

Town of Spring Lake
Organizational Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
Spring Lake Recreation Center
245 Ruth Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390

December 11, 2023

MINUTES

6:00 pm

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held an Organizational Meeting in the Spring Lake Recreation Center with Mayor Kia Anthony presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Soña Cooper
Aldерwoman Robyn Chadwick
Alderman Marvin Lackman
Alderman Raul Palacios
Aldерwoman Adrian Thompson

Others Present:

Tiffany Anderson, Local Government Commission
Carly Autry, Town Clerk
Lieutenant Justin Bonsignore, Spring Lake Fire Department
Patricia Hickmon, Inspections Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Officer
Banard Lemon, Audio Visual Coordinator
Timothy Patterson, Spring Lake Assistant Fire Marshal
Michael Porter, Town Attorney
Carol Shafer, Spring Lake Fire Department Executive 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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Vernon Marsh gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. The National Anthem

Dr. Denise Payton sang The National Anthem.

4. Presentations

- a. PINK D.Y.M.O.N.S. Nonprofit – Dymon Bryant, CEO and Founder – Ms. Bryant gave a brief presentation thanking Mayor Anthony, the Board, Chief Spellman, Chief Williams, and the Town for the support they provided to PINK D.Y.M.O.N.S. and allowing them to host their 7th Annual Cancer Walk/Run & Community Festival in the Town. Ms. Bryant stated over 200 citizens attended the event to honor loved ones, show support, and raise funds to help those in the community who are in need during their journey of cancer as it can be a financial burden. Ms. Bryant stated PINK D.Y.M.O.N.S. was honored to be the first organization held under the newly formed Special Events Committee. Ms. Bryant explained the PINK D.Y.M.O.N.S. mission and stated they have a proposed date of Saturday, September 28, 2024, for their next event in the Town.

5. Administration of Oath to the Mayor

- a. Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Town of Hope Mills Board of Commissioners, administered the Oath of Mayor to Mayor Kia Anthony, followed by a brief speech by Mayor Anthony.

6. Administration of Oath to the Board of Aldermen

- a. Dr. Tamekia La'shonda Dowdy, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Alderwoman to Robyn Chadwick.
- b. Honorable Marvin W. Lucas, NC House of Representatives and 10th Mayor of Spring Lake administered the Oath of Alderwoman to Soñia Cooper.
- c. Raul Palacios, Town of Spring Lake Board of Aldermen, administered the Oath of Alderman to Marvin Lackman.
- d. Honorable Marvin W. Lucas, NC House of Representatives and 10th Mayor of Spring Lake administered the Oath of Alderman to Raul Palacios.
- e. Honorable Marvin W. Lucas, NC House of Representatives and 10th Mayor of Spring Lake administered the Oath of Alderwoman to Adrian Thompson.

After each Board Member took their Oath, it was followed by a brief speech of gratitude and acknowledgment. Prior to the Oaths given by Honorable Marvin W. Lucas, he took a Moment of Privilege recognizing each Board Member for their achievements, dedication, and support to the Town. Representative Lucas also recognized important members of the community and the Dignitaries that were out in the audience.

7. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Action: Motion to approve Soñia Cooper as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Motion by: Alderwoman Thompson

Second by: Alderwoman Chadwick

Vote: Unanimous

8. Administration of Oath to the Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Anthony administered the Oath of Mayor Pro Tempore to Soña Cooper.

9. Remarks

- a. Spring Lake Board of Aldermen – First, Mayor Anthony acknowledged the Town staff who had December birthdays. Last, Mayor Anthony acknowledged her family members for their continued support. First, Mayor Pro Tem Cooper acknowledged the Board for their support as Mayor Pro Tem. Last, Mayor Pro Tem Cooper thanked everyone who attended the Ceremony and acknowledged some members of the audience. Both Alderman Lackman and Alderwoman Thompson thanked the audience for attending. Alderwoman Chadwick thanked the community and her parents who are watching over her from above.
- b. Cumberland County Delegation – Senator McInnis and Representative Lucas acknowledged the Board and Town staff for their hard work and dedication to the Town. Representative Lucas also gave a brief history of the Town of Spring Lake.

10. New Business

- a. Board to Consider December 25, 2023, Work Session Meeting – Mayor Kia Anthony

Action: Motion to cancel the December 25, 2023, Work Session Meeting.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Chadwick

Vote: Unanimous

- b. Resolution (2023)10 To Adopt the 2024 Meeting Schedule – Mayor Kia Anthony

Action: Motion to approve Resolution (2023)10 To Adopt the 2024 Meeting Schedule.

Motion by: Alderman Palacios

Second by: Alderwoman Thompson

Vote: Unanimous

11. Adjournment

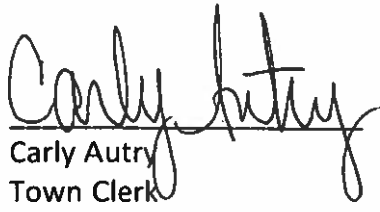
Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Cooper


Second by: Alderwoman Chadwick

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:


Carly Autry
Town Clerk




Kia Anthony
Mayor