

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

April 10, 2023

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 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:

Carly Autry, Town Clerk
Tim Garner, Director of Water Treatment Plant
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
Michael Porter via Zoom, Town Attorney
Dysoaneik Spellman, Chief of Spring Lake Police
Lieutenant Danny Sutton, Spring Lake Police Department
Jason Williams, Spring Lake Fire Chief/Interim Town Manager

1. Call to order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Debra Clyde gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Additions or Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

4. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approval of April 10, 2023 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting agenda with no additions or deletions.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderman Palacios

Vote: Unanimous

5. Approval of Consent Items

Action: Approval of Consent Items a. Draft Minutes of March 27, 2023, Work Session Meeting.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

6. Public Comment

Leslie & Michael, fit 4 life – Leslie is the General Manager and Michael is the Sales Manager of fit 4 life Spring Lake, located at 650 Shell Drive. Leslie stated they relocated about a year ago to a new state-of-the-art facility and offer 24/7 access to all fit 4 life gyms, free group fitness, Kid Zone, and two (2) free personal training sessions. Leslie stated they have a big military community and have a lot of long-time local members at the gym and take pride in that. Leslie stated they offer military and family discounts, and government options, and is working on putting together a corporate wellness program for the Town of Spring Lake employees. Leslie stated they are asking if they could meet with each department to gauge some interest to see if they would be interested, what they are looking for in a gym, and how they can fit their deeds.

Fredricka Sutherland – Mrs. Sutherland stated Happy Birthday to the Town of Spring Lake and wanted to thank Mrs. Renee and the ladies of the Water Department as she came to Town Hall last week to conduct some business and when she walked up, all of them were typing, busy, diligently working hard, and very professional. Mrs. Sutherland stated on the agenda, Ordinance 2023(2), which talks about large vehicles, trailers, and private property, she would like some clarification regarding that ordinance.

7. Presentation

- a. Spring Lake History – Jami McLaughlin, Resident Historian – Ms. McLaughlin presented facts regarding the Town of Spring Lake. Examples: when first incorporated, when the first railroad was built, how Spring Lake got its name and Main Street. Ms. McLaughlin stated the Town saw the first bank and first parts of Commerce in the 1960s, but the economy prospered in the 1980s and 1990s and a lot of what is on Bragg Blvd and beyond is a result of that. Ms. McLaughlin explained a book that Mr. Howard Pate and herself wrote that was published on November 8, 2004. Ms. McLaughlin stated Mr. Pate was the Town's first Postmaster, was on the Chamber of Commerce that was created in 1962, and was one of the first Board members of the Chamber. Ms. McLaughlin stated a lot of the streets in Spring Lake were named after residents. Ms. Laughlin explained the pictures that are in the book that Mr. Pate and herself wrote.
- b. Air Monitoring and Air Quality Ambassadors – Denise Bruce, Air Quality Manager, Sustainable Sandhills – Ms. Bruce did not attend the meeting.
- c. H.O.P.E. Course – Marvin Price, Director, Strategic Community Initiatives - Mr. Price presented a PowerPoint explaining the purpose of H.O.P.E., H.O.P.E. courses, credentials, class layout, benefits for students and employees, and work-based learning.

8. Public Hearings

- a. ZON-23-0005: Rezoning from C(P) Planned Commercial & C-3 Heavy Commercial to R5A/CZ Residential Conditional Zoning District to a more restrictive zoning district for 8.70. +/- acres; located east of North Main Street and west of Bragg Blvd.; submitted by Domenic Spencer (applicant) on behalf of Lorenzo McLean (owner) – Christopher Portman, Cumberland County Planner – Mr. Portman presented a PowerPoint explaining the specifications of ZON-23-0005.

Mayor Anthony opened the Public Hearing for ZON-23-0005. Mayor Anthony three (3) times called for any persons in favor or opposition regarding ZON-23-0005.

Three (3) people spoke in favor of ZON-23-0005; Pete Schwiegerant (Pivotal Housing Partners), Richard Fox (Attorney/Licensed Real Estate Agent with Grant-Murray Real Estate), and Lorenzo McClain (Owner of the property). No one stated they were in opposition to ZON-23-0005; however, Mrs. Sutherland requested the Board to do their due diligence before deciding on the case.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Anthony.

- b. ZON-23-0007: Rezoning from O&I Office & Institutional District to R6 Residential District or to a more restrictive zoning district for 0.24 +/- acres; located at 125 Elizabeth Street; submitted by Rolisha Cain (applicant/owner) – Christopher Portman, Cumberland County Planner – Mr. Portman presented a PowerPoint explaining the specifications of ZON-23-0007.

Mayor Anthony opened the Public Hearing for ZON-23-0007. Mayor Anthony three (3) times called for any persons in favor or opposition regarding ZON-23-0007.

One (1) person spoke in favor of ZON-23-0007, Rolisha Cain (applicant/owner). One (1) person spoke in opposition to ZON-23-000, Floyd Graham of 111 Elizabeth Street.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Anthony.

- c. Ordinance (2023)1 Chapter 16. Environment. Article V. Donation Box

Mayor Anthony opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance (2023)1. Mayor Anthony three (3) times called for any persons in favor or opposition regarding Ordinance (2023)1.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance (2023)1.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Anthony.

