

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

February 21, 2012

MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Municipal Complex with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Napoleon Hogans
Alderman James Christian (arrived at 6:16 p.m.)
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present: Tommy Burns, Town Manager
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

The purpose for this meeting was to discuss the capital improvement plan for park facilities.

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

1. Recreation Department Capital Improvement Plan for Park Facilities.

Mr. Metcalf advised that Mr. Michael Gibson will provide the Board with information regarding the upcoming proposed county-wide Bond Referendum for parks at their February 27, 2012 meeting. He also gave the Board an overview of the proposed public input meetings and time line regarding the capital improvement plan for Spring Lake Park Facilities. He advised that the proposed dates are flexible and subject to the Board's approval. He explained the recommended changes, improvements, additions, etc. associated with each park in town. He requested that the Board keep these projects in mind as Mr. Gibson gives his presentation next week on the proposed Bond Referendum.

Mr. Burns explained the proposed Bond Referendum money is designated for recreation capital projects and can also be used for debt service on existing recreation projects. He stated that Mr. Gibson will lay out a county-wide plan. He stated this will be a recreation tax district encompassing any towns that choose to participate. Mr. Metcalf stated that the potential tax increase could be 2.25 cents. The estimated amount that Cumberland County needs to raise is \$58M. This would equate to approximately \$22.50 per year for a home valued at \$100,000 and would have to be paid for the next 12-15 years. The estimated distribution to Spring Lake would be between \$90,000 and \$115,000 per year.

Alderman Higgins requested the annual payment on Mendoza Park once the renovations are completed and the annual payment on the Recreation Center. He would like to know what our debt service is for recreation. He expressed concern about prioritizing everything the Town needs to fund. He also inquired about the mechanics of how the money will be distributed prior to agreeing to this initiative.

There was discussion about the possibility of obtaining property at the corner of Odell Road and Laketree Boulevard or the property behind Manchester Animal Hospital to use as a possible site for some basketball courts. The addition of a fence at the basketball courts on Ruth Street was mentioned.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans asked what happened with an initiative to merge all recreation activities around the County that was being discussed several years ago. Mr. Metcalf advised that in 2005 the County and the City of Fayetteville merged but there have not been any active discussions in many years. Mayor Pro Tem Hogans requested Mr. Metcalf to look into the initiative again to see if it would be a viable approach. Alderman Christian expressed concern about Spring Lake not getting its fair share should we go along with the Bond Referendum and/or merge our recreation facilities with Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

Mr. Metcalf requested a consensus on the proposed public input meeting dates. The Board's consensus was to hold the public input meetings on March 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and on March 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor

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Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present: Tommy Burns, Town Manager
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resources Manager
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Alderman Higgins gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mr. Yarborough stated that the Town received notice today that a lawsuit against the Town had been filed by the Gentry Group. The Lis pendens would tie up items on the agenda and requested that the Board add a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss the litigation in Cumberland County Superior Court 12CVS1651, Gentry Group, LLC plaintiff vs. the Town of Spring Lake. He stated that the closed session would be quick and the public hearing would be held immediately following the closed session.

Action: The Board approved a motion to add a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to the agenda prior to the public hearing.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

4. Business

a. Public Hearing, Conveyance of Land in the Spring Lake Business and Industrial Center

Mayor Rey opened the public hearing.

Dr. Troy Graham of Fayetteville NC, a DOD contractor, expressed concern regarding sewer in the Business and Industrial Center. Mr. Burns advised that water and sewer is already available to the center.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

Action: The Board approved a motion to table Resolution (2012) 8 and Resolution (2012) 9 until the March 12, 2012 regular meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

b. Resolution (2012) 8, Authorizing Sale of Real Property for Economic Development

Resolution (2012) 8 was tabled until the March 12, 2012 meeting.

c. Resolution (2012) 9, Approving Contract for Economic Incentive Sale and Option to Purchase

Resolution (2012) 9 was tabled until the March 12, 2012 meeting.

5. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb

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Town Clerk



ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
Mayor