

South Carolina
SPRINGDALE

MINUTES

Town Council Work Session

August 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, Mayor Pro Tem Ricard, Councilmembers Fecas, Peters, Hallman, Reeley, Town Administrator Ashley Watkins, and Attorney Ward Bradley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Wilkerson.

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. Items of Discussion

A. Updating the Town of Springdale Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Purchasing for the Town of Springdale. Administrator Watkins stated that she spoke with Mayor Pro Tem Ricard on this topic and the clarification regarding the bid process. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated that he does not believe that an informal bid needs to be oral, but rather an email or some form of documentation recording the bid. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard also had two concerns regarding two purchasing ordinances. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard's first concern is in regards to the Town Administrator and their role as the purchasing agent for the Town, and whether Administrator Watkins should appoint an individual to oversee this role. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard's second concern was in regards to the bidding process, and recommended having three formal bids minimum before the Town makes purchases above \$5,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Ricard stated he would like to see a process in regards to bidding. Attorney Bradley will begin working on updating the ordinance regarding purchasing.

B. Façade Grant Applications

- i. Neal Patel, Red Roof Inn, 2204 Airport Blvd. Council discussed the façade Grant Applications and gave Administrator Watkins permission to approve their application.
- ii. Dave Patel, Sleep Inn, 2208-A Airport Blvd. – Council discussed the façade Grant Application and gave Administrator Watkins permission to approve the application submitted.

Administrator Watkins stated that she appreciated that Mr. Dave Patel sent an invoice recording the renovations that were done at the Sleep Inn. Both Council and Administrator Watkins mentioned that they would like to see a receipt of payment for future applications.

IV. Town Council Reports

A. Town Signs. Mayor Bishop stated there was nothing new to report. However, he did speak with Ron and he informed Mayor Bishop that the stones are here and should have a rough fit soon. Administrator Watkins stated she has emailed Ron twice, but has yet to hear back from him.

B. Springdale Elementary School. Mayor Bishop inquired about the tour of the school at the end of the month. Councilmember Fecas stated that the tour would be next week, August 27th-31st preferably between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm and Council will need to pick a day and time that works best for them. Councilmember Fecas requested that Chief Cornett give an update on the first day of school. Chief Cornett began by stating that the main issue is the drop off and pick up lanes, which is located on the front lot. The front lot has two lanes, but eventually merges into one lane, as well as a fire lane. Due to the safety issue of having children walk in front of other cars, Chief Cornett and his officers are helping direct traffic in the morning when school is starting, as well as in the afternoon when school is being let out. Chief Cornett also stated that DOT will no longer allow parents to use the church parking lot. Therefore parents have to line up on Churchdale Rd. Council decided to do the school tour on Wednesday, August 29th at 3:00 pm.

C. The Preserve at Roof Farm. Administrator Watkins spoke with Mr. Jesse Bray, and Mr. Bray stated that DR Horton is resubmitting their plans to the County and is anticipating having the plans approved in October. Once the plans have been approved, DR Horton will go through the bidding process and hopefully break ground in December.

D. Parrish Plantation. Mayor Bishop stated that he spoke with a gentleman from West Columbia regarding the water line that runs from Parrish Plantation to Old Barnwell Rd. West Columbia has received the County and DHEC permits, but the city is still working on the DOT Encroachment permit. West Columbia stated they anticipate putting their bid in September 1st, and proceed with the 30 day bid process. West Columbia expects the project to be completed by March 15, 2019.

Councilmember Fecas stated that she met with Debbie from Parrish Plantation and was told there were four major areas of concern. The first concern is in regards to Springdale Elementary. A few residents in Parrish Plantation are still unhappy with the lot being sold to the school and that the money is not being collected for HOA fees. Residents are also unhappy with the new lighting around the school. The third issue is in regards to the storm water catch, which is not providing full catch. DHEC has fined Parrish Plantation for this problem. However, Parrish Plantation is working with Lexington County Stormwater Division on this issue. The other concern is involving Mr. Wade Caughman. Mr. Caughman called last month and stated he is having trouble communicating with the Board. Councilmember Fecas stated that the Board does not want to speak or meet with him due to his lack of effort on fixing the issues at hand. However, the Board is now working with a new property management company called AJS. The Board also stated that DHEC will be regulating the dam.

E. DOT. Mayor Bishop stated that he spoke with DOT about a water holding area on 816 Seay Dr. DOT will be taking care of this issue. Mayor Bishop also spoke with the resident, who requested more information on street lighting. Mayor Bishop stated that he will look into this matter, however, a new line and pole would have to be put in place in order to have extra lighting on the street. Mayor Bishop also stated that if SCANA did not make a recommendation to the Town, this resident would have to pay the

monthly bill if she would like to have a light pole there. Mayor Bishop continued with DOT and stated that he spoke with them about the section under the bridge that had been hit on Airport Blvd. Mayor Bishop stated that DOT had misplaced the paperwork, but they will be fixing this issue soon.

F. Splash Pad. Mayor Bishop suggested removing this topic off of the agenda. Councilmember Fecas mentioned the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission's meeting in the park to look at the Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins mentioned that during this meeting with the Commission, the broken swing was brought to attention, and a member of the Commission stated that they will be taking care of this issue immediately. Administrator Watkins stated that the swing was picked up this morning for repairs. Mayor Bishop stated that he had a complaint from one of the members regarding flies in the park. Mayor Bishop inquired whether any action had been taken to spray the area for flies. Administrator Watkins responded stating that she will speak to Scott about this matter. Administrator Watkins stated that a member of the Commission inquired about charging individuals to use the Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins responded by stating that she did not believe that Council would like to charge even a small fee and it would be more costly to hire someone to enforce it. Councilmember Fecas suggested having a sign placed in the Splash Pad area showing the future phases and plans that the Town has for the Splash Pad. Mayor Bishop and Administrator Watkins also suggested having a photo-op area, as well as a mural for the background of the Splash Pad. Administrator Watkins and her staff will be working on this project.

G. Elected Officials. There was nothing to report at this time.

H. Town Council Special Project Requests

- i. 800 Rosedale Road. Chief Cornett stated this resident has been cited and has a court date for October 2nd.
- ii. 3100 & 3104 Oweada Drive. Chief Cornett stated that 3100 Oweada Dr. has come into compliance. However, 3104 Oweada Dr. has been cited.
- iii. Lot on Lee Circle. Chief Cornett stated that the property owner has put in a new septic tank.
- iv. 3025 Platt Springs Road, Mobile Homes. Mayor Bishop inquired if Attorney Bradley had come up with an ordinance regarding this issue. Attorney Bradley stated he has not had a chance to look into this matter but will work on it for the next council meeting.
- v. 3400 Platt Springs Road (burned home). Chief Cornett stated that this home has been torn down and removed from the property. Chief Cornett stated that the only issue at the moment is a possible zoning violation due to an individual residing in the shed located on the property.

Mayor Bishop inquired about the Food Truck Ordinance that Administrator Watkins had previously emailed to Council. Administrator Watkins stated that a gentleman had come in to Town Hall to retrieve a business license for a food truck in Springdale. Administrator Watkins responded to the gentleman by stating that the Town does not have an ordinance that allows for food trucks. The gentleman requested that Administrator Watkins speak with Council regarding this matter at the next meeting. Administrator Watkins stated she will research this matter further.

V. Adjournment

Council, on motion of Councilmember Fecas, seconded by Councilmember Hallman, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Michael Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Tare' Stapp
Municipal Clerk