

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

June 12, 2023

**MINUTES**

6:00 pm

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:**

Chaplain Daniel Armagost, Volunteer/Retired  
Lieutenant Justin Bonsignore, Spring Lake Fire Department  
Allen Callis, Spring Lake Firefighter  
Nathan Cutler, Spring Lake Firefighter  
David Erwin, Local Government Commission  
Tim Garner, Director of Water Treatment Plant  
Devon Gloria, Spring Lake Firefighter  
Patricia Hickmon, Executive Assistant/Zoning Administrative Officer  
Lieutenant David Hoffmaster, Spring Lake Fire Department  
Patrick Justus, Spring Lake Firefighter  
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator  
Andrew Mears, Spring Lake Firefighter  
Captain Timothy Patterson, Spring Lake Fire Department  
Lieutenant Benjamin Prince, Spring Lake Fire Department  
Jackson Pruitt, Spring Lake Firefighter  
Matthew Quick, Spring Lake Firefighter  
Carol Shafer, Fire Department Administrative Assistant  
Dysoaneik Spellman, Chief of Spring Lake Police  
Lieutenant Danny Sutton, Spring Lake Police Department  
Lieutenant Gregory Wilkerson, Spring Lake Police Department  
Jason Williams, Spring Lake Fire Chief/Interim Town Manager  
Steve Wing, Interim Director of Streets, Grounds, and Sanitation

**FY2023-2024 Budget Hearing Public Hearing Virtual Attendees:**

Tiffany Anderson, Local Government Commission  
Joah Bickley, Local Government Commission  
Sharon Edmundson, Local Government Commission

State Treasurer Dale R. Folwell  
Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall  
Debbie Tomasko, Local Government Commission  
State Auditor Beth Wood

### **1. Call to order**

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

### **2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Representative Marvin Lucas gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Additions or Deletions**

Alderman Palacios requested to add the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Collection of Taxes Between Cumberland County and the Town of Spring Lake under New Business. Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick requested to add Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S. 5K Cancer Walk under Presentations.

**Action:** Approval of amended additions of Agenda Item Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Collection of Taxes Between Cumberland County and the Town of Spring Lake under New Business and Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S. 5K Cancer Walk under Presentations.

**Motion by:** Alderman Palacios

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote:** Unanimous

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** Approval of June 12, 2023 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Agenda with amended additions of Agenda Item Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Collection of Taxes Between Cumberland County and the Town of Spring Lake under New Business and Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S. under Presentations.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**Action:** Approval of Consent Items a. Draft Minutes of May 22, 2023, Work Session Meeting and Military and Veterans Advisory Committee Application – Robert Kennedy VFW 9103.

**Motion by:** Alderman Lackman

**Second by:** Alderman Palacios

**Vote:** Unanimous

Alderman Lackman stated Robert Kennedy is the Commander of Post 9103 here in Spring Lake on the Harnett County side, but does wonderful things throughout the community, has had a lot of events to support the Veterans, and wants to be part of this committee to serve the Military, Veterans, and Personnel. Alderman Palacios asked Alderman Lackman how many vacancies were left on the Committee. Alderman Lackman stated one (1) vacancy was left. Mayor Anthony asked Alderman Lackman if that vacancy was for an organization or an individual. Alderman Lackman stated Committee 4542 just came off suspension and will be coming back to the table, leaving one (1) individual vacancy.

## **6. Public Comment**

Andréa Williams, 1165 N. Bragg Blvd., is a Certified Instructor at Silhouettes Firearms Training, LLC, and stated she has worked throughout the years of the Town through her non-profit organization but is here to promote Silhouettes Firearms Training, LLC. Ms. Williams stated she is having a free community event that is in support of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Train a Teacher Day which will be on Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 10 am to 5 pm. Ms. Williams stated there will be different courses that will speak about different kits for first aid and rapid deployment, stop the bleeding training, and counter the threat. Ms. Williams stated she hopes to align with the Town of Spring Lake, the government, and the community members to support these free events that speak to safety and how to have better situational awareness.

