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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
Council Work Session

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Town Council held an Executive Session followed by a Work Session on January 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Eli Mack Sr. Room located at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Todd Carnes, Ron Williams, Steve Baker, and Todd Lyle. Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston was absent.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Finance Director Kathy Pharr, Police Chief Terrence Green, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Economic Development Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities Director Allen Lutz, Parks and Sanitation Assistant Director Johnny Dillard, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were eight (8) citizens present and no members of the news media were present.

OPENING STATEMENT

Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the Council Work Session. He read an opening statement to explain the procedures of a Council Work Session which stated: *“Work Sessions are less formal business meetings that enable Council to obtain and discuss information regarding Town issues from Staff members and/or consultants. Like Regular Council Meetings, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe Work Sessions; however, they do not include Public Hearings, but do allow for public comment at the end of the Work Session unless otherwise called on by Council. Council does not take an action vote on items during a Work Session other than to vote to place an item on Council’s next Regular Council Meeting agenda for consideration and an official vote. Council Work Sessions are taped for use by the Municipal Clerk only and Minutes are taken and posted on the Town’s web page following approval of Council.”*

INVOCATION, PLEDGE AND CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Carnes gave the invocation. Councilmember Williams led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the Council Work Session to order at 6:14 p.m.

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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 Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Williams to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:10 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. 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 advice regarding agenda items; three contractual items regarding a downtown economic development issue, a pending contract, and road improvement options; and two routine personnel items related to Boards and Commissions appointments and a routine personnel review. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: Councilmember Maness requested that Item #2 (*Discussion of the Chamber of Commerce's Proposed Changes to the Sign Ordinance*) be postponed until Council's February Work Session since Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston was absent tonight. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by all those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve the minutes from Council's January 7, 2019 Council meeting as submitted. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **US Census Bureau - Ms. Doris Greene:** Ms. Greene stated that she was here to discuss the 2020 Census and how a Partnership Specialist works with many organizations to assist the Census Bureau in educating everyone to make sure every person in South Carolina is counted in the 2020 Census whether they are a citizen or not. She added that it is a very important count and it is also mandated to take a count every 10 years. She announced that April 1st is Census Day in the United States. Ms. Greene requested that the Town of Lexington form a Town Committee to look at Lexington and to look at those areas that had a previous low response rate. She added that Lexington did very good in 2010 with one of the higher response rates of 78% and South Carolina had a 75% response rate. She encouraged Lexington to increase that percentage by 5%. Ms. Greene stated that George Washington University conducted a study which determined that South Carolina earned another Congressional seat following the 2010 Census and we don't want to lose it. She added that the

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Census also determines how Federal funds will be distributed. The study indicated that South Carolina received \$1,499 for each person that was counted in the 2010 Census for 10 years. Ms. Greene added that the number would have been higher if you think about the people we missed, therefore, it behooves South Carolina to get everyone counted in the 2020 Census. Ms. Greene stated that the Census is now hiring for hundreds of job in South Carolina which includes some full time positions which pays \$15 to \$18 an hour and you must apply on-line. She encouraged Council to review the items in the folder she distributed and to share the information with as many organizations as possible. (Copy attached.) Ms. Greene stated that she was very excited to be working with Mr. Hanson. She asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Maness stated that she works very close with the National League of Cities and they are very active making sure that everyone is counted in the 2020 Census and she would help get the information out in Lexington. She added that there had been a debate about a question that is to be on the Census and asked if Ms. Greene could explain it. Ms. Greene responded that she could not comment on that topic, but she could provide the number for the Public Information Office. Councilmember Maness asked if the Public Information Office was part of the government shutdown. Ms. Greene stated that the Census is not part of the government shutdown.

Councilmember Williams asked if there were any age limitations for the Census jobs. Ms. Greene responded that the applicant must be 18 years of age, be a US citizen and must apply on-line.

