

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

July 20, 2020

MINUTES

7:00PM

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special 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
Aldерwoman Soña Cooper (excused absence)
Aldерwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderman James O'Garra
Aldерwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager
Debora Hudson, Town Clerk
Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney
Catherine Bamba, Attorney
Tonny McNeil, Economic Development Director
Melissa Pereira, Deputy Town Clerk
Benard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator

2. Invocation

Mayor Dobbins gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dobbins led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Business

Discussion and Approval of Economic Development Incentive Grants Policy

Mr. McNeil discussed the Economic Development Incentive Grants Policy for the purpose of attracting new businesses and expansion of existing businesses. Mr. McNeil asked the Board if they would take in consideration and approve the policy. Mr. Charleston, Town Attorney, commended Mr. McNeil for all his hard work for creating the policy.

Aldерwoman Sutherland requested that the word "Town" be changed to "Board" in the policy, because it's the Board who has that power. Aldерwoman Sutherland had concerns about the businesses staying open due to COVID-19. Mr. Charleston explained that every aspect of the incentives policy will need approval from the Board.

Mr. McNeil stated that one of the beauties and the powers of the Board are; the Board can customize incentives with certain aspects of the policies as well as the Board under their discretion can add the incentive for businesses to hire Spring Lake citizens.

Mayor Dobbins stated we would discuss at the next Board Meeting and no action has to be taken. Mayor Pro tem Aziz stated this incentive policy will expand the tax base to the Town of Spring Lake. Mayor Pro tem Aziz discussed the more businesses we have; the tax rate would be less.

Action: Approval of the Economic Development Incentive Grants Policy with corrections.

Motion by: Aldermen O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Vote: 4

Yes

Mayor Pro tem Aziz
Alderwoman Sutherland
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderman O'Garra

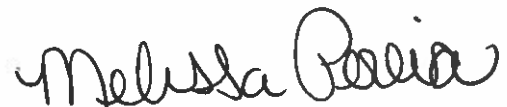
5. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

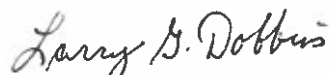
Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous



Melissa Pereira
Deputy Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Larry G. Dobbins
Mayor