Fredricka Sutherland, 1009 Lisa Circle, stated she has invested 44 years in the Town and has letters from the NC Department of State Treasurer in 2012, 2017, 2019, and 2020 when she called about tax dollars. Mrs. Sutherland stated she has ten (10) points and will be back at the next meeting, but at the last Budget meeting, the increase in water bills was mentioned and she has concerns. Mrs. Sutherland stated the flat rate for 2021 is \$2.88, which has nothing to do with the water that is used in tiers, and from 2022 to 2023, it went up to \$3.55, which the increase is just the flat rate of the water and sewer for the past two (2) Budget years that equals a total of \$6.43, and that is just a flat rate that does not include the tiers of most neighborhoods. Mrs. Sutherland stated at the Budget meeting, the increase in the Budget was also mentioned, and she does not know what some of the citizens are able to afford, however, some are on a fixed income and demographics should always be considered. Mrs. Sutherland stated in the Special Meeting, the Inspections Department would only have two (2) positions, Building Inspector and Inspector Supervisor, and the Executive Assistant position was taken out, but is confused, as she could not figure out if the Code Enforcement position was the Police Department or Inspections because both were stated. Mrs. Sutherland the Police Department's Budget was 40% of the Budget, however, they have more employees, and then with the Fire Department, the Budget stated a Lieutenant is not needed, but feels a Lieutenant is needed for Public Safety. Last, Mrs. Sutherland stated the Board should advocate and stand on behalf of the citizens.

## **7. Presentations**

- a. Proclamation, National League of Cities Small Cities Month June 2023 – Mayor Kia Anthony – Mayor Anthony stated each June, the National League of Cities celebrates small cities, towns, and villages across the country, the residents who live in those communities and wanted to honor the contributions that have been done in the small communities of these Towns. Mayor Anthony did not read the Proclamation due to the pre-packed agenda but stated it will be posted on all social media

outlets and the Towns website. Mayor Anthony asked Alderwoman Cooper if she would like to make a comment as Alderwoman Cooper is on the National League of Cities Council. Alderwoman Cooper stated Small City Council is an affiliated group and they help advocate for small cities and give resources for funding because it is easier for the big cities to have lobbyists so they help with the funding. Alderwoman Cooper stated there is a direct representative whom she talks to on a regular basis to see what type of needs and concerns the Town has, helps network, and learns best practices.

- b. Committee Appearance and Sustainability Committee “Yard of the Month” June 2023 – Alderman Raul Palacios – Alderman Palacios stated “Yard of the Month” is the opportunity to recognize neighbors for maintaining and upkeeping their property that makes Spring Lake a more attractive place. Alderman Palacios announced the four (4) residents that were chosen as “Yard of the Month” for their neighborhoods. Sun Phillips was the only one (1) who showed up for their certificate. The other three (3) who were not present were Paul and Anita Miller, Robert Moore, and Pok Son Johnson. Sun Phillips took a picture with Alderman Palacios and Cynthia Wilt, a Spring Lake Community Appearance and Sustainability Committee member.
- c. Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S. 5K Cancer Walk – Dymon Bryant – Ms. Bryant stated she is the CEO and Founder of Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S., which is a non-profit cancer organization that was founded in 2016. Ms. Bryant stated she is looking to have a community 5K and Festival, which will be Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S. 7<sup>th</sup> 5K and is normally held in South Carolina on different college campuses, however, she would like to have the first inaugural Cancer Walk and Community Festival in the Town to bring more positive awareness. Ms. Bryant stated the goal is to bring a mammogram van to give self-screenings, however, insurance will be needed, but Pink D.Y.M.O.N.S. will pay for a certain number of screenings for the citizens who may not have insurance. Ms. Bryant stated they also would like to have a Community Festival afterward to talk about the importance of being healthy and would like to give back some of the proceeds to the Town to help people who are going through a cancer diagnosis. Mr. Bryant stated her non-profit also offers to help pay utility bills if someone is behind on their bill.

