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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2018

Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on January 2, 2018. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Todd Carnes, Ron Williams, and Steve Baker.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Police Chief Terrence Green, Community and Economic Development Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, IT Manager Bea Daniels, Digital Media Coordinator Darrell Pritchard, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately thirteen (13) citizens present for the Council meeting and no members of the news media were present.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Council Members. Pastor Ken Jumper, Harvest Church - Lexington, gave the invocation. Mayor MacDougall asked if any military veterans were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, and Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor MacDougall reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Baker to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:13 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Maness. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor MacDougall reported that pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a) (1) and (2), Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: Two legal issues regarding pending litigation and Bond Issuances; three contractual issues regarding water and sewer service, Economic Development Department of Commerce project and a contract with SCDOT; one personnel item regarding a Boards and Commissions Appointment. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and

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seconded by Councilmember Williams to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: There being no objection from Council, Mayor MacDougall requested to delete Old Business items #2 and #3 (Final Reading of an Ordinance to Issue Corley Mill Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Bond, Series 2017 and Final Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance of Corporation Bonds and BANs).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve the minutes for the Special Council meeting held on November 20, 2017, Council Work Session held on November 20, 2017, and Council's Regular meeting held on December 4, 2017 as submitted. The motion was unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Officer of the Year Corporal Cameron Mortenson – Police Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green announced that Corporal Cameron Mortenson was chosen by his peers as the recipient of the "*Art Rish Employee of the Year*" award for 2017. Corporal Mortenson has been with the Lexington Police Department since 2001 and has worked in the Patrol Division, Traffic Division, K-9 Handler, Lexington County Multi-Agency Narcotics Enforcement Team, and Criminal Investigations Division. For the past four years he has been assigned to the Special Operations Division where he works with the Community Action Team, School Resource Officers, Traffic Division and he is also a Public Information Officer for the department. Chief Green stated that Corporal Mortenson is the brains behind all the outreach events for the Police Department. He added that Corporal Mortenson also heads up social media and the department has seen a 150% increase in the past three years. Chief Green stated that Corporal Mortenson is the lead PI Officer and keeps him informed of media events and provides citizens with updated information. His peers describe him as professional, devoted, caring and a great asset to the department. Chief Green stated that it was with great honor to present the Police Department's Employee of the Year, Corporal Cameron Mortenson.

Corporal Mortenson thanked Chief Green for his leadership and for the opportunities that he has had with the Lexington Police Department over the past 16 years. He stated that it is exciting to work with a department that continues to grow as the Town grows with a focus on making it better to live here and work here. He added that he is very proud of all the officers that he works with and he appreciated being recognized for this award.

Councilmember Maness thanked Corporal Mortenson for all he does for her neighborhood and home owners association. She added that anytime their Facebook page presents a question, Corporal Mortenson or someone from the Police Department is ready with an answer. She thanked him for what he does for

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the whole Town and congratulated Corporal Mortenson on an award well deserved.

Councilmember Stambolitis thanked Corporal Mortenson for making them look good.

Mayor MacDougall congratulated Corporal Mortenson and added that it was well deserved.

VISION PLAN UPDATE

Mayor MacDougall announced (1) The Town would present “Lexington Live” Spring Concert Series at the Icehouse Amphitheater on Thursday evenings at 6:30 from April 12th through May 17th. Artists would be announced on January 11th. For more information and a full calendar of events, visit www.icehouseamphitheater.com. (2) He would deliver the State of the Town Address at the Council meeting on February 5th at 6:30 p.m. Major 2017 accomplishments would be acknowledged and goals for 2018 would be announced.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave the Traffic Update: (1) The SC-6 One-Way Pair project is well underway with construction activity along West Main Street, South Church Street/Maiden Lane and Hendrix Street. Citizens were advised to expect minor delays in and around these areas over the next few weeks. (2) A new right turn lane is being constructed on Highway 378 near Hope Ferry Road as part of the new Lidl grocery store. The paving work may require a limited lane closure, and citizens were advised to anticipate delays and use extra caution around this area. Town Administrator Poole confirmed that work should be done at night unless it could be done between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (3) The next Traffic Committee meeting will be January 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room at Town Hall. Citizens were encouraged to call 358-7273 if they were aware of a traffic signal issue, unsafe roadway situations, or a pothole that needs repair.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor MacDougall called the Public Hearing to order and requested that those wishing to speak limit their comments to five minutes.

