

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

March 27, 2023

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:**

Jason Williams, Spring Lake Fire Chief/Interim Town Manager  
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator  
Patricia Hickmon, Executive Assistant/Zoning Administrative Officer/Clerk Trainer  
Michael Porter, Town Attorney  
Dysoaneik Spellman, Police Chief  
Deanna Rosario, Stormwater Administrator  
Tim Garner, Director of Water Treatment Plant  
David Erwin, Accounting & Financial Management Advisor, Local Government Commission  
Tiffany Anderson, Senior Accounting & Financial Management Advisor, Local Government Commission

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Juanita Bonds gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Additions or Deletions**

Alderman Palacios added under Presentations agenda item 7a. Cops and Conservations – Police Chief Dysoaneik Spellman. Alderwoman Cooper removed under New Business agenda item 8b. Discussion of Mid-Carolina Council of Government Fees and Alderman Lackman added under New Business agenda item 8b. Military Veterans Advisory Committee Update.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Action: Approval of the agenda with the amended deletion under New Business agenda item 8b. Discussion of Mid-Carolina Council of Government Fees – Alderwoman Soña Cooper, and amended additions under Presentations agenda item 7a. Cops and Conversations – Police Chief Dysoaneik Spellman and under New Business agenda item 8b. Military Veterans Advisory Committee Update – Alderman Marvin Lackman.

**Motion by: Alderman Palacios**  
**Second by: Alderwoman Cooper**  
**Vote: Unanimous**

#### **5. Approval of Consent Items**

**Action: Approval of Draft Minutes of February 18, 2023, Special Meeting – Strategic Planning Retreat and Approval of Draft Minutes of March 13, 2023, Regular Meeting.**

**Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick**

**Second by: Alderwoman Cooper**

**Vote: Unanimous**

#### **6. Public Comment**

Dedra Parker 160 Chapel Hill Road stated there were young people skating in the tennis courts and it caused skate marks. Ms. Parker stated the tennis courts have already been restored twice and that goes to show just how much we really need a skating ring or something in this area for our youth. Ms. Parker stated right beside where she lives, the town is trying to upgrade and there is a well underground, and you cannot build anything on top of a well unless it is highly inspected because if you do, you are going to cause some type of water coming up out the ground and wanted to bring this to the Board's attention, as well as the inspectors who are inspecting these townhouses. Ms. Parker stated the debris that she has already mentioned is still there and really needs to come and get it because we live near the creek and there are snakes starting to come up and has pets and does not want them to get bit by snakes

Taralynn Harris stated she is sixteen (16) years old and goes to Cape Fear High School and she is going to the Apollo. Ms. Harris stated she auditioned and got in, so she is going back on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for the amateur night, and Spring Lake has always supported her and that is the main thing she needs, support.

#### **7. Presentations**

- a. Cops and Conversations – Police Chief Dysoaneik Spellman – Chief Spellman stated Cops and Conversations is a program that he implemented last fall and has had the opportunity to go to several businesses to have conversations with citizens, business owners, and leaders. Chief Spellman stated the argument is to build relationships with the citizens and the business owners of Spring Lake and that is vital for the Police Department to be successful and is very active in this and would like to have more support from the community. Chief Spellman stated the last two (2) turnouts were not the best but have to start somewhere. Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick asked Chief Spellman if he is reaching out to the schools because sometimes, she hears about how children want to have relationships with cops but sometimes they are scared. Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick stated she would love to share information with the school so children can come out, as well as parents, and thinks that would be a good avenue within the community for them to be able to share and create relationships with them. Chief Spellman stated he has not reached out to the school system but that is a good idea so that is something he is putting on his agenda to make sure it is done in the future. Alderwoman Cooper stated hopefully we will be able to find a way to get some digital signs to put the word out, and with support from the business

community. Alderman Lackman stated the information that Chief Spellman puts out does get shared but advised him to stay consistent and that his message is getting out whether it is coming from him or people that share that information who attends the meetings. Alderwoman Thompson asked if the next meeting was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May and Chief Spellman stated it was and that information is already out there.

## 8. New Business

- a. Financial Report Update – David Erwin, Local Government Commission – Mr. Erwin presented a PowerPoint presentation and read exactly from those slides. The following are the topics that Mr. Erwin presented: General Fund, Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund, Stormwater Enterprise Fund, Sanitation Enterprise Fund, Fleet Maintenance Internal Service Fund, 2024 Budget Development, Indirect Cost Allocation, and The Value Spring Lake Received for Accounting Services from July 2021 – Today.  
Mr. Erwin stated we need to schedule department budget meetings with the manager and the Audit Committee as there is another balance of the budget meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Mr. Erwin stated we need to talk about scheduling a budget workshop retreat and then the Public Hearing has to be with the LGC (Local Government Commission), which is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm, which is the regular board meeting night.
- b. Military Veterans Advisory Committee Update – Alderman Marvin Lackman – Alderman Lackman stated the voluntary people that resign from the Committees do not need to come up to the Board for a vote as they have resigned for whatever reason that they chose, but the ones that do come up to the Board are those that are removed.
- c. Resolution (2023)4 Authorizing Sustainable Sandhills to Apply to the EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Grant – Deanna Rosario/Denise Bruce – Ms. Bruce stated she is asking is support from the Town of Spring Lake on the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Grant and this is a \$150,000 dollar grant program that Sustainable Sandhills would administer for a local air quality monitoring network outside of the state network and would give us community-based air quality monitoring in our backyards. Ms. Bruce stated for the Town of Spring Lake, what that support would look like is a communications piece with local citizens and communities about air quality and what the monitors are telling our communities, but it would also mean giving a place to install the monitors on at least one (1) public building. Ms. Bruce stated there are two (2) locations that we are looking at in Spring Lake, one environmental justice area of concern and perhaps right here on this building. Mr. Bruce stated Sustainable Sandhills would be responsible for administering the grant, maintenance of the monitors, and community outreach. Ms. Bruce stated the entire program will run for 18 months with the hope that we can extend the air quality monitoring networks with many more grants and community support. Alderwoman Cooper asked how often would we get updates from these air quality monitors. Ms. Bruce stated the two here are going to be part of the purple air network and those are real-time monitors that can be accessed by [www.purpleair.com](http://www.purpleair.com). Mayor Anthony asked where are the troubled areas and how bad is the air quality there. Ms. Bruce stated the community off 210 is labeled as an area of high