Mayor Anthony asked when would she like to hold the Cancer Walk and Ms. Bryant stated Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 8 am until 12 pm and there will be opportunities for vendors to set up if any vendors were interested in participating. Alderwoman Cooper asked if there was any information about what it would cost to be a vendor and Ms. Bryant stated yes, she does have that information, however, the cost depends on what kind of vendor it is, but she is waiting for her Board to get back to her because they want to have a price that will benefit everyone. Mayor Anthony stated Ms. Bryant’s timing was perfect as the Board is looking to approve the new Special Event Permit and she has privy to the way things are going to be handled. Lastly, Ms. Bryant stated the media is lined up to come out and would like Mayor Anthony, the Board of Aldermen, Chief Spellman, and Chief Williams to do photo ops when the ribbon is cut to welcome the citizens on that day.

## **8. Public Hearings**

- a. BOA-2023-0007: Consideration of a Special Use Permit to allow a Billboard in C-3 Heavy Commercial Dis.; 0.42+/- ac.; 416 S. Bragg Blvd.; Terry Harkins (applicant); Local Media Outdoor (owners) – Christopher Portman – Cumberland County Senior Planner – Mr. Portman presented a PowerPoint

and stated the Applicants are Local Media Outdoor and are the Owners of the billboard is wanting to expand, which the Board of Adjustment previously approved the Special Use Permit on August 14, 2017, and the variance was also approved in 2017 by the Board of Adjustments, Case P17-02-SL, to allow a 13.77-foot setback from the existing structure where 50 feet is required. Mr. Portman stated they are now proposing to do a backside advertisement and this is on the corner of S. Bragg Boulevard and Main Street with existing and surrounding uses, which is Fort Liberty on the West of the property, and a commercial surrounding the property. Mr. Portman stated they are not proposing a new billboard, they are only wanting to expand the backside and it will remain the same size. Alderman Lackman asked if this is the billboard as you are coming down the traffic circle and Mr. Portman stated yes, correct. Alderman Palacios asked if the sign is going to be digital and Mr. Portman stated he does not believe so but felt the Applicant should answer that question. Alderman Palacios asked on Page 2 at the bottom of the Planning Staff Report under minimum yard setbacks, where it states proposed daycare if that is a typo and Mr. Portman stated yes, sorry that is a typo as there will be no daycare on the property. Alderman Palacios asked if this meets the requirements of the outdoor advertisement per NCDOT and Mr. Portman stated yes and provided word-for-word verbatim from NCDOT. Alderwoman Cooper asked if there was anything that would allow them to make it digital and if it would have to be included in the plans and Mr. Portman stated he believes it would have to specify whether it is going to be digital or not because then there would be specific requirements.

Mayor Anthony opened the Public Hearing for BOA-2023-0007. Mayor Anthony three (3) times called for any persons in favor or opposition regarding BOA-2023-0007. No one spoke in favor or opposition to BOA-2023-0007.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Anthony. Mayor Anthony asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Alderman Lackman stated in regards to his comment earlier concerning the side the billboard is going to be on and asked Chief Spellman about the free-flowing traffic that enters Bragg Blvd. coming down Main Street with the billboard in place there now, how does that impact traffic because about 70% of the people free flow and the other 30% stop there so is that going to create a safety hazard or issues with traffic through that area. Chief Spellman approached the podium and stated he looked at some data and the numbers were low for accidents and he thinks the location of the Billboard would not be that bad of a problem. Alderman Lackman stated that was also his question for the Fire Department and Chief Williams stated he does not think it would be a problem or will affect turning on the Blvd.

- b. Budget FY 2023-2024 – David Erwin, Local Government Commission – State Treasurer Dale Folwell declared the Public Hearing open and turned the meeting over to David Erwin (LGC).