Councilmember Carnes asked if all the positions were for door to door canvassing. Ms. Greene stated that one phase is enumerators and there would be several phases recruited for jobs. She added that they are currently hiring Recruiting Assistants for people that go out and talk to organizations about Census jobs, but there will be many other full-time jobs available. Ms. Greene stated that there will be a Census office in Columbia.

2. **Midlands Fatherhood Coalition – Mr. Fred Hogsett, Intervention Specialist and Jermaine Johnson, Regional Employment Opportunity Developer:** Mr. Hogsett stated that Midlands Fatherhood Coalition has been a part of his life since 2007 when he faced child support issues. He stated that he was paying part of the support, but not all of it, therefore he was not a “deadbeat Dad” - he was a “dead broke Dad”. He added that Midlands Fatherhood stepped up for him instead of him going to jail. Mr. Hogsett stated that he is very involved with his four children’s lives and now he is in the position to go out and help other men. He stated that their purpose today was to make sure men know that they exist and have an office in Lexington to assist men in the entire county.

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Mr. Johnson stated that he is now the Site Director of the Lexington Office for Midlands Fatherhood Coalition and they serve all 46 counties in the state. He added that they are only second to SCDC in serving men and women in the state. Mr. Johnson stated that due to the government shut down there are a lot of men who will not get paid and some are only one pay check away from a bench warrant if they do not pay child support. He stated that they operate with four components: healthy relationships, parenting, economics, and men's health. He added that they helped save Lexington County and taxpayers over \$300,000 last year and impacted the lives of 740 children and 300 men. Mr. Johnson would like to improve relations with elected officials in 2019 to help get the word out about Midlands Fatherhood Coalition. Mr. Johnson stated that he is a new member of the Richland County Recreation Commission and he appreciates good partnerships and thanked the Mayor and Council for bringing awareness to their group. Mr. Hogsett stated that they already have a great relationship with Chief Green and they also hold their graduations here at Town Hall.

3. **Partnership Proposal – Ms. Lindsay Sellers and 2019 Miss Lexington Yvannah Garcia:** Ms. Sellers introduced 2019 Miss Lexington and added that her daughter is the Princess to Miss Lexington. She stated that they have been working on several ideas to promote Miss Lexington's platform as she enters the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Pageant in June. She asked for Council's help to make sure they were headed in the right direction. Dr. Ebony Bowers distributed packages to Council which included information about Miss Lexington's platform to support mental health. Miss Garcia stated that she is currently a third year Physician Assistant student at USC School of Medicine and following her internship at Lexington Medical Center she hopes to work in pediatrics with a focus on behavioral health. As Miss Lexington she will host several events to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals including the *First Miss Lexington's Ladies of Lexington Tea* which she hopes to make an annual tradition and "*Chains for Change*" linking Lexington in the fight against mental health stigma. The Lexington Tea will be held on April 13, 2019 at Private Property from 2:30 to 4:30 and the paper chains can be purchased to decorate Lexington's Main Street with messages of love and support to honor those affected by mental illness. Ms. Garcia added that she does not just want to compete and get out, she wants to be a public figure and community servant. She hoped to get the Town involved in the events either financial, through social media, or just showing up to say hello.

Ms. Sellers stated that sometimes we do not remember the previous Miss Lexington's name or what they stood for, but for her daughter and others who love the pageants, she wants them to know Yvannah's name and what she stands for and her impact in the community. Ms. Sellers stated that she hoped the Lexington Tea would become an annual event that little girls and

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their moms could look forward to attending. They were also collecting tea cups if anyone was interested in donating any old tea cups and saucers to be used each year. She hoped people would see the paper chains and ask about them and what they represent.

Councilmember Williams asked where the chains would start on Main Street. Ms. Sellers responded that they would like to start at Town Hall with a photo op and then work toward Main Street. She added that they plan to get a sign off from the businesses because the chains would stream between the businesses. Councilmember Williams confirmed with Mr. Poole that the Parks Department would need to help install the paper chains if Council signed off on it.