vulnerability and those numbers are based on the age of the population's income but the idea of this is to see where these impacted areas are. Alderman Palacios asked how big the monitors are and Ms. Bruce stated about the size of a coffee cup.

**Action:** Approval of Resolution (2023)4 Authorizing Sustainable Sandhills to Apply to the EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Grant.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote:** Unanimous

- d. **Mayor's Report – Mayor Kia Anthony** – Mayor Anthony stated the Mayor's Coalition meeting is Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, here in the Boardroom at 8:00 am and will be discussing the Sales Tax Interlocal Agreement with the county, and announced the employees who have March birthdays.
- e. **Board of Aldermen Report – Spring Lake Board of Aldermen** – Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick stated Mr. Finch is having his 11th Annual Mayor's Cup boxing tournament on Saturday, May 6, 2023, doors open at 3:00 pm and starts at 4:00 pm, and Mr. Finch has been huge in the Spring Lake area doing a lot of things for the youth. Alderman Palacios stated the Appearance Committee's next meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 2023, here in this room at 4:00 pm and the wall mural RFP (Request for Proposal) is out, and that deadline is Monday, April 10, 2023. Alderman Palacios stated if you know anyone interested in putting up some art, go to our town website at, [www.townofspringlake.com/communityinitiatives](http://www.townofspringlake.com/communityinitiatives) and it is at the bottom of the page. Mayor Anthony asked if we are trying to find somebody within the local area, not specifically Spring Lake but Cumberland County area regarding the RFP, and Alderman Palacios stated the preference would be local. Alderwoman Thompson stated on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 9:00 am, the Torch Run with the Police Department will be at the Veterans Park and t-shirts are available via Detective Utley at the Annex, are \$20.00. Alderman Lackman stated Creek Week took place and had five (5) volunteers that picked up three (3) big heavy bags of trash totaling 75 pounds that did not end up going into the waterways. Alderman Lackman stated it was a small group but it was an impactful cleanup, and tomorrow night (Tuesday), right here in this building at 6:30 pm, the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee has a meeting. Alderman Lackman stated Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 8:00 am at Skyland Plaza, we will meet to go out and clean up more streets and roads in Spring Lake. Alderwoman Cooper stated she wanted to clear up something that she read in the paper this morning, it stated we terminated the former manager, Ms. Samantha Wullenwaber, without a public vote. Alderwoman Cooper stated Ms. Wullenwaber put in a 30-day notice, secondly, she was working under a contract that was not signed by anyone here in the Town of Spring Lake, and we never voted on it therefore there was no reason to vote to terminate her. Alderwoman Cooper stated T-Mobile for employees has started and they have a special up until Friday, March 31, 2023, where you can get a free iPad. Alderwoman Cooper stated currently National League of Cities (NLC) is meeting in DC for the Congressional City Conference, and although she was not able to go, her colleagues have sent back several emails with grant opportunities and other funding opportunities. Alderwoman Cooper stated she received an email about an infrastructure hub so hopefully, we will be able to take advantage of that, and there was also one for distressed communities. Alderwoman

- (c) The Town Manager may affirm or reverse the denial or revocation of the donation permit. If affirmed, the order issued must state that the appellant is not eligible to receive a new donation box permit sooner than one (1) year after the date of the order. If reversed, the donation box permit shall be reinstated immediately (in the case of revocation) or within three (3) business days (in the case of denial).
- (d) The determination of the Town Manager shall be final on the date the order is signed.

**Section. 16-273. Further appellate rights.**

Any party aggrieved by a final decision is entitled to judicial review of the decision. A petition for a writ of certiorari by the party must be filed with the Superior Court of Cumberland County not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the party receives the final decision from the Town Manager.

**Section. 16-274. Disclaimer of liability.**

Liability on the part of, or a cause of action against, the Town or any officer, employee, or agent thereof for any damages.

**Section. 16-275. Exemption.**

Unattended donation boxes located entirely within the interior of a building are exempt from the requirements of this article.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

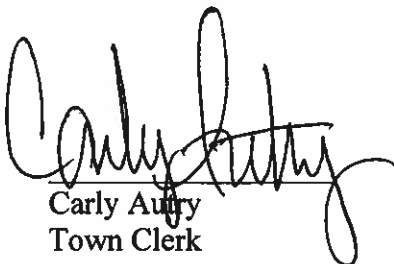
PASSED and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 by the following vote:

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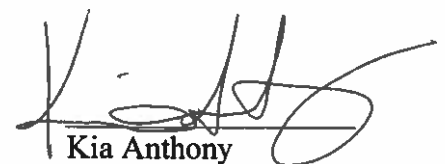
Robyn Chadwick, Mayor Pro Tem  
Sofia L. Cooper, Alderwoman  
Marvin Lackman, Alderman  
Raul Palacios, Alderman  
Adrian Thompson, Alderwoman

NOES

ATTEST

  
Carly Aulry  
Town Clerk



  
Kia Anthony  
Mayor