

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

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July 11, 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 (via Zoom)
- Alderwoman Soña Cooper
- Alderman Marvin Lackman
- Alderman Raul Palacios
- Alderwoman Adrian Thompson

**Others Present:**

- Joe Durham, Interim Town Manager
- Jonathan Charleston, Town Attorney
- Melissa Pereira, Town Clerk
- Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
- Dysoaneik Spellman, Interim Police Chief
- Jason Williams, Spring Lake Fire Chief
- Tim Garner, Director, Water Treatment Plant

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. David Dickerhoff gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Additions or Deletions**

Alderwoman Cooper requested that the agenda be amended to add Closed Session, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6)- Attorney-Client Privilege.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** Approval of July 11, 2022, Board of Aldermen Work Session Meeting with requested changes.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderwoman Thompson

**Vote:** Unanimous

## 5. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Approval of the draft minutes of June 27, 2022, Regular Meeting, and Board Application for the Military and Veterans Advisory Board, Timothy Baker, Tarheel Nam Knights.

Motion by: Alderman Palacios

Second by: Alderman Lackman

Vote: Unanimous

## 6. Public Comment

None

## 7. Presentation

Alderman Palacios administered the five winners the July Yard of the Month Certificates. Alderman Palacios mentions that the town has five new winners for the month of July. The Yard of the Month winners are Carl & Cassie Graham, Doris Lewis, Henry Ponder, Frasier Swift, and Betsy Wooten.

## 8. New Business

### a. Consideration of Town Attorney Contract

Action: Approval

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderman Palacios

Vote: Unanimous

### b. Consideration of Change in Meeting Structure for the Spring Lake Board of Aldermen

Mr. Durham addresses the change in meeting structure for the Spring Lake Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Durham states that what is being proposed is that the first meeting of the month will be indicated as a regular meeting which including all new business, all appointments, and all of the related items that will be actionable by the board. The second meeting of the month will be called the actual work session which will include presentations, and no formal action will be taken unless the board deems it to be appropriate. Work sessions can talk about operational issues, financial reports, discuss more detailed items, and audit reports. It does allow the board to have an opportunity to have considerable discussions, questions and answers. Mr. Durham recommends that it will be effective September 1, 2022.

Alderwoman Cooper asks will the board be able to make suggestions on activity they would like to carry out. Alderwoman Cooper mentions issues with the donation containers.

Mr. Durham responds that you would want discussion, and staff to prepare presentations including any questions or concerns that surface. He suggests that in order to be effective, staff would need to know in advance.

Alderwoman Cooper asks what if staff looks at ordinances, does it need to listed beforehand or is it something that the board can mention during the meeting?

Mr. Durham answers that the board will determine when they will occur.

Alderman Lackman inquires that what is discussed before about having a work session and a regular meeting. <sup>What</sup> it because of the budget from the Legal Government Commission? When did the board return to the two regular meetings?

Mr. Durham answers the first meeting of the month is the business meeting where the Board has actionable items, the work session allows you to spend more time and going in depth with specific items.

**Action:** Approval of the proposed meeting changes

**Motion:** Alderman Palacios

**Second by:** Alderwoman Thompson

**Vote:** Unanimous

#### c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kia Anthony announces that the Town is starting a monthly event called "First Friday on Main" located on Main Street. There will be vendors, food trucks, and entertainment, the hours are 6-9 p.m. and it will start August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Anthony asks that citizens stay connected to our website and Facebook page for information and vendors can apply within the next few days from the town's website. This will be a monthly, recurring event. Mayor Anthony mentions that the town has had a recent discussion with the GFL trash service, about the recent complaints, GFL is understaffed and it causes complications in their areas of service. GFL relays that they are doing their best and by the end of the week things will be in order in an attempt to regain normalcy. The Spring Lake Library is now a cooling station for anyone in need. Governor Cooper signed the NC budget; Mayor Anthony mentions representative Lucas which included a \$500,000 line item for Spring Lake's water and sewer infrastructure.

#### d. Board of Aldermen Report

Alderwoman Cooper states the next meeting for the Senior Advisory Committee will be July 12<sup>th</sup>, and the committee has open positions. The committee convenes the second Tuesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. and will be located at the Senior Enrichment Center which is 301 Ruth Street. She announces the lunch bus is still active. You can also receive free lunch at the Spring Lake Recreation Center. The town is working on another haunted lakes with more stops this year for Halloween.

Alderman Palacios reports that the Appearance & Sustainability Committee still has open positions. The next meeting date will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, located at Town Hall, 4:00 p.m. Alderman Palacios gives his appreciation to the staff that attends the meetings regularly.

Alderwoman Thompson would like to give appreciation to Ms. Barbara Lewis and Ms. Crystal Johnson whom assisted with the town's recent clean up. She also mentions that Team Room Fitness at 1137 N. Bragg Blvd. is now open for business and the Recreation Advisory Committee will have a meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> located at the Spring Lake Recreation Center, 245 Ruth Street at 6:30p.m.

Alderman Lackman would like to give appreciation for the Town's recent clean up. Alderman Lackman would like to empty the cart with the aluminum cans that the Fire Department has so the town can begin to collect more. Alderman Lackman gives a special thanks to the Spring Lake Fire Chief. Alderman Lackman mentions that he would like to have a big event for Veterans Day which he has conversed with Mr. Durham on the topic. Veterans Day will be Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

e. Manager's Report

No report.

**9. Closed Session**

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

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel, and pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege.

**Motion:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderman Lackman

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

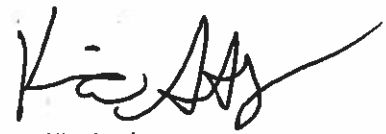
**10. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Lackman

**Second by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Vote:** Unanimous



Kia Anthony  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Pereira, CMC  
Town Clerk