Mayor MacDougall thanked Ms. Sellers and Miss Lexington for attending the Council meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS: (For Discussion and Recommendation for Council's February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.)

1. **2020 Census Complete Count Committee – Director of Planning, Building and Technology John Hanson:** The 2020 Census is fast approaching and it is important that accurate information is collected during this process. The Census Bureau recommends establishing a Complete Count Committee to increase awareness of and participation in the Census. Staff reviewed the information provided by the Census Bureau about Complete Count Committees and recommended Council assign this task to the Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker to place the item on Council's February 4, 2019 agenda for consideration. Town Administrator Poole stated that since this is not outside normal action, Council could direct Staff to coordinate with the Advisory Committee. Councilmember Maness amended her motion to direct Staff to give the task to the Advisory Committee. Councilmember Baker seconded the amended motion. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

Ms. Green thanked the Council for their action on the Complete Count Committee. She stated that she had already talked to Sumter and now Lexington and the two cities would be models for the state. Ms. Green added that this Census is so important and is going to be different in that it will be automated. She stated that it would pose a challenge for some and for those that oppose technology, they may still respond the old fashioned way, on paper, or they may respond using the telephone.

2. (Deferred to February Work Session) **Discussion of the Chamber of Commerce's Proposed Changes to the Sign Ordinance.**

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Councilmember Maness requested that Item #2 be postponed until Council's February Work Session since Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston was absent tonight. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by all those present.

3. **Boards and Commissions Liaison Appointments – Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand:** Following a Town election, Council reviews Council Liaison and Board Member appointments for a two year term. Listed below are the Councilmember Liaisons to various Boards and Commissions which expired in 2018. Council was asked to review the list and advise Staff if they wished to make any changes.

Central Midlands COG Board	MacDougall, alternate Livingston
Lex Joint Water & Sewer Board	MacDougall, alternate Williams
Accommodations Tax Committee Liaison	Carnes
Advisory Committee Liaison	Lyle
Board of Appearance Review Liaison	Lyle
Board of Zoning Appeals Liaison	Baker
Building Codes Board of Appeals Liaison	Maness
Historic Review Board Liaison	Baker
Planning Commission Liaison	Maness, alternate Williams
Traffic Committee Liaison	Livingston, alternate Williams

Mayor MacDougall asked if there were any requested changes from Council. Hearing none, he called for a motion. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to accept the appointments as presented. Councilmember Lyle stated that it was his understanding that Council would discuss proposed changes and the list presented was expired terms and it was not his that the expiration of the appointments meant the creation or retention of them again. Councilmember Baker asked Councilmember Lyle if he wished to change any appointments. Councilmember Lyle stated that he was on two very good Boards, but he thought there would be a discussion regarding any changes. Mayor MacDougall stated that they had just opened it up for discussion. He then called for the vote. The motion was carried with a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Lyle).

4. **Downtown Commercial Garbage Collection – Town Administrator Britt Poole:** The Greater Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center requested that Town Council revisit the hours of operation for commercial solid waste pickup. (Copies of the Chamber email and Town Ordinance attached.)

Town Administrator Poole stated that the Chamber's CEO, Otis Rawl, was present if Council had any questions for him. He added that the Town's Transportation Director Edwards also had additional information.

Transportation Director Edwards stated that during Council's November meeting they requested that Staff look into several questions that had been

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raised regarding trash pick-up at the frame shop business located at 301 N. Lake Drive which was affected by the new traffic flow on Church Street. He stated that Staff was asked what it would take to address the overhead utility problem. Mr. Edwards stated that following some research it was determined that it would cost approximately \$30,000 to move the lines underground as well as move the curb line back to allow more space out of the lane for a full size trash truck. He added that the existing utility pole would have to be relocated south for about 40 feet and underground lines just to the business proper. He estimated that utilities would cost approximately \$20,000 and the roadwork would cost approximately \$10,000. He referred Council to a map indicating all the trash cans in the downtown area that could be affected. Mr. Edwards later stated that a second issue was addressed with DHEC and they do not allow trash to sit overnight in a can or dumpster on the truck at the landfill while they wait for it to open the next morning.