Mr. Erwin stated the Budget was done according to NCGS 159-11. Mr. Erwin stated the General Fund for FY 23-24 is \$8,087,053, which is slightly above what it was the prior year, the proposed tax rate remains unchanged, a little over \$2.9 million dollars in property and personal tax. Mr. Erwin stated the County is changing the sales tax distribution method starting in 2026 and the Town is creating a list on how to mitigate that loss of sales tax revenue. Mr. Erwin stated in the Budget message, there was an error, which Stormwater and Sanitation Enterprise Fund is the same but the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund does have an increase. Mr. Erwin stated there are some increases from the water

suppliers so the rate is overall about 10% and there is currently an AIA engineering study being done, which will look at all the sewer systems. Mr. Erwin stated there is no pay increase for staff this year although there was a bonus given this past May. Mr. Erwin stated some staff was added to the General Fund basically to support inspection and regulation, which was a Building Inspector and Fire Inspector. Mr. Erwin stated Code Enforcement is in the Police Department, but will change in the adopted Budget, and those monies will be moved from Police to Inspections for vendor code enforcement. Mr. Erwin stated in the Budget, there is an Administrative Police Lieutenant position, an Administrative Assistant in Public Works, and another position in the Water Department for a Water Sewer Operator. Mr. Erwin stated one penny on the property tax rate equals about \$45,000.

Citizens who wanted to make a Public Comment were asked to come to the front. Fredricka Sutherland of 1009 Lisa Circle stated her concerns are the water bills going up, the increase in property taxes, and Public Safety as she thinks there needs to be a Lieutenant in the Police Department. Mr. Erwin wanted to clarify there would be no increase in property taxes. Representative Marvin Lucas approached and stated he wanted to commend those who have worked cooperatively over the last few years as it has been a challenge with the finances in the Town and commended those at the State level who have also worked to assist and guide the Board as they have worked in the best interest of the citizens of Spring Lake.

Mayor Anthony thanked the staff, the Finance Department, David Erwin (LGC), and Tiffany Anderson (LGC) for their efforts and hard work in getting the Budget together. Mayor Anthony stated they took the Town from \$1.6 million dollars across the board to stabilizing the funds to over \$12 million dollars in the General Fund. Mayor Anthony stated parked out back for the community to see, the new purchases that came from this fiscal responsibility that the staff, the Board, Finance, and the LGC have exercised throughout these past 18 months. Alderwoman Cooper also expressed gratitude towards staff, the Board, and the LGC. Alderman Palacios highlighted some of the financial updates he thought the citizens and the State need to be aware of because they highlight the cohesive nature of the work that has been done.

State Treasurer Dale Folwell closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 pm.

## **9. New Business**

- a. BOA-2023-0007: Consideration of a Special Use Permit to allow a Billboard in C-3 Heavy Commercial Dis.; 0.42+/- ac.; 416 S. Bragg Blvd.; Terry Harkins (applicant); Local Media Outdoor (owners) – Mayor Kia Anthony – Mayor Anthony entertained a motion to approve or deny the consideration of this Special Use Permit. Alderman Lackman asked if Spring Lake wants to incentivize the advertisement or wants to keep a hometown feel. Mayor Anthony stated the Town does not have control over what is put on the billboard as it is a commercial company.

**Action:** Approval of BOA-2023-0007: Consideration of a Special Use Permit to allow a Billboard in C-3 Heavy Commercial Dis.; 0.42+/- ac.; 416 S. Bragg Blvd.; Terry Harkins (applicant); Local Media Outdoor (owners).

