Town of Spring Lake
Work Session of the Board of Aldermen
Municipal Building
300 Ruth Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390

January 10, 2022 **MINUTES** 6:00 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a work session meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Kia Anthony presiding.

Board Members Present:
Mayor Pro Tem Robyn Chadwick
Alderwoman Soña Cooper
Alderman Marvin Lackman
Alderman Raul Palacios
Alderwoman Adrian Thompson

Others Present:
Samantha Wullenwaber, Interim Town Manager
Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney
Melissa Pereira, Town Clerk
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
Rob Carl, Business Development Executive, Accela Solutions
Dr. Mark Sorrells, Senior Vice President for Academic & Student Services
Charles McKellar, School Board Member, At Large

1. Call to order

Mayor Anthony declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Lackman gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions or Deletions

Alderwoman Cooper requested that the agenda be amended to delete item 6b, North Carolina Department of Public Safety under Presentation.

4. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approval of the January 10, 2022 Board of Aldermen Work Session Meeting with deletions.
Motion by: Alderman Palacios
Second by:
Vote: Unanimous

Although a second motion was not made, it was a unanimous decision to approve the agenda as presented, and proceeded with the business as listed on the agenda.

5. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Approval of the draft minutes of the October 25, 2021, Regular Meeting, the draft minutes of the November 8, 2021, Work Session Meeting, the draft minutes of the November 22, 2021, Regular Meeting, and the draft minutes of the December 2, 2021, Special Meeting.
Motion by: Alderman Palacios
Second by: Alderwoman Thompson
Vote: Unanimous

6. Presentation

a. Dr. Mark Sorrells presented to the Board a new adult learner initiative called H.O.P.E. (Hope, Opportunity, Prosperity through Education). Dr. Sorrells provided information regarding career pathways choices, strategies, courses, student on-boarding, and business partners. Dr. Sorrells gave each board member at survey to complete.

b. Mr. Rob Carl presented to the Board the company Accela Solutions. Mr. Carl gave a brief overview on how their company helps facilitate local governments to interact with their citizens. Mr. Carl provided information of the benefits of civic applications such as, regulatory entities, including licenses, permits, cases, complaints, violations, and renewals.

c. Mr. Charles McKellar presented to the Board the school utilization of William T. Brown Elementary, Manchester Elementary, and Lillian Black Elementary. Mr. McKellar provided details regarding the School Board's options to reassign the students from T. C Berrien Elementary School to Fayetteville Schools. Mr. McKellar gave a brief overview regarding Lillian Black Elementary and Manchester Elementary closure. Mr. McKellar provided information about the reassignment plan. Mr. McKellar stated Cumberland County Schools virtual learning overall grade was 36 percent. Mayor Pro tem Chadwick questioned the dates of the school board meetings. Mayor Pro tem Chadwick stated she supported Lillian Black Elementary and Manchester Elementary closure because every student deserves an education.

7. New Business

a. Approve Resolution (2022) 1, The Fort Bragg Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) Amendments

Mrs. Samantha Wullenwaber requested the Board approve Resolution (2022) 1. Mrs. Wullenwaber gave a brief overview that Fort Bragg RLUAC is a board that reviews the development is this area, and Spring Lake is a member of the committee. Alderman Palacios questioned our membership. Mrs. Wullenwaber stated we are a member, but our attorney did not review the bylaws because they are not the town's bylaws. Mrs. Wullenwaber stated she attends the quarterly meetings.

Action: Approval of the Resolution (2022) 1, The Fort Bragg Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) Amendments.
Motion by: Alderman Palacios
Second by: Alderwoman Cooper
Vote: Unanimous

b. Discussion of Town Committees

Alderman Palacios presented to the public the committees the town has to offer. Alderman Palacios stated the town has vacancies and hopes the town's citizens are interested in serving on a committee. Alderman Palacios

asked the town citizens to support the Mayor and the Board. Alderman Palacios provided information that the town employees will be trained to better serve the committees with their needs. Alderman Palacios stated each committee has different roles. Alderman Palacios provided information on the six town committees. Alderman Lackman stated the town citizens asked the Board to step up and now the Board is asking the citizens to be involved in the town. Alderman Lackman asked the town citizens if you see something; say something, and join making the Town of Spring Lake a better place. Alderwoman Cooper expressed her concerns with reviewing the committees' bylaws, appointing staff liaisons, and ex-officio board member training.

8. Public Comment

Mr. Frank Alexander had concerns with the town's economic development, and creating an economic development committee.

Mrs. Sandra Alexander had concerns with the town roads, street lighting, no jobs, no educational programs, and police patrol.

Ms. Regina Thompson-Xadu congratulated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Ms. Thompson-Xadu provided information on the current events honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Ms. Thompson-Xadu had concerns about the litter in town. Ms. Thompson-Xadu asked if the town could organize a community cleanup on Monday, 17, 2022. Ms. Thompson-Xadu had concerns about illegal dumpling on Elizabeth Street.

Ms. Debra Atkins had concerns about the lighting on the overpass, affordable rental housing, and lighting at the basketball court.

Mrs. Wullenwaber stated Duke Energy has submitted the application to Department of Transportation to have lighting installed.

9. Closed Session

a. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel
b. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney- Client Privilege
c. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)6) – Personnel, N.C.G.S.§143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege, and N.C.G.S.§143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development.
Motion: Alderwoman Cooper
Second by: Alderman Lackman
Vote: Unanimous

Alderwoman Cooper made a motion, Alderman Lackman seconded by, to reconvene in an open session.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.
Motion: Alderman Palacios
Second by: Alderman Lackman
Vote: Unanimous

Kia Anthony
Mayor

ATTEST:
Melissa Pereira, CMC
Town Clerk