Town Administrator Poole had requested a review by SCANA to determine if the Town could utilize their Non-Standard Utility Fund for the line relocation even though it is not part of the Franchise Agreement. He added that if the SCANA fund could be used it would cut the utility cost in half in that SCANA would pay 50% of the cost to underground the line. He was waiting on an answer from SCANA.

Councilmember Lyle wished to confirm that during the November meeting it was determined that it was impossible to have trash service at this particular parcel and that any changes were fully to support using the same standard trash truck to conduct business as usual. Town Administrator Poole responded that it was impossible to have service with a regular trash truck and it required a special truck that takes the entire can to the landfill. He added that the changes did support the use of a standard trash truck. He added that there are two issues: the time of pickup service and the problem with the utility lines. He recommended that Council authorize the work for the lines to be done and tie it into the PO for One-Way Pairs, regardless of making a decision about the time of pickup because if they pick up trash at 3:00 a.m. there are still power lines at the location. He restated that the cost was approximately \$30,000 and may be reduced by \$10,000 if SCANA approves Non-Standard Utility Funds.

Councilmember Williams asked why the downtown map now included two highlighted locations when the previous map only indicated one. Transportation Director Edwards responded that the second location is a new one which recently surfaced with Nicky's Pizza, which has not yet opened. He was advised by the trash hauler that there was no other way to pick up the trash at that location than to pull directly in and then back out onto both southbound lanes of Church Street. He stated that there is not another place for the dumpster and it poses a safety hazard at that location because of being in between two blind spots. Mr. Edwards stated that Nicky's Pizza estimates two pickups per week to keep the dumpster fresh. Mr. Poole added that there

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is not curb work or electrical work that could be done to change it. Councilmember Lyle asked if there was a proposal to alleviate the problem at Nicky's Pizza. Mr. Edwards responded no. Mr. Poole added that nothing could be done at that location and it would be safer if the dumpster could be picked up during a low traffic time. He added that these are always issues in a downtown area and even delivery times are scheduled during off hours.

Councilmember Williams wished to confirm that the Town caused the issue at the frame shop. Mr. Edwards responded yes, due to switching the direction and because of how the overhead lines are configured. He added that the trucks were coming from the north bound direction and could pull off the shoulder and pick the dumpster up and now both lanes are going south bound which puts the trucks on the wrong side of the overhead lines. Mr. Edwards stated that the Time Warner line goes next to the building and goes all the way across North Lake so it has to go away.

Mr. Otis Rawl, CEO Greater Lexington Chamber, thanked the Mayor and Council for bringing this issue up so quickly. He added that people always call the Chamber to see if they can help with an issue and trash pickup has become a problem within the last six to eight months particularly with the growth in Lexington. Mr. Rawl stated that when he talks to the haulers and businesses limited hours puts a crunch on these guys who are trying to get into the tight spaces. He added that it is not only from a traffic stand point starting at 7:00 a.m., but also around 10:00 a.m. when businesses start to open that can also be a difficult time to get in and out for a pickup. Mr. Rawl gave the Chamber as an example when they have large business meetings in their facilities and have to ask the hauler to come back later because he blocked their parking lot. He stated that he did not have a solution but we live in a town that is growing very fast and it will just be one of those issues that swells up from the earth. Mr. Rawl stated that he knew Council was being very careful of the pickup hours around neighborhoods where the noise can be a problem, but he thought there were many areas around town where pickups can be earlier to help the guys get in and out easier. He added that the other side of that is when they can't get in to pick up trash it causes the owner to put trash on the ground which slows down pickups even further. Mr. Rawl stated that he did not have the answer but he thought extending the pickup hours into the evening hours would help with the issues that are going on now.