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote:** 4-1

**AYES**

Robyn Chadwick, Mayor Pro Tem  
Soña L. Cooper, Alderwoman  
Raul Palacios, Alderman  
Adrian Thompson, Alderwoman

**NOES**

Marvin Lackman, Alderman

- b. **Draft Ordinance Chapter 2. Administration Article VI. Business Registration – Interim Town Manager Jason Williams & Police Chief Dysoaneik Spellman** – Mr. Williams stated if this passed, the Town will know the who, when, and how of the business, and even though it is a low fee, it is on the books and makes sure there is nothing illegal going into these businesses. Alderman Palacios asked who will be the custodian of this registration. Mrs. Patricia Hickmon approached and stated the Revenue Department, which will be collected through the Ordinance. Alderman Palacios asked if this would be a digital record, and Mrs. Hickmon said yes. Alderman Palacios asked if in the future the Board wanted to create an ordinance for a more strict and uniform way for owners to board up their vacant businesses, could this registration be used for that purpose. Mrs. Hickmon stated it is public records so yes it can be used for unsafe buildings. Alderman Palacios asked regarding non-profit businesses that do not have to pay registration fees as they are exempt, is there a verification process? Mrs. Hickmon stated the Revenue Department will verify that during the application process. Alderwoman Cooper asked if there will be an online database or if someone were to ask for information, how is it being managed? Mrs. Hickmon stated she will talk with Mrs. Renee Robinson; however, she knows that will be part of the new software. Alderwoman Cooper asked how will businesses going in and out be managed, especially being a transient community with the military, and whose responsibility will it be for paying? Is it on the owner of the location, the actual owner of the property, or the business owner? Mrs. Hickmon stated it will be the tenant’s responsibility because there are a lot more tenants than owners in Town. Alderwoman Cooper asked how is it known when a tenant vacates the property. Mrs. Hickmon stated tenants will have to file for water through the Water Department with a commercial billing account.

**Consensus to move forward with the Ordinance.**

- c. **Draft Ordinance Chapter 34. Article VI. Parades, Group Demonstrations, and Special Events/Special Event Advisory Committee Bylaws/Town Policy #14 Special Event Permitting – Mayor Kia Anthony and Patricia Hickmon, Executive Assistant/Zoning Administrative Officer** – Mayor Anthony stated this process was started last year because the Town wanted to smooth the process for hosting all events in the Town and everything works better with a checklist and that way, things can be provided equally amongst residents. Mrs. Hickmon stated this Ordinance was last revised in 1995, 28 years ago, and the biggest impact is any special events with 75 attendees or more will be reviewed by the Special Event Advisory Committee and 150 attendees or more will be reviewed by the Board of Aldermen for approval or denial. Alderwoman Thompson asked how many days in advance must someone submit for an event and Mrs. Hickmon stated 30 days and this is for only Town-owned property. Mayor Anthony provided examples to distinguish the differences and stated if the event is going to have over

150 people, that would come before the Board of Aldermen for approval or denial, and any smaller events under 150 people, would be approved by the Special Events Advisory Committee. Mrs. Hickmon stated the permit cost for a special event for the FY24 upcoming budget, is \$100.00 and was kept the same as in previous years. Alderwoman Cooper asked if these fees were on the fee schedule and Mrs. Hickmon said yes. Alderman Palacios stated the Town owns the Recreation Center, but the County runs it and asked if this has been coordinated with County as he sees a list of steps required for the event organizer if it is an event dealing with the Recreation Center. Mrs. Hickmon stated yes, she has spoken with Mr. McMillan that oversees Fayetteville Parks and Recreation, and Ms. Erica, the Special Events Coordinator. Alderman Palacios asked if is there a requirement for somebody to use the Town logo for an event. Mayor Anthony stated if the Board of Alderman does not endorse the event as sponsors, they are not authorized to use the Town logo, however, they can say it is in Spring Lake. Mayor Anthony stated the County gave the Board control over what events happen, however, must let them know what is going on, as some events may coordinate with several Town departments, and they did not want to impose any sort of restrictions. Mayor Anthony stated the County gave full autonomy to create the Ordinance, fee structure, and all other decisions within Spring Lake. Alderwoman Cooper requested the approved Ordinance to include Town Attorney Porter's signature. Attorney Porter stated he cannot sign it but will be happy to look at it. Alderwoman Cooper wants to make sure the Town does not get sued or is held liable if an issue arises.

