

MINUTES
Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2017

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 3, 2017. 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, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Community and Economic Development Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Parks and Sanitation, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately forty (40) citizens present for the Council meeting. 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. Councilmember Baker led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:20 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Carnes. 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 matters regarding an update on pending litigation and advice regarding interpretation of State Law; two contractual issues regarding Water and Sewer Contracts, and one personnel item. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to ratify Mayor MacDougall's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve the minutes for Council's Regular meeting held on December 5, 2016 as submitted. The motion was unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Proclamation Commending the Lexington Police Department – Mayor Steve MacDougall:** Mayor MacDougall read a Proclamation commending the Lexington Police Department for their heroic acts during an escaped prisoner incident in December. A City of Columbia Police Officer was stabbed by the escapee the night before. He especially honored Lexington's Patrolman Mariah Hebbe, Meadow Glen Middle School Resource Officer Aimee Lutz, Patrolman Larry Holiday and Sergeant Bill Hobbs. Also present for the presentation were City of Columbia Officer Ashley Hardesty, Captain White and Major Oree. (Copy of Proclamation attached.)

Councilmember Maness thanked the Police Officers for always keeping the Town safe and especially at Meadow Glen on the day of the incident because her son was very afraid.

2. **Retirement of K-9 Officer Leena handled by Corporal Paul Walker and Welcome to the new K-9 Unit, Officer Jonathan Garcia and K-9 Officer Dony – Police Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green presented a plaque to Corporal Paul Walker and K-9 Leena. They worked together for seven years with numerous noteworthy deployments and over 4,000 hours of training. K-9 Leena retired in October, 2015. Chief Green introduced the new K-9 Unit, Officer Jonathan Garcia and K-9 Dony to Council. K-9 Dony is a sixteen month old German Shepherd with several notable deployments since beginning work in October, 2016.
3. **Fall Festival Funds, Donation of \$500.00 to SC Autism Society, Ms. Breck Cronise – Police Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green presented a \$500.00 check to Ms. Cronise to further their mission of assisting those with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Funds were from the Lexington Police Department "Adopt-A-Cop" Fall Festival.

VISION PLAN UPDATE

Mayor MacDougall gave the Town's Vision Plan Update: (1) He announced the Spring Concert Series, "Lexington Live" to be held at the Icehouse Amphitheater at 6:30 on the following evening: April 13th with Men of Distinction, April 20th with Sol Fusion, April 27th with Finesse, May 4th with Liquid Pleasure and Kenny Mann, May 11th with Right to Party, and May 18th with The Root Doctors. For more information, visit www.icehouseamphitheater.com. (2) Mayor MacDougall invited everyone to join him on February 6th at 6:30 p.m. for the Regular Council meeting where he will deliver the

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State of the Town Address acknowledging 2016 accomplishments and announcing goals for 2017. It can also be viewed live on the Town's Time Warner Channel 2 or at www.lexsc.com.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave the traffic update: (1) Construction is nearing completion of the Phase-1 Adaptive Traffic Signal Project. Mast arms will be installed at Old Cherokee Road and SC 6 over the next couple weeks. Once completed, the remaining signals will become fully adaptive completing the work on 19 traffic signals. She added that there is a major improvement in traffic at the Ginny Lane interchange. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room at Town Hall. Citizens were encouraged to call 359-1027 if they were aware of a traffic signal issue, unsafe roadway situations, or a pothole that needs repair.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an Annexation of Lexington County Tax Map #4300-08-009 Located at the Corner of Chariot Street and West Main Street:** Harmon Investment Properties owns a small parcel located at the corner of Chariot Street and West Main Street and petitioned to annex the property. This is one of two parcels where Goodwill is planning to construct a new store. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial (GC). West Main Street is classified as an Arterial Road and Chariot Street is classified as a Limited Local Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their January meeting to recommend a zoning and road classification for the property. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams for First Reading approval of the annexation of Lexington County Tax Map #4300-08-009 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-08-002 Located at Chariot Street and West Main Street:** Sarah Katherine Storey owns 3.5 acres located at Chariot Street and West Main Street and petitioned to annex the property. This is one of two parcels where Goodwill is planning to construct a new store. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial (GC). West Main Street is classified as an Arterial Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their January meeting to recommend a zoning and road classification. (Copy attached.)

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A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve First Reading of an Annexation of Lexington County Tax Map #4300-08-002 as stated. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston confirmed that this would be a retail Goodwill store. The motion was unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Ted Stambolitis made the following announcements: (1) Congratulations to the Lexington Police Department on their awards. (2) The Traffic Committee will meet on January 11th at 8:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room. (3) The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on January 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. (4) The Planning Commission will meet on January 18th at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (5) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16th to observe Martin Luther King Day. Thank you for watching your Town Council in action tonight. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

Councilmember Ron Williams wished to acknowledge the soldiers from Fort Jackson and thank the USO for hosting a concert at the Icehouse Amphitheater for the soldiers who could not go home for Christmas. He added that the Town provided the venue for the dinner and concert. He added that everyone had a great time.

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.

Mayor MacDougall called for a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the Council meeting. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

FOIA COMPLIANCE – Public notification of this meeting was published, posted and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Lexington requirements.