Councilmember Maness asked if the landfill was open in the evening if they extended pickup through 8:00 p.m. Mr. Edwards responded that the landfill is open from 7:00 a.m. and closes at 3:30 p.m., therefore extending the hours until later in the evening does not get us to where we need to be. He added that the goal would be to get started early enough that the hauler would have a full truck by 7:00 a.m. Mr. Rawl stated that they are working with the County to extend the hours of the landfill because they have similar issues in the County. Mayor MacDougall confirmed that the landfill runs one eight hour shift. Ms. Robyn Phillips, Capital Waste Services (CWS), stated that the

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landfill has to do a daily cover at the end of each day to protect the environment and that is why they close early.

Councilmember Lyle asked if there had been any review of retro fitting the cans with a rubber gasket to help lessen the slamming noise problem or was there another option. Ms. Phillips, CWS, stated that she was not sure if a bumper type attachment was available but she would check. She added that there is also something to be said for driver training because the trash cans can be handled more delicately. Councilmember Lyle stated that it would be a dynamic approach if the Town could have a trial run in some of the hot spots. He added that it could also be a type of silicone foam that could be sprayed to reduce the decibels. Mr. Edwards stated that they had reviewed the map for such hot spots and there are eighteen out of 126. He added that they proposed to do a case study for a second pickup for the eighteen spots because the object is to pick up enough volume to make it work. Mr. Edwards clarified that the mapped area is slightly larger than the Downtown Overlay District. Ms. Phillips, CWS, confirmed that it takes approximately 100 stops to fill a truck.

Mayor MacDougall stated that as someone who lives in a commercial district he could share that at 6:00 a.m. the boom of the can does not bother him as much as the backup beeper on the truck.

Mr. Edwards stated that he spoke to residents in the green area of the map and their concern is the ordinance creates a situation that allows the haulers to pick up at various times so they cannot gauge when to put their trash out for pickup. He added that the citizens were more concerned with consistency than the noise.

Councilmember Williams asked if they could test a 6:00 a.m. pickup, instead of a 7:00 a.m. pickup, from Fox Street to North Church Street, including the frame shop. Mr. Poole stated that Council has the authority to make the change, but he would also want to check with the hauler to see if it would be enough to justify it. Mayor MacDougall stated that the problem at the frame shop has to be fixed no matter what. Councilmember Williams asked Ms. Phillips if they picked up on Saturdays. Ms. Phillips responded, no, not unless they absolutely have to because the landfill is only open a half day on Saturdays.

Councilmember Carnes asked how long it takes to make 100 stops in a tight geographic area as shown on the map. Ms. Phillips, CWS, stated that she did not know but she could find out. She added that they are not all CWS cans. Councilmember Carnes asked what the Town's traffic patterns look like at 10:00 a.m. He added that we have a lot of different providers in this area and if we had unified service providers it would not be a big issue. He stated that he was more concerned with a market place solution than an expansion at the expense of the residential areas. He did not think the issue had been fully

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vetted because there are complications to be downtown, one being there may be a premium on your trash pickup if it is at 10:00 a.m. He estimated that most traffic clears out by 9:30 a.m. Mr. Edwards responded that there a lull in traffic but only for an hour because with the One-Way Pairs traffic is moving continuously which is the new reality. Ms. Phillips, CWS, wished to add that is the time they service that area now and cannot get to the cans by having to cross the two lanes. She stated that Nicky's Pizza will have the same problem with the additional pressure with DHEC regulations. Ms. Phillips added that the parking spaces at O'Hara's are usually full by that time of day either by employees or customers. Councilmember Carnes stated that everyone here is committed to resolving the frame shop issue which will be addressed as a separate issue, but he was also concerned about the other 118.

