

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

June 28, 2021

MINUTES

9:00 a.m.

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

Others Present:

Samantha Wullenwaber, Interim Town Manager
Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney (via Zoom)
Catherine Bamba, Attorney (via Zoom)
Brittany Johnson, Attorney (via Zoom)
Melissa Pereira, Interim Town Clerk
Benard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
Nancy Medlin, Council of Governments
Susan McCullen, NC Department of State Treasurer
David Erwin, NC Department of State Treasurer
Mark Baker, NC Department of State Treasurer
Dysoaneik Spellman, Police Lieutenant
Lewis Zefrim, Interim Recreation Director
Jimmy Hall, Inspections Supervisor
Abbey Church, Fayetteville Observer Reporter

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. New Business

Budget Meeting Session FY 2021-2022

Mrs. Susan McCullen, Director of Fiscal Management in the Local Government Commission addressed her concerns with the resolution warning letter that was sent to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen last week to include a notice regarding your failure as a town to comply with the budget and under the Local Government and Fiscal Control Act. Mrs. McCullen stated we don't issue these lightly, and your level of expenditures of overspending. Mrs. McCullen addressed the 11 options and the amount of work it took to create. Mrs. McCullen expressed that the only way to avoid cuts; is raise taxes. Mrs. McCullen stated you already have the highest taxes in Cumberland County. Mrs. McCullen addressed they are advising the Board to adopt the budget, and if the Board don't, we are going to call an emergency meeting and adopted it ourselves.

Alderwoman Sutherland expressed that she wanted to adopt the budget although it is a hard decision.

Mr. Jonathan Charleston had concerns Alderwoman Sutherland making a motion to adopt budget.

Mayor Dobbins declined the motion stating he wanted all five Board Members present to adopt budget.

Alderwoman Jackson expressed her concerns about losing our police officers.

Mayor Pro tem Aziz stated he wanted to pass the budget last week.

Alderwoman Cooper expressed her appreciation for all the hard work.

Mrs. Samantha stated the Budget could be adopted at tonight's meeting.

Alderwoman Sutherland withdrew her motion.

Mr. Jonathan Charleston addressed he recommended the budget be passed at this moment.

Mayor Dobbins stated the Budget will be adopted tonight with all Board Members present.

3. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 9:32 a.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Vote: Unanimous


Melissa Pereira
Interim Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Larry G. Dobbins
Mayor