**Consensus to move forward with the Ordinance. Mayor Anthony entertained a motion to Table the other two (2) remaining items, which are the Special Event Advisory Committee Bylaws and Town Policy #14 Special Event Permitting.**

**Action:** Approval to Table Special Event Advisory Committee Bylaws and Town Policy #14 Special Event Permitting until the next Board of Aldermen meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023.

**Motion by:** Alderman Palacios

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote:** Unanimous

- d. Consideration of Jami McLaughlin's Reappointment as Planning Board Representative – Mayor Kia Anthony – Mayor Anthony stated Ms. McLaughlin has served diligently for several years and thanked her for her hard work.

**Action:** Approval of Jami McLaughlin's Reappointment as Planning Board Representative.

**Motion by:** Alderman Lackman

**Second by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Vote:** Unanimous

- e. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Collection of Taxes Between Cumberland County and the Town of Spring Lake – Interim Town Manager Jason Williams – Mr. Williams turned it over to Town Attorney Michael Porter. Attorney Porter stated there were some suggested revisions from Debra Mack, and he consulted with Attorney Rick Moorefield, the County Attorney, and they will not approve some of the revisions. Attorney Porter explained each revision and highly recommended the Board approve this agreement tonight. Alderwoman Cooper stated she had a long conversation with Ms.



Mack and understands if this is not signed, the County will refuse to collect taxes and wants to make sure everyone knows this violates GS 159-28, but anytime there is an obligation for written contracts, there must be pre-audit certifications. Alderwoman Cooper referenced a section in the agreement about the County disbursing monies to Spring Lake and feels there should be an addendum in place because if the County holds on to the Town's money for long periods of time, the County will collect interest. Alderwoman Cooper stated the County should not collect interest because that is the Town's money. Attorney Porter reiterated the County is okay with doing pre-audits and the added signature lines for the Finance Director and Town Attorney. Alderman Lackman stated the County needs to do better and hopes Mr. Williams will have discussions with the County regarding this agreement. Alderman Palacios stated for clarification purposes, the County collects all Spring Lake taxes and disperses the taxes back to the Town, and there has been an agreement for years. Alderman Palacios stated the County keeps approximately 1.75. Mayor Anthony stated it changed from 1.75 to 0.75. Alderman Palacios stated this came up because Alderwoman Cooper asked for this specific agreement and found out the agreement on file was outdated. Mayor Anthony stated this is saving the Town \$20,000 every year on tax collection with this change.

**Action:** Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the Collections of Taxes Between Cumberland County and the Town of Spring Lake with the amended additions of the pre-audit certification and added signature lines for the Finance Director and Town Attorney.

**Motion by:** Alderman Palacios

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote:** Unanimous

- f. Honoring Fire Chief Jason Williams – Chaplain Daniel Armagost and Lillian Anderson – Chaplain Armagost stated this tribute and honor is for Chief Jason Williams as over the years he has been with the Spring Lake Fire Department, he has held a lot of positions while improving the department. Chaplain Armagost stated Chief Williams has been instrumental in spearheading the construction of a new fire station, the purchase of two (2) new engines, and a new ladder truck, and while on top of that, he assumed the position of Interim Town Manager. Chaplain Armagost stated all the members of the Fire Department wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know how they feel about Chief Williams and give him a small token of appreciation. Chief Williams, the Board, and all members of the Fire Department who attended took a picture of Chief Williams holding his plaque.
- g. Mayor's Report – Mayor Kia Anthony – First, Mayor Anthony stated she attended the NC Mayors Association's Board Retreat to discuss plans for this upcoming year and will be back in the Fall to do more planning. Second, Mayor Anthony stated Hillside Cemetery is out of the wheelhouse of the Town to do anything as far as maintenance, upkeep, or upgrades, but she and the Sandhills Family Heritage Association have been discussing the potential for them to manage the facility. Mayor Anthony stated the process of having it listed as a historical cemetery has already begun so it will not be condemned and will make updates as things progress. Third, Mayor Anthony wished a Happy Birthday to those who had May birthdays. Fourth, Mayor Anthony stated Alderman Palacios, Alderwoman Thompson, Alderman Lackman, and she all attended the Fort Liberty name change. Last, Mayor Anthony stated Hurricane season is from June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>, so please stay prepared. Mayor Anthony stated Happy Pride Month, Happy Juneteenth, and Happy Father's Day at the end of the reports.