Town Administrator Poole stated that Council could take bids and franchise garbage service for commercial businesses like is currently done for residential. He added that with one hauler the franchise area could be determined and if there were any additional fees, and Council would get all their information from one source. Councilmember Carnes stated that would be another discussion, but there are so many providers just in the downtown district. He added that they had this same discussion on the residential side with Hope Ferry. Mr. Poole stated that the issue at Hope Ferry was different in that the problem started at Uno's and 14 Carrot where the trash pickup is in the back of the business which is adjacent to Hope Ferry. He added that in the downtown area you have to put a dumpster wherever you can fit it and usually cannot be separated from parking such as O'Hara's.

Mr. Otis Rawl, CEO Greater Lexington Chamber, stated that Mr. Poole had summarized everything and they are all trying to wear two hats tonight, one representing the hauler and one representing the residents. He wished to go back to Councilmember Carnes comments and stated that 10:00 a.m. is a pretty important time downtown because that is when people are getting to work and opening their businesses. Mr. Rawl added that is also when the dumpsters are sometimes protected by cars especially if it is a small business. He agreed that there is not a good answer as long as we have the traffic we have and until we extend the hours so the dumpsters can be picked up. Mr. Rawl stated that it is not about Target or Walmart, it is about small businesses and whatever Council determines will be helpful.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Maness to authorized Transportation Director Edwards to fix the dumpster issue created by the Town with the traffic flow pattern change at the frame shop, with the understanding if the Town can obtain a portion of the funds from SCE&G's Non-Standard Utility Funds. Mr. Poole stated that if Council put the item on the agenda, Staff would go ahead and get started and spend whatever money is necessary until the SCE&G fund can be determined. Councilmember Williams amended his motion to include that Staff would go ahead and

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start with details being finalized at the next work session. Councilmember Maness seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

Councilmember Williams confirmed that he wanted to split the items with one being the issue at the frame shop and the second item being the issue to study consolidating trash service.

Mayor MacDougall stated that it would be prudent for Staff to gain more information and the time it would take to dump all the cans if the Town had one service. He added if they expand the time it still might be enough time. Mr. Poole asked for clarification if Councilmember Williams's request is to study consolidating the commercial trash service and Mayor MacDougal's request is to determine if the time should be expanded. Mayor MacDougall responded that Council needs more information about how much time it takes before they can make a solid decision about consolidating the service to one company because they need to make sure that one carrier can pick all the trash up in the allotted time.

Councilmember Carnes stated that if 100 dumpsters can be picked up by one truck then you know it can be done in one shift. He added if you expand the hours and don't consolidate the franchise then you are intentionally banging cans at 6:05 a.m. six days a week. Councilmember Carnes stated that if you consolidate it and look at the idea of franchising then it might could be narrowed down to one day a week and utilize Saturday especially if you are bidding it out. Mr. Poole stated that he did not think you could do that because they have many businesses that require several pickups a week and could be as much as three or four. Ms. Phillips agreed and added that Hudson's has three pickups a week. Councilmember Carnes stated that if you leave it as it is, then you know it is going to happen seven days a week.

Councilmember Lyle asked if there was any other noise mitigation that has been done. He stated that if the backup alarm is a problem can something else be done like a walk guide or have a special set of lights on one truck. He added that he keeps seeing this as a fluid situation because there are places that are acoustically a problem like the topography behind Hope Ferry which sits 50 feet above the houses so the sound will travel. Councilmember Lyle stated that it will be hard to rubber stamp this issue and make it apply across the board so he would like to have a particular hot line, possibly manned by Corporal Mortenson for a few days, in order for citizens to call in if they have a complaint about the noise so the data can be captured. Mr. Poole stated that is already handled through 911.

