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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
Special Council Meeting

April 16, 2018

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Town Council held an Executive Session followed by a Saxe-Gotha Lexington Public Facilities Corporation Board Meeting (see separate Minutes), a Special Council Meeting and a Council Work Session (see separate Minutes) on April 16, 2018 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Todd Carnes and Steve Baker. Councilmember Ron Williams was absent.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Economic Development Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Special Projects Manager Wesley Crosby, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There was one (1) citizen present and no members of the news media were present.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilmember Carnes gave the invocation. Councilmember Baker led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor MacDougall reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:12 p.m. after a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (4). (Councilmember Baker was absent for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:20 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Maness. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5). 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 related to pending litigation and legal advice regarding a Town ordinance; four contractual issues regarding an economic development matter and Chamber presentation, a Utilities contract, purchase of Town property, and Sale of Town property, and two personnel matters regarding Boards and Commissions appointments and discussion

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regarding special recognition. 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 (5).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

1. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance to Purchase Property.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Final Reading of an Ordinance to Purchase Property in Town:** Town Council was asked to purchase a piece of property in the Town limits that consists of roughly four acres. The proposed contract price is \$288,400. The property purchase is necessary to accommodate one of the Town's upcoming road projects. The Seller requested to remain anonymous until the time of the transfer. Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act §30-4-40(a)(5)(a)(b), the land details will be released once a Deed is signed. (Copy of proposed ordinance is attached.)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to approve Final Reading of an Ordinance to purchase property in Town as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Maness to adjourn the Council's Special meeting at 6:37 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC

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APPROVED BY:

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.