- h. Board of Aldermen Report – Spring Lake Board of Aldermen – First, Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick stated she is excited about the 5K Cancer Run that Spring Lake will be sponsoring, and second, school is out and she is also excited about that. First, Alderman Palacios stated the next Appearance Committee meeting is this Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 4:00 pm in this Boardroom. Second, Alderman Palacios stated he has been working on a HomeTown T-Mobile Grant, which is a \$50,000 grant that is given to Towns quarterly. Alderman Palacios stated he is waiting on letters of support and blessings from the LGC, whom he has already been talking to, and the purpose of the grant is for the creation of three (3) murals downtown that will be completely paid for by the grant. First, Alderwoman Thompson stated Cops and Conversations is in this Boardroom, Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Second, Alderwoman Thompson stated there is a reading camp at W.T. Brown Elementary, which has already started but there are more dates from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> and from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, which is Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, and it is to promote literacy and the love for reading. First, Alderman Lackman stated Wednesday, June 14, 2023, is Flag Day, and for those who served in the Army, it is also the Army’s 248<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Second, Alderman Lackman stated the Fort Liberty walk is done every evening at sunset, is six-tenths of a mile, and talks about Camp Bragg in 1918 until the renaming of Fort Liberty. Alderman Lackman stated on Saturday, July 15, 2023, Alderwoman Thompson will be named “Veteran of the Day.” Third, Alderman Lackman stated on Saturday, November 4, 2023, the Military Veterans Affairs Committee will host a Veterans Service Day and is looking to solicit Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) to assist Veterans with VA claims. Last, Alderman Lackman stated VFW4542, which he is a member of, is off suspension. First, Alderwoman Cooper stated children are out for the summer, and summer meals have started, which began on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and ends on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Lake Recreation Center Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 11:20 am and must eat on-site. Alderwoman Cooper stated there is also a summer meals bus at the Spring Lake Library at 101 Laketree Blvd. from 11:30 am to 11:50 am, then they move to Spring Lake Fire Station Number 11 from 12:00 pm to 12:20 pm Monday through Thursday, and no meals on Friday. Second, Alderwoman Cooper stated she will be traveling to Asheville for the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors from Wednesday, June 28, 2023, to Friday, June 30, 2023. Third, Alderwoman Cooper stated she will be traveling to Tacoma, Washington for the National League of Cities Summer Board Leadership from Monday, July 17, 2023, to Friday, July 21, 2023, and none of these trips are at any cost to the Town.
- i. Manager’s Report – Interim Town Manager Jason Williams – Mr. Williams acknowledged the Town staff for all their hard work and for keeping patience with him while he continues as the Interim Town Manager.
- j. Town Attorney Report – Town Attorney Michael Porter – Attorney Porter stated he has been working on a few items for the Board.

## **9. Adjournment**

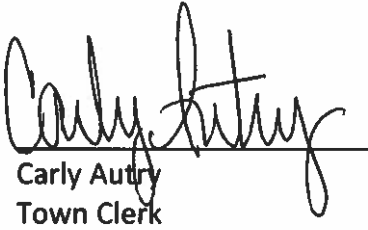
**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

**Motion:** Alderman Lackman

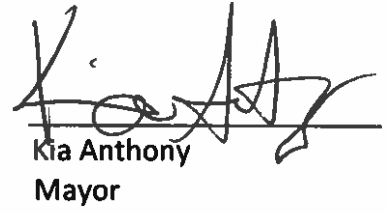
**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Chadwick

**Vote: Unanimous**

**ATTEST:**

  
Carly Autry  
Town Clerk



  
Kia Anthony  
Mayor