

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

July 13, 2020

MINUTES

7 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Larry G. Dobbins presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Taimoor Aziz
Alderwoman Soña Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager
Town Clerk, Debora Johnson-Hudson
R. Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney
Tonny McNeil, Economic Development
Melissa Pereira, Deputy Town Clerk
Benard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
Renee Robinson, Water Admin Supervisor
Cornell Robinson, Parks and Rec Assistant
Jamie Walters, Cumberland County Planning (via phone conference)

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Sutherland gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dobbins led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Add or Deletions to Agenda

Mayor Dobbins asked are there any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Gerald asked to delete item 9b under New Business. Alderwoman Cooper asked to add 9d discussion of D Street and Grogg Street clean up. Alderwoman Cooper asked to add 9e to discuss Resolution (2020) 5, tablet stipend.

5. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approval of the July 13, 2020 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting agenda.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

6. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Approval of consent items for June 22, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes, and the approval of the Resolution designating the Town's agent for receiving funds related to COVID-19 (FEMA-4487-DR-NC).

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum (Participated via Telephone)

Marvin Lackman addressed his concerns about the Town.

8. Presentation

Mayor Dobbins and the Board of Aldermen presented a Certificate of Achievement to Town employee and Class of 2020 graduate, Cornell Robinson for his outstanding academic excellence.

9. New Business

Case No. 20-076. Consideration of Quincey Owens; Request for a C(P) Site Plan Review; Spring Lake Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Jaimie Walters asked the Board to approve Case No. 20-076, Consideration of Quincy Owens, Request for a C(P) Site Plan Review at 106 N. Fourth Street. The property owner is requesting approval of an appliance repair shop within the existing building.

Action: Approval of Case 20-076, Consideration of Quincey Owens; Request for a C (P) Site Plan Review for an appliance shop.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Removal of all drop boxes within the city limits of the Town of Spring Lake

Mr. McNeil explained all of the drop boxes within the city limits are currently being used as trash dumpsters. This activity has caused the area to become blighted and makes it very difficult to retain or recruit businesses to the area. The cleanliness of areas throughout the town has a direct impact on our Economic Development. The Board members agreed. Mayor Dobbins tabled this issue for the next workshop session Board meeting.

Discussion of clean-up of D- Street and Grogg Street

Alderwoman Sutherland spoke of the unhealthy conditions on these streets that need to be cleaned up. Alderwoman Sutherland stated it's a public health issue that needs to be addressed. Mr. Gerald stated the properties are under a legal action; bankruptcy. Alderwoman Cooper was concerned with children that live in the area which can impose health hazards. Alderman O'Garra stated we do have Ordinances in place that impose fines and penalties for violations of the Ordinance. Mayor Dobbins stated we will discuss this issue in our next workshop session/Board meeting.

**10. Closed Session -- G. S 143-318.11 (a) (4) – Economic Development
G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) – Attorney-Client Privilege
G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) -- Personnel**

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session for G.S 143- 318.11(a)(4) Personnel and Economic Development G.S.143-318.11 (a)(6), and G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3).

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Vote: Unanimous

Alderman O’Garra made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Aziz, to reconvene in open session.


11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderman O’Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Melissa Pereira
Deputy Town Clerk

ATTEST:



Larry G. Dobbins
Mayor