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Councilmember Maness stated that there is a problem because she receives calls about it. She added that the Town set the time for commercial trash pickup at 7:00 a.m. but they still get started at 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. Her neighbor calls her every time it happens so she knows tickets are being written. Councilmember Maness stated that she is not willing to make the time any earlier because they are already picking it up earlier. Mr. Poole stated that Councilmember Maness was 100% correct and tickets have been issued, but fortunately they have been few and far between. He added that typically it is due to an inexperienced/not yet educated driver and the Town has received good support from the hauler when they are called about a problem.

Mayor MacDougall asked Councilmember Maness if she knew what time the earliest school bus comes into her neighborhood. Councilmember Maness responded, no. Mayor MacDougall stated that they usually come through around 6:00 a.m. and they can be loud too. He added that Staff has some direction now which will keep them busy until the next meeting, but he appreciated them getting the information so Council will be able to make a decision and resolve this issue for everyone, not just one entity.

5. **Pilgrim Point Street Lights – Finance Director Kathy Pharr:** Historically the Town has paid a portion of the street light bill for Pilgrim Point residents. In accordance with the Town's Residential Street Light Ordinance, the Pilgrim Point Homeowner's Association requested that the Town again pay a pro rata share of their street light bill. (Copy of request letter attached.) There are 48 lots in Pilgrim Point and the Town Ordinance states that the Town would be responsible for one (1) street light per six (6) lots, which equals eight (8) lights. The total requested is \$1,669 ($\$17.39 \times 8 \times 12$).

A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Williams to place the request on Council's February 4, 2019 agenda for consideration. Mayor MacDougall stated that since there are some new people present it would be prudent to explain why the Town pays a portion of Pilgrim Point street lights. Mr. Poole explained that the Town has an active ordinance that pays for street lights in public neighborhoods located in the Town. He added that there is a formula stating how many street lights will be paid per home and the Town pays a large street light bill to SCE&G each year. He stated that Pilgrim Point is a private gated neighborhood and the HOA owns the streets, access and the street lights which is not the same in other neighborhoods. Mr. Poole stated that approximately ten years ago Pilgrim Point requested that the Town pay a portion of their street lights. He added that Council agreed to pay a portion and on an annual basis Pilgrim Point files a request for payment. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

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6. **Mutual Aid Agreement – Police Chief Terrence Green:** The Lexington Police Department is entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Myrtle Beach Police Department for Memorial Day “Bike Weekend”. (Copy of proposed agreement attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Baker to place the request on Council’s February 4, 2019 agenda for First Reading consideration. Mayor MacDougall asked Chief Green if he was sure he wanted to do this agreement. Chief Green responded yes, because Myrtle Beach also comes to help Lexington. Councilmember Maness stated that when she was at the beach last Memorial Day the Lexington Police car was front and center on the news and she was glad to know there were there. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. **Project Bids – Director of Utilities and Engineering Allen Lutz:** The Utilities Department Project Bids received since June 2018 are as follows:

- (1) On June 19, 2018 bids were opened for the Ginny Lane Water Line Relocation. There were five (5) bidders for this project. NWF Industries was low bidder at \$43,100.00 and Ladd Construction was the highest bidder at \$66,300.00. The project was estimated at \$97,175.00.
- (2) On September 19, 2018 bids were opened for the Force Main Relocation at Barr and Pisgah Roads. There were seven (7) bidders for the project. C. R. Jackson was low bidder at \$66,492.00 and AAA Utility and Construction was the highest bidder at \$189,853.38. The project was estimated at \$96,600.00.
- (3) On December 18, 2018 bids were opened for Shoal Creek Sewer Line Crossing at 12 Mile Creek Protection. There were three (3) bidders for this project, NWF Industries was low bidder at \$23,890.00 and C.R. Jackson was the highest bidder at \$45,750.00. The project was estimated at \$50,000.00.

Mayor MacDougall commented that business is good and by having several bidders helps to keep the price down.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: None.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no objection from Council, Mayor MacDougall adjourned the Council Work Session at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC

APPROVED BY:

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