- d. Ordinance (2023)2 Chapter 34. Streets, Sidewalks, Other Public Places And Driveways. Article VII. Parking, Maintaining, Repairing Commercial Or Industrial Vehicles And Equipment On Private Or Public Streets

Mayor Anthony opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance (2023)2. Mayor Anthony three (3) times called for any persons in favor or opposition regarding Ordinance (2023)2.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance (2023)2.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Anthony.

9. New Business

- a. ZON-23-0005: Rezoning from C(P) Planned Commercial & C-3 Heavy Commercial to R5A/CZ Residential Conditional Zoning District to a more restrictive zoning district for 8.70. +/- acres; located east of North Main Street and west of Bragg Blvd.; submitted by Domenic Spencer (applicant) on behalf of Lorenzo McLean (owner) – Mayor Kia Anthony

Action: Denial of ZON-23-0005: Rezoning from C(P) Planned Commercial & C-3 Heavy Commercial to R5A/CZ Residential Conditional Zoning District to a more restrictive zoning district for 8.70. +/- acres; located east of North Main Street and west of Bragg Blvd.; submitted by Domenic Spencer (applicant) on behalf of Lorenzo McLean (owner).

Motion by: Alderman Palacios

Second by: Alderman Lackman

Vote: Unanimous

- b. ZON-23-0007: Rezoning from O&I Office & Institutional District to R6 Residential District or to a more restrictive zoning district for 0.24 +/- acres; located at 125 Elizabeth Street; submitted by Rolisha Cain (applicant/owner) – Mayor Kia Anthony

Action: Approval of ZON-23-0007: Rezoning from O&I Office & Institutional District to R6 Residential District or to a more restrictive zoning district for 0.24 +/- acres; located at 125 Elizabeth Street; submitted by Rolisha Cain (applicant/owner).

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

Vote: 3-2 (Motion passed)

AYES

Robyn Chadwick, Mayor Pro Tem

Soña Cooper, Alderwoman

Adrian Thompson, Alderwoman

NOES

Marvin Lackman, Alderman

Raul Palacios, Alderman

- c. Ordinance (2023)1 Chapter 16. Environment. Article V. Donation Box – Mayor Kia Anthony

Action: Approval of Ordinance (2023)1 Chapter 16. Environment. Article V. Donation Box.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

Vote: Unanimous

- d. Ordinance (2023)2 Chapter 34. Streets, Sidewalks, Other Public Places And Driveways. Article VII. Parking, Maintaining, Repairing Commercial Or Industrial Vehicles And Equipment On Private Or Public Streets – Mayor Kia Anthony

Action: Approval of Ordinance (2023)2 Chapter 34. Streets, Sidewalks, Other Public Places And Driveways. Article VII. Parking, Maintaining, Repairing Commercial Or Industrial Vehicles And Equipment On Private Or Public Streets.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Thompson

Vote: Unanimous

- e. Mayor's Report – Mayor Kia Anthony – Mayor Anthony stated Happy Birthday to Spring Lake and cake was provided to celebrate. Mayor Anthony stated the Town had a beautiful Pinwheel Planting in support of child abuse awareness, as the Police and Fire Departments, Town Manager, Clerk, and several staff and community members came out and planted the silver and blue pinwheels. Mayor Anthony requested citizens to acknowledge and support the Child Advocacy Center and if time permitted, please volunteer as it is such an important cause to be there for children who have been victims of abuse. Mayor Anthony stated the Town's Police Department volunteers with them and was acknowledged for the work they have put in throughout the year. Mayor Anthony stated this was the first year the Town of Spring Lake was involved in the Pinwheel Planting and plans to continue to do this every year in support of Child Abuse Prevention.
- f. Board of Aldermen Report – Spring Lake Board of Aldermen – Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick reiterated the Mayor's Cup is on Saturday, May 6, 2023, held by Nathaniel Finch. Alderman Palacios stated Spring Lake's Earth Day cleanup is Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 9:00 am at the Spring Lake Recreation Center. Alderman Palacios stated the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the wall art mural downtown ended today (Monday, 4/10/23), but will be accepting any RFPs until Wednesday, April 12, 2023, when the Appearance Committee meets and currently have two (2) artists that submitted a total of five (5) art pieces for the Committee to consider. Alderwoman Thompson stated the Torch Run for the Special Olympics is Saturday, April 29, 2023, and the rain-out date is Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Veteran's Park starting at 8:15 am with registration, event begins at 9:00 am, can either run or walk, and t-shirts are still available for purchase through Detective Utley. Alderman Lackman stated it is rose growing season and contributed some beautiful roses for the Town of Spring Lake's birthday. Alderwoman Cooper stated Saturday, May 6, 2023, Community Heartbeats is sponsoring a food distribution at Southwinds Plaza starting at 9:00 am.
- g. Manager's Report – Interim Town Manager Jason Williams – Mr. Williams stated he had no updates to report at this time.
- h. Town Attorney Report – Town Attorney Michael Porter – Attorney Porter stated he had no updates to report at this time.

10. Closed Session

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.1 1(a)(3) – Attorney–Client Privilege and pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.1 1(A)(6) – Personnel.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to come back into open session. No action was taken.

Motion: Alderwoman Thompson

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

11. Adjournment

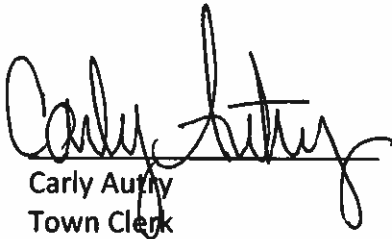
Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

Second by: Alderman Palacios

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:


Carly Aulry
Town Clerk




Kia Anthony
Mayor