

Town of Spring Lake  
Board of Aldermen Special Meeting  
Municipal Building  
300 Ruth Street  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

September 26, 2016

**MINUTES**

5:45 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Municipal Complex with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

**Board Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Dobbins (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)  
Alderman James Christian (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)  
Alderwoman Densie Lucas (arrived at 5:56 p.m.)  
Alderman James O'Garra  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

**Others Present:**

Tad Davis, Town Manager  
Tom Cooney, Director of Public Works  
Sam Jones, Recreation Director  
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk  
Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources  
John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation  
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Rey called the meeting to order.

(A copy of the special meeting notice is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one.)

**2. Invocation**

Mayor Rey gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Business**

**a. Overview of Main Street Design**

Mr. Davis introduced Mike Apke and Bill Roark from McGill Associates. They provided the Board with an overview of a street scape design for a portion of Main Street from Scarborough Street to Priddy Street. This design covers approximately 700 feet of Main Street. The design is approximately 70% complete. The existing area is not ADA compliant and the proposed design will include crosswalks and handicapped ramps to make it ADA compliant. It also includes landscaping and wider sidewalks. The design will reduce the number of parking spaces by a few spaces. Also, with a wider sidewalk area, the roadway will be reduced to two lanes only and no middle turn lane. Mayor Rey inquired about the number of parking spaces we began with and how many we will lose. Alderman O'Garra expressed concern about losing the center lane and there not being a place for large trucks to unload merchandise for some of the businesses. Mr. Cooney advised the approved Main Street Overlay District was created to encourage more walking in the downtown area and to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Once we establish a design there are many options we can look at and provide answers for the Board's questions. McGill is proposing to look at the cost to put power lines underground or have them repositioned to help with the aesthetics. There are a range of options the Board can consider and they will do their best to provide a list of different options and the cost. They advised that NCDOT is planning to pave Main Street in approximately 3 years and we need to try to coordinate this work with their paving schedule to help save costs for the Town. Alderwoman Sutherland requested that they

provide a graphic rendition of what it would look like. Mr. Davis stated as we go forward in making a decision on this, the key to success is really going to be the mind of the business community and the property owners. We will have to get their buy-in for this to become a reality. We can do what we are able to do but the business owners will have to be willing to make an effort too. Otherwise, we can put the money into a blank canvas where we can make a difference, for example on Third Street. The Board will need to decide where to invest. Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about a previous study that was done and what happened with that. She would like to know where that stopped. Mr. Davis advised that \$70,000 was approved by the Board to have this study done and he will look into the previous study to determine what has been done in the past. Mayor Rey requested that Mr. Davis bring back other possible options for the Board to consider. He stated he doesn't want us to take our eye off of Main Street but we need to be smart in other options that will spark economic growth.

**b. Overview of PARTF Grant Projects: Tennis Courts and Outdoor Gym Equipment**

Mr. Davis stated we received a PARTF matching grant and the Town's match was previously approved by the Board so all the financing is ready to go for the PARTF grant.

McGill and Associates is proposing to begin the reconstruction of the tennis courts after the first of the year so that it doesn't sit all winter without being used. They are proposing to install two regulation size tennis courts with regulation colors. Mayor Rey clarified that this presentation is to bring the Board up to date on the discussions that have occurred to date. The Board requested that the Recreation Advisory Board receives a presentation on this proposal before anything else is done.

We want to do another session in October on the sidewalk initiatives that are ongoing. He believes we will have a better picture of the Federal dollars that we will be getting after the end of this month.

**5. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*  
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey  
Mayor