. Councilmember Wilkerson inquired about the construction on the bridge. Mayor Bishop responded by stating that it should be completed October 31, 2018. As far as Wilton Road is concerned, the plan now is to have the road beside the dam.

F. Splash Pad

Administrator Watkins stated she called today, May 25th, 2018 and spoke with the gentleman in charge of the equipment, and he stated the equipment had shipped out May 15th, and was surprised it was not delivered yet. She stated it should be delivered to the contractor May 26th or May 27th. Once it is delivered they will begin working on the Splash Pad the week of May 28th. Mayor Bishop inquired if the storm drains have been verified. Administrator Watkins responded by stating that she had Year Round Pool to send over a drawing of where it would actually be sitting. Administrator Watkins placed it in Councilmember Juston Ricard's box.

G. Elected Officials

Mayor Bishop stated he was informed that Mr. Stewart Mungo was not happy that the trees on Airport Blvd. were not being maintained. Mr. Mungo donated the trees many years ago as part of the Airport Blvd. beautification project. In response, Mayor Bishop and Administrator Watkins decided once a Public Works Supervisor is hired, then they both can proceed forward and make a calendar to begin maintaining the trees on Airport Blvd. Mayor Bishop and Councilmembers Hallman and Wilkerson suggested that the Town work something out and come together with Cayce and West Columbia to help keep the trees maintained.

Mayor Bishop made a comment regarding hourly employees driving Town vehicles on their lunch breaks. Attorney Ward Bradley responded stating that Workman's Comp would not cover the employees if they were driving a Town vehicle while clocked out. Attorney Bradley suggested calling the Town's auto insurance company and asking if Town employees were covered if they were to take a Town vehicle while off the clock. Mayor Bishop asked if hourly employees should be allowed to take a Town vehicle to lunch, and each councilmember present and Administrator Watkins were not in favor of this idea.

Attorney Bradley stated that he spoke with Mr. Greg Googer and Mr. Scott Talley's paralegal, Susan Abbott, regarding the land behind Dollar General. This particular piece of property is 2.36 acres and is being donated to the Town by Mr. Googer. Ms. Abbott sent a copy of the plat that shows the property Mr. Googer is planning to donate to the Town. Attorney Bradley stated the only issue he noticed is that Mr. Googer is not offering or deeding the Town access to the property. Attorney Bradley stated he asked

Mr. Googer if he could provide an easement to the property but Mr. Googer responded that he is unable to give an easement since Dollar General is leasing the property from him and will not agree to this. Mayor Bishop suggested discussing this matter further at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Wilkerson wanted to express his gratitude for the flowers, thoughts, and prayers from the passing of his mother-in-law.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Tare' Stapp
Municipal Clerk