

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

February 22, 2021

MINUTES

6:00 pm

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

Others Present:

Adam Lindsay, Interim Town Manager
Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney
Catherine Bamba, Attorney (via Zoom)
Jaimie Walters, Cumberland County Joint Planning (via Zoom)
Nancy Medlin, Council of Governments (via Zoom)
Tonny McNeil, Economic Development
Debra Johnson-Hudson, Town Clerk
Melissa Pereira, Deputy Town Clerk
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dobbins gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions and Deletions

Mayor Dobbins stated that item 6a - Town Manager Search in Old Business be moved to item 9b - New Business on the agenda. Mayor Dobbins added Closed Session Economic Development pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) as item 8c.

Action: Approval to move item 6a Town Manager Search in Old Business to item 9b New Business on the agenda and add Closed Session item 8c Economic Development pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Motion by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: unanimous

4. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approval of the February 22, 2021 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting with additions.
Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Aziz
Vote: unanimous

5. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Approval of consent items for February 8, 2021 work session minutes.
Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson
Second by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz
Vote: unanimous

6. Public Comment

Mr. James Christian expressed his concerns about adding the board meetings and other important events to the Town's Facebook page, and opening up a Twitter account. Mr. Christian had concerns about the sound quality on YouTube.

7. New Business

Case No. 21-012. Consideration of two cams ice house property; request for a C(P) site plan review

Ms. Jaimie Walters explained Case 21-012 to the Board, and asked if they had any questions. Alderwoman Sutherland had concerns about the conditions sheet paragraph 27 regarding widening the road on Lake Park Drive and needing improvements, and no funding has been awarded. Alderwoman Sutherland had concerns on the conditions sheet paragraph 15 statement in regards to a stormwater utility structure requirement. Ms. Walters explained in paragraph 27 it's a condition in our advisory section but we have not been told it's going to be widened. Ms. Walters stated that we contact the Fayetteville's Metropolitan Planning and they do most of the planning with the County and Spring Lake. Ms. Walters stated it's been identified and that it does need an improvement, and no funding of right of ways or action plans have been made. Ms. Walters stated we have added the condition in case there are improvements needed on the right of ways. Alderwoman Sutherland asked about paragraph 16 condition to turning lanes being required by the Spring Lake Public Utility Department and NCDOT. Ms. Walters explained that's in the event turning lanes are required by DOT, and we never heard back from DOT because Lillington Highway is a DOT street.

Action: Approval of Case No. 21-012. Consideration of two cams ice house property; request for a C(P) site plan review; spring lake zoning ordinance; zoned: C(P); total acreage: 1.27 ac +/-; located at corner of NC HWY 210 and Lake Park Drive; submitted by Davance Locklear (Developer) under Spring Lake Ordinance.
Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper
Second by: Alderwoman Jackson
Vote: unanimous

Town Charter Amendment

Mr. Adam Lindsay discussed amending the Town Charter and removing the provisions that has the Town Finance Director and Tax Collector under the Board, and authorizing the Finance Director to work under the supervision and direction of the Town Manager. Mr. Lindsay added this is more consistent with town's in North Carolina. Mr. Lindsay stated the Board can't change their own Charter; the process has to go to Legislation for approval. Mr. Lindsay stated we have made contact and the deadline is this week. Alderwoman Sutherland had concerns about only changing the Town Finance Officer and Tax Collector, and sending to Legislation. Alderwoman Cooper stated there was a Resolution approved in 2013 making the Revenue Supervisor the Tax Collector because we levy taxes from alcohol sales. Alderwoman Cooper asked how would this affect us? Mr. Lindsay stated the Statues themselves override, and there is an authority to collect taxes. Mr. Lindsay stated although we will not have that position it will fall under the Town Manager's supervision and be silent in the Charter. Alderwoman Cooper stated we do levy taxes with alcohol sales and do issue permits. Mayor Pro tem Aziz asked if we remove the finance director position form the Charter, would that position be created under the town manager? Mr. Lindsay stated no, the position will not be eliminated. Mr. Lindsay stated the finance director position is authorized with the Charter, and the only change is who will oversee that position. Mr. Lindsay stated the Board can't change the Charter but you are asking the Legislation for approval. Alderwoman Sutherland asked once the Charter is approved does it come back to the Board for approval? Mayor Larry Dobbins asked the same question. Mr. Lindsay stated it will be introduced as a new Bill, and it will appear without that language that we previously did with the strikethrough. Mr. Charleston stated there will be technical changes as well by the staff because the Charter needs to be cleaned up.

Action: Approval to change Charter as specified.

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: unanimous

8. **Closed Session** G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel
G.S. 143.318.11 (a)(3) – Attorney Client Privilege
G.S. 143.318.11 (a)(4) – Economic Development

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel, G.S 143- 318.11 (a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege and G.S 143.318.11(a)(4) Economic Development.

Motion by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

Alderwoman Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Aziz, to reconvene in open session.

Authorizing Resolution by Governing Body of Applicant

Mr. Jonathan Charleston asked for the Board to adopt the Resolution Authorizing by Governing Body of Applicant North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program, and that the Town will provide 5% match of the \$85,000 grant award for the project. Alderwoman Sutherland asked is the cost \$85,000? Mr.

Charleston stated yes.

Action: Approval of Resolution Authorizing by Governing Body of Applicant North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program as amended.

Motion by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: 4-1

Yes

**Mayor Pro tem Aziz
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderwoman Cooper
Alderman O'Garra**

No

Alderwoman Sutherland

Discussion of Local Government Commission (LGC) Response

Mr. Adam Lindsay briefed the Board on the letter we received from the Local Government Commission and provided the Aldermen with a draft copy of the response letter we plan to send to the LGC. Mr. Lindsay asked the Board for a consensus to send the letter to the LGC. All Board of Aldermen agreed.

Town Managers Search

Mr. Adam Lindsay discussed the town manager's search and stated we have had proposals from two firms, Joe Durham & Associates and Justin B. Hembree from the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments. Mr. Lindsay explained that Mr. Durham made a proposal of \$12,000, and Mr. Hembree from the local COG of the Carolinas proposed \$2500 to search for a town manager. Mr. Lindsay asked the Board to approve which consultant you would like to enter into an agreement with to start the process.

Action: Approval of the COG in search of town manager.

Motion by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: 3-2

Yes

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

No

**Alderwoman Cooper
Alderwoman Sutherland**

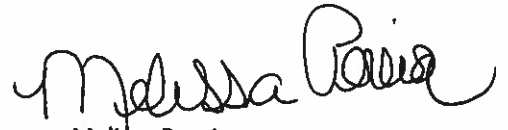
9. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

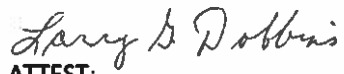
Motion: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: unanimous



Melissa Pereira
Deputy Town Clerk



ATTEST:

Larry G. Dobbins
Mayor