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1. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #5496-01-035 located at 118 Bickley Road.
2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance Regarding Changes to US Postal Service Delivery Policies.
3. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance to Issue Corley Mill Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Bond, Series 2017.
4. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance of Corporation Bonds and BANs.

There being no comments, Mayor MacDougall declared the Public Hearings closed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance Regarding changes to US Postal Service Delivery Policies**. The motion was unanimously carried. (Copy attached.)
2. Removed. (Final Reading of an Ordinance to Issue Corley Mill Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Bond, Series 2017)
3. Removed. (Final Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance of Corporation Bonds and BANs)
4. A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #5424-03-001 located at 889 South Lake Drive**. Councilmember Maness asked if the developer had provided everything since it was previously removed from Council's agenda. Councilmember Williams stated that it was deferred to the Planning Commission for traffic recommendations. Town Administrator Poole stated that everything had been received satisfactorily. The motion was unanimously carried. (Copy attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #005596-01-018 located at 142 Brickyard Road**: Tidewater Boats, LLC, recently purchased 20.8 acres located at 142 Brickyard Road and petitioned to annex the property. A brick manufacturing facility is located on the site. Properties in Town near this one are zoned Industrial and General Commercial. Brickyard Road is classified as a Collector road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their January meeting to recommend a zoning and road classification for this parcel. (Copy attached.)

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A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #005596-01-018 located at 142 Brickyard Road. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing a Multi-County Industrial Park for Property Near I-20 and Augusta Road:** The property formerly known as the Boral Brick Property is part of a plan to establish a Multi-County Industrial Park (MCIP). Since the property is slated to be annexed by the Town of Lexington, an ordinance of the Town of Lexington agreeing to the MCIP and its incentives is necessary for the property to qualify for the MCIP incentive offered by the County of Lexington.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve First Reading of an ordinance authorizing a Multi-County Industrial Park for property near I-20 and August Road. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **Recommendation of Appointment to the Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District Commission:** Mr. Brad Arnold resigned from the Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District Commission. Mr. Scott Chamberlin was recommended to Town Council by the residents of Golden Hills. Mr. Chamberlin retired from the NY State Department of Transportation as a Project Engineer. He has significant experience dealing with civil engineering issues including supervision of new road construction and reconstruction. He is willing to serve and has completed the Town's Boards and Commissions Application. The routine verification and interview with Mr. Chamberlin was completed by Town Staff. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to recommend to the County of Lexington the appointment of Mr. Scott Chamberlin for the Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District Commission. Councilmember Baker confirmed that all the appropriate verifications had been completed by Staff. The motion was unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Williams made the following announcements: (1) He welcomed everyone to 2018 and hoped everyone had a very Merry Christmas. The Town reached many big accomplishments in 2017 which the Mayor will cover in February during the State of the Town. He added that 2018 is already off to a good start so everyone was encouraged to stay tuned each month for updates on all the Town events and projects. (2) He stated that the Town received very sad news right before Christmas. Ms. Virginia Hylton passed away on December 22nd. Ms. Hylton served on Town Council from 1981 to 1998 and was instrumental in the development of the town park – which was named The Virginia Hylton Park in 1993. Ms. Hylton's legacy will live on in

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Lexington because of her passion and dreams for a beautiful town. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Hylton family and thank them for sharing “Ms. Virginia” with the Town for so many years. (3) The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet this Thursday at 5:30 in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room. (4) The Traffic Committee will meet on January 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room. (5) The FBI, Town of Lexington and the Lexington County Sherriff’s office will conduct “Situational Awareness for Houses of Worship” on January 11th at Radius Church from 6:30 to 9:00. (6) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. (7) The Planning Commission will meet on January 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (8) The next Council Work Session has been changed to Monday, January 22nd at 6:30. Councilmember Williams thanked everyone for watching their Town Council in action and on behalf of the Mayor and all the Councilmembers – he wished everyone a very happy and healthy new year!

NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor MacDougall thanked the Council members and citizens for attending the Council meeting. He thanked those at home for viewing the Council meeting on Channel 2 and it will also be replayed several times during the week. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor MacDougall stated that without an objection from Council, he would declare the meeting adjourned. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

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