

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

June 20, 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, Reeley, and Town Administrator Ashley Watkins.

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

I. Call to Order

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

A. Councilmember Reeley 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. Items of Discussion

A. Town Per Diem Policy for Employees and Council. Mayor Bishop asked if we could look into a Travel Per Diem for Town Employees and Council. Mayor Bishop stated that he spoke with Mr. Scott Slatton of MASC and Mr. Slatton recommended not doing a travel per diem but rather reimburse for actual expenses or issue a per diem and require receipts as well as returning any monies unused to the Town. Member Wilkerson inquired whether Council can change the current policy and set a new total amount employees and Council may have to cover necessary food and travel expenses when going out of town. Administrator Watkins responded by stating that Council does have the ability to change the current policy if they wish to do so. Councilmember Fecas questioned claiming the gym membership at the Lexington Leisure Center that is offered for Town employees and Council. Administrator Watkins stated she can look into this matter further.

B. Façade Improvement Grant Applications. Administrator Watkins began stating that even though she has the authorization to approve these applications, she did not feel comfortable approving them since the total amount being requested totaled over \$10,000.00. The Sleep Inn did a storefront modification and the owners spent \$5,600.00. Carolina Lodge also did awning renovations totaling \$6,000.00. Mayor Bishop responded stating that the Town gives a match of up to \$5,000 for improvements. Councilmember Fecas inquired about the length the grants are available. Administrator Watkins stated that the dates are from July 1st to June 30th. Mayor Bishop stated that the Town allows \$30,000.00 in the budget for grant money. Mayor Bishop and Council agreed to give half of the requested amount through the Façade Grant

to Sleep Inn and Carolina Lodge for their renovations. Administrator Watkins requested clarification on the details of the Façade Grant. Mayor Bishop stated that the Town allows a max of \$5,000 for improvements to each business.

IV. Town Council Reports

A. Town Signs. Mayor Bishop stated he spoke with Mr. Ron Clamp two days ago about the Town signs. Mr. Camp stated that within two weeks the signs will be in the shop for the Mayor to look over.

B. Springdale Elementary School. Administrator Watkins stated that she spoke with Mr. Kevin Key and he stated that Springdale Elementary School will be finished on time.

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

D. Parrish Plantation. Councilmember Fecas wanted to recognize Ms. Debbie Dennis for completing the Stormwater Certification.

E. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he and Chief Cornett sent a letter to President Trump regarding Springdale's interchange, since this is a major interchange from those coming from the airport. Councilmember Fecas stated that Representative Micah Caskey posted on Nextdoor informing everyone that the landscape has changed on the Wilton Road project, and he advised that individuals write to DOT regarding this matter. In response to Representative Caskey's post Councilmember Fecas called DOT and spoke with Tammy. A few days later Councilmember Fecas received a phone call from Ms. Ashley Sandal stating that DOT is evaluating the feasibility to realign the road.

F. Splash Pad. Mayor Bishop stated he talked with the gentleman in charge of the Splash Pad and they are going to try to have the project completed by June 30th. If the splash pad is not completed by June 30th, the final completion date will be July 5th.

G. Elected Officials. Mayor Bishop wanted to introduce Mr. Scott Bolser, Springdale's new Public Works Supervisor. Mayor Bishop stated that he and Council are very excited to have Scott here at Springdale. Mayor Bishop also mentioned that he would like Mr. Bolser to create a yearly general calendar for everything regarding Public Works such as tasks, specific property reports, and so forth. Mayor Bishop brought the idea to Council about doing a community garden project where individuals who are unable to have gardens in Springdale, such as those living in the apartments, can pay an annual membership fee to have a garden plot. Mayor Bishop presented another idea by having the Town provide raised garden beds for ease of gardening and growing vegetable plants for residents to pick vegetables. The Town would charge a small fee for this service. The hope behind these community garden ideas is to bring the community together and create educational tools for the children and residents in the community. Mayor Bishop stated that while he was in Boston at the Mayor's Conference, he noticed that the curbs and medians were granite throughout the city. Mayor Bishop commented that he would like to see what the pricing would be to change the curbs and medians from concrete to granite.

Mayor Bishop mentioned that Dollar General will have their Grand Opening on June 21, 2018 at 4:30.

Council approved for Mayor Bishop to rent a golf cart for the Golf Cart Parade.

Attorney Ward stated that he recorded the deed for the property behind Dollar General.

V. 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:

Tare' Stapp
Municipal Clerk