

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

November 22, 2021

MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

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: Alderwoman Sofia Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Board Members Absent: Mayor Pro tem Aziz

Others Present:

Samantha Wullenwaber, Interim Town Manager
Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney
Catherin Bamba, Attorney
Melissa Pereira, Interim Town Clerk
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
Susan McCullen, NC Department of State Treasurer (via Zoom)
Mark Baker, NC Department of State Treasurer (via Zoom)
Jason Williams, Fire Chief

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Additions or Deletions

Alderwoman Jackson requested that the agenda be amended to add item 8 Closed Session, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6), Personnel. Alderman O'Garra requested that the agenda be amended to add item 7d, Discussion of Utilizing the Recreation Center in New Business.

Alderwoman Cooper questioned why Closed Session was being added. Mayor Dobbins explained if there is a topic to discuss on the agenda; we can discuss. Alderwoman Cooper asked to vote on the additions to the agenda. Mayor Dobbins agreed.

4. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approval of the November 22, 2021, Regular Meeting agenda with additions of Item 7d Discussion of Utilization of the Recreation Center in New Business, and Item 8 Closed Session, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6), Personnel, and request that the agenda be amended to add Item 9, Adjournment.

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: 3-1

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alderwoman Sutherland	Alderwoman Cooper
Alderwoman Jackson	
Alderman O'Garra	

5. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Denied the draft minutes of the October 25, 2021, Regular Minutes, and draft minutes of the November 8, 2021, Work Session Minutes until corrections are made.

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: 3-2

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mayor Dobbins	Alderwoman Jackson
Alderwoman Cooper	Alderman O'Garra
Alderwoman Sutherland	

6. Public Comment

Mr. James Christian expressed his thanks and appreciation to Alderwoman Sutherland for her years of service. Mr. Christian congratulated the new Mayor Elect, Board of Aldermen, and Town Clerk.

7. New Business

a. The Fort Bragg Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) Amendments

Mrs. Samantha Wullenwaber requested the adoption of Resolution (2021) 11, Fort Bragg Regional Land Use Advisory Commission Amendments and Bylaws. Alderwoman Cooper asked do we have a town representative who attends meetings? Mrs. Wullenwaber stated she attends the meetings. Alderwoman Sutherland had concerns about the bylaws, and a person serving on the Board of Directors. Alderman O'Garra had concerns about the town attorney reviewing the documents. Mrs. Wullenwaber stated yes, Mrs. Catherine Bamba reviewed the revisions. Mrs. Bamba stated yes, and the Board can approve or deny the bylaws.

Action: Approval to discuss the Fort Bragg Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) Amendments at the next meeting on December 13, 2021.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: unanimous

b. Board to Determine Meeting Schedule for December 27, 2021, Regular Meeting

Ms. Melissa Pereira requested the approval of cancelling the December 27, 2021, Regular Meeting. Alderman O'Garra stated he would let the new board decide. Alderwoman Sutherland agreed.

Action: Approval that on December 13, 2021, the new board can have the options to determine meeting schedule for December 27, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: unanimous

c. Oath of Office, Town Clerk

Mayor Dobbins administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Melissa Pereira as Town Clerk for the Town of Spring Lake.

d. Discussion of Utilization of the Recreation Center

Alderman O'Garra questioned why he couldn't use the Recreation Center on Thanksgiving to feed the town citizens. Alderman O'Garra stated there were over 500 people who were fed last year in Spring Lake. Alderwoman Jackson expressed her concerns about feeding the town's citizens, and the utilization of the gym to aid in providing a Thanksgiving meal. Alderwoman Cooper provided details that they have secured a location at Rustic Burger to feed Thanksgiving meals to town citizens. Mayor Dobbins stated the Interim Town Manager made a decision, and the Board tasks the Interim Town Manager to make decisions. Mayor Dobbins explained to the Board they cannot override the Interim Town Manager because the Interim Town Manager legally makes those decisions to determine the use of the town's facilities. Mayor Dobbins stated if a person gets hurt in one of the town's facilities; this town would suffer the consequences. Mayor Dobbins stated the Interim Town Manager is tasked to run the day-to-day operations of the town.

8. Closed Session

a. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Alderman O'Garra made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Jackson, to reconvene in open session.

9. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:


Melissa Pereira CMC
Interim Town Clerk



Kia Anthony
Mayor