

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

January 25, 2010

MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Ethel T. Clark presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderwoman Debora Hudson
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Michael Uskiewicz, Town Manager
Allen Coats, Finance Director
John Kleinert, Public Buildings Supervisor

John Jackson, Town Attorney
Robert Doberstein, Fire Chief
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief

Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

Tom Spinks, Planning Director

2. Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Items.

The Board approved the agenda and approved the consent items: Minutes of the January 11, 2010 workshop and regular meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the agenda and consent items.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these

minutes – see attachment one.)

6. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

7. Public Hearing

a. Spring Lake Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Metcalf advised that staff has had two public input meetings over the last two weeks. This hearing is provided to hear any other comments on the Comprehensive Plan for the Recreation Department.

Rob Johnson, Woodland West Community, spoke in favor of the plan. He applauds any improvements that can be made.

Carl Manning, Kingdom Community Development, spoke in favor of the plan also.

No one spoke against the plan.

Action: The Board approve a motion to close public hearing.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

b. Case P10-04, Rezoning of 1.31+/- Acres from CI Local Business, CI(P) Planned Local Business and RR Rural Residential to C(P) Planned Commercial or to a More Restrictive Zoning District; Located at 2240, 2254 and 2258 North Bragg Boulevard and the East Side of North Bragg Boulevard North of Maranatha Circle.

Mr. Spinks advised that this is a typical rezoning case. The developer is requesting rezoning to C(P) which will allow for anticipated development. Mr. Johnny Scott stated that Cumberland County Planning recommends approval.

Mr. Jackson clarified that we are only rezoning the part of the tract that is inside the city limits of Spring Lake. Michael Polk asked if there are any environmental concerns associated with the rezoning and it was clarified that there is none.

No one spoke for or against Case P10-04.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close public hearing.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

8. New Business

a. Action on Case P10-04.

Mr. Spinks and Cumberland County Planning Department recommends approval of

Case P10-04.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case P10-04 with the conditions that are attached.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Cumberland County's memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Recreation Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Metcalf presented the proposed updated Capital Improvement Plan for the Recreation Department and requested that the Board approve it. It provides a guide for future parks development. He also reviewed the highlights of the plan.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Parks Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Parks Capital Improvement Plan is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Metcalf presented the Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Recreation and requested that the Board approve it.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Recreation.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Recreation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

d. Mendoza Site Master Plan.

Mr. Metcalf presented the Mendoza Site Master Plan and requested that the Board approve it.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Mendoza Site Master Plan.
Motion by: Alderwoman Hudson
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and the Mendoza Site Master Plan is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

e. PARTF Grant Application.

Mr. Metcalf presented the PARTF Grant Application and requested that the Board approve it. It is a matching funds grant and we will be requesting \$363,150.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the PARTF Grant Application and authorize the Mayor to execute the application.
Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and the PARTF Grant Application is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

f. Budget Retreat Date.

Mr. Uskiewicz requested that the Board set February 18th and 19th as the dates for the budget workshop from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Action: The Board approved a motion to set February 18th and 19th as the budget retreat dates from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
Motion by: Alderman Higgins
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

II. Board and Staff Comments:

Alderwoman Hudson

- Thanked everyone for coming out.

Alderman Christian

- Thanked everyone for coming out also and I hope everyone will come out for the budget retreat.
- Invited everyone to share their thoughts and comments "because when we hear from you we can make Spring Lake a better place to live and grow and that is what I really like is for people to come to me and give me their comments and thoughts on how you think Spring Lake is doing."

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out.

- Thanked the Chamber for doing a great job at the annual dinner.
- Thanked Mr. Manning for taking consideration of Spring Lake and for trying to get it cleaned up.
- I have received several emails about concerns about the front desk. I came two weeks ago and spoke to the Town Manager. She thanked staff and the Manager for getting someone to service the front desk "because we need to make sure we give a personal touch, it goes a long way. The telephone has been on a delay and I understand that you are taking care of that as well." "As a Board Member, I still believe in going by proper protocol in everything we do. We still are the Board and the Town Manager is the Town Manager and employees are employees and I believe that whatever we do we should do by proper protocol."
- Thanked Ken for all that he has done with the PARTF grant.

Alderman Higgins

- Good to see so many people at the meeting.
- Corrected a statement from the last Board meeting where he introduced Evelyn Brown as Evelyn Booth and apologized to her.
- So glad to be here.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Glad to have my Town Manager, my Chief of Police and my Captain here. (Mayor Clark, in a jestful manner, reminded him that they are "our" people.
- Good to see everyone here and there are some people I haven't see in a long time and it is good to see you.
- "Now that we have these people in place I think that there is some work that we need to get back to - my major item is Hwy 87/Hwy 24/Hwy 210. We really need to go back to work on that."
- Glad to have the Captain aboard.

Mr. Jackson

- Proud to be here.

Mayor Clark

- Recognized the new Police Captain, Jeffrey Stafford.
- Glad that everyone is here.
- Thanked Ken and Del for all the work that they are doing on the grant application.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor