

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

September 26, 2011

**MINUTES**

6:30 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a workshop in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Municipal Complex 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:** Tommy Burns, Town Manager  
Allen Coats, Finance Director  
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resources Manager  
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

The purpose for this workshop was to update the citizens and the Board of Aldermen on the most recent map of the U-4444 Overpass Project and to also allow the public to offer input on the project.

Mr. Burns advised that NCDOT was requested to attend the meeting and give the overview but they declined to attend.

Mr. Burns advised that NCDOT is providing this design in an effort to connect the east and west sides of Town. He advised that NCDOT and Kimley-Horn both feel this design will offer the least impact to property owners. The Town was requested to provide cost sharing enhancements that it wants incorporated into the design. Those enhancements include:

- Right-of-way acquisitions and coordination with property owners  
(NCDOT will contact property owners once a final design is approved. They do this so that undue stress is not imposed on property owners who may not be affected in the final design but was included in a proposed design.)
- Sidewalks along Spring Avenue to the school with a crosswalk at the school
- Landscape medians comparable to the areas along North Bragg Blvd.
- Landscaped areas within the roundabout
- Irrigation design comparable to the areas along Bragg Blvd., including the irrigation design within the roundabout.

(NCDOT will not fund irrigation but they will fund the design of irrigation. We requested that they include irrigation design.)

- Landscaping in the areas around the overpass and each side of the Blvd.
- NCDOT relocation of the Memorial Park at the Hwy 210/87 split if it is affected by the project
- Sidewalks along Hwy 210/87, up to 5<sup>th</sup> Street as presented on the most current project plan

The following are enhancements that the Town is going to try to tie in:

- Sidewalks from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Wal-Mart, on the Wal-Mart side
- Increasing the radius of the roundabout to accommodate fire apparatus and comply with NC Fire Codes.
- Encroachment permit for directional signage for all businesses affected by driveway closures

Questions asked and responses are listed below:

- Will Riverside MHP be affected?  
NO
- When will we hear back from DOT on the Town's portion of the costs?  
Mr. Burns replied that he will stay on top of it after we give them our approval. They are going to try to bid on that piece of the project in May of next year.
- The 20/80, who pays which part?  
DOT pays 80, the Town would pay 20. Additionally, DOT's sidewalks are 5' and the Town's standard is 6'. The Town would have to pay for the additional foot.

Ms. Diane Howard expressed concern about an appraiser who called her. She was upset that no one from the Town has told her anything.

Mr. Richard Bryant, owner of Wendy's, requested details about the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



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ATTEST:

*Ethel T. Clark*

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Mayor