

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

September 28, 2020

MINUTES

7:00 pm

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 (via Zoom)
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager
Catherine Bamba, Attorney
Debora Johnson-Hudson, Town Clerk
Melissa Pereira, Deputy Town Clerk
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Alderwoman Sutherland gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Add or Deletions to Agenda

Mayor Dobbins asked are there any additions or deletions to the agenda? There were no additions or deletions added.

4. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approval of the September 28, 2020 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Aziz

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

5. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Approval of consent items for September 14, 2020 work session minutes.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

6. Public Forum

Ms. Shekia Anthony spoke about enacting Breanna's Law, Operation Turkey (Thanksgiving), and Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

7. New Business

Board to consider the start time for regular board meetings during the winter months.

Mayor Dobbins suggested the Board consider changing the start time for regular board meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the winter months. Alderwoman Jackson clarified that the change should be a permanent change due to lengthy meetings, not winter months.

Action: Approval of Board to permanently change the start time of regular board meetings to 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: 3-2

Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Aziz
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderman O'Garra

No

Alderwoman Sutherland
Alderwoman Cooper

8. Closed Session - G.S 143.318.11 (a)(6) - Personnel

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session Pursuant to G.S 143-318.11(a)(6).

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Pro Tem Aziz made a motion, seconded by Aldermen O'Garra, to reconvene in open session.

Mayor Dobbins and the Board of Aldermen appointed Ms. Gay Tucker as Finance Director with a salary of \$71,000.

Action: Approval to appoint Gay Tucker as Finance Director with a salary of \$71,000.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Aziz

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: 3 -2

Yes

Mayor Pro tem Aziz
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderman O'Garra

No

Alderwoman Cooper
Alderwoman Sutherland

9. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson


Vote: Unanimous



ATTEST:

Larry G. Dobbins

Mayor



Melissa Pereira

Deputy Town Clerk