

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

December 9, 2019

MINUTES

7 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 Larry G. Dobbins presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Soña Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderman-Elect Taimoor Aziz was present

Others Present:

Bill Zell, Interim Town Manager	Ellis Hankins, Town Attorney
Tim Garner, Water Resources Director	Jay Graves, Recreation Director
Jimmy Hall, Inspections Supervisor	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Doris Snider, Senior Center Director	Claiburn Watson, Finance Director
Jason Williams, Fire Chief	Melissa Pereira, Deputy Town Clerk
Rhonda D. Webb, Town Clerk/HR Officer	

This meeting was the official organizational meeting for the Board of Aldermen.

(A copy of the meeting notice and swearing in ceremony program is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one and two.)

Mayor Dobbins called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Spring Lake Cub Scout Pack 772 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Denise Payton sang the National Anthem and the Negro National Anthem.

Invocation

Pastor Gary Borcharding, Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

Public Forum

No one spoke at the public forum.

Presentation to Outgoing Board Member

Mayor Dobbins recognized Alderman Christian's dedication and service to the Spring Lake Community and thanked him for all he had done during the time he served as a Board of Alderman Member. Mayor Dobbins presented Alderman Christian with a Town coin and appreciation plaque.

Administration of Oath, Mayor

Honorable Edward Pone, District Court Judge, Cumberland County District 12, administered the oath of office to Larry Dobbins to serve as Mayor for the Town of Spring Lake.

Administration of Oath, Board of Aldermen

Honorable Marvin W. Lucas, N.C. House of Representatives administered the oaths of office to Soña Cooper and Fredricka Sutherland to serve as Alderwomen for the Town of Spring Lake and to Taimoor Aziz and James O'Garra to serve as Aldermen for the Town of Spring Lake.

Honorable Gale Adams, Superior Court Judge, Cumberland County District 12, administered the other of office to Jackie Jackson to serve as Alderwoman for the Town of Spring Lake.

(Copies of the oaths of office are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three through seven.)

Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Dobbins opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Taimoor Aziz was nominated.

Action: A motion to nominate Taimoor Aziz was approved.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Dobbins declared Alderman Taimoor Aziz as the Mayor Pro Tem and administered the oath of office to him to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Spring Lake.

(A copy of the oath of office is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

Community Charge

Ms. Dorothy Brown read the Community Charge.

(A copy of the Community Charge is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

Mayor Dobbins offered each Board Member an opportunity to give remarks.

Mayor Dobbins invited the attendees to enjoy the reception while the Board entered into Closed Session.

Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: 3-2

Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Aziz
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderman O'Garra

No

Alderwoman Sutherland
Alderwoman Cooper

Action: The Board approved a motion to come back into open session.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to appoint Daniel Gerald as Town Manager subject to an acceptable employment agreement.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: 3-2

Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Aziz
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderman O'Garra

No

Alderwoman Sutherland
Alderwoman Cooper

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

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



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Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Larry G. Dobbins
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Mayor