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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 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 May 7, 2018. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, 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 Pharr, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Digital Media Coordinator Darrell Pritchard, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately twenty-five (25) 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 Jason Williams, Riverbend Community Church, gave the invocation. Mayor MacDougall asked Chris Wooten, SC House Representative Elect for District 69, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Williams to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (4). Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and Councilmember Baker were absent for the vote. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:27 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker. The motion was unanimously carried (6). Mayor MacDougall reported that pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a) (1) and (2), Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: Two legal items regarding a discussion of pending litigation and legal advice for a Town Ordinance; two contractual matters regarding an economic development matter and issues regarding a Utilities contract and, two Personnel matters regarding Boards and Commissions appointments and one routine Personnel Review. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Maness to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried (6).

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve the minutes as submitted for Council's Special Meeting held on April 16, 2018 and Council's Work Session held on April 16, 2018. The motion was unanimously carried (6).

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Lexington Police Department Recognitions – Mayor Steve MacDougall:** Mayor MacDougall was honored to present the South Carolina Criminal Justice Award to Police Chief Terrence Green. He added that Chief Green was nominated by Victims Advocate Dee Cochran who gave an example of Chief Green's leadership when he helped with the recovery of two under aged girls from sex trafficking and the arrest of the two pimps. Chief Green also assisted in the relocation of a victim and purchased food for the victim. Mayor MacDougall stated that Chief Green's reputation as an approachable leader is demonstrated by the way he runs his department and the support he receives from his staff. Mayor MacDougall congratulated Chief Green followed by a standing ovation.
2. **Presentation to Lexington Police Department – Department of Public Safety Director Leroy Smith:** Director Smith recognized the Lexington Police Department's DUI champions, the Officers who are front line here in Lexington fighting impaired driving every day. He stated that on April 11th, the SC Department of Public Safety recognized Law Enforcement Officers and agencies statewide for their efforts in 2017 to enforce the State's DUI laws and remove impaired drivers from South Carolina's roadways. Director Smith stated that awards were presented in several categories and it was his privilege to be invited tonight to help celebrate the efforts of Lexington's Officers. Director Smith announced that for the DUI Awards departments compete against agencies of a similar size. He stated that Lexington competed against other agencies with 51 to 100 Officers. He added that in 2017 the Lexington Police Department set a strategic goal to improve traffic safety in the community and created a full-time Traffic Division with four Traffic Safety Officers. They worked with the Patrol Division to combat impaired driving and made a total of 200 DUI arrests in 2017 which was a 47% increase over 2016. Director Smith stated that since October 2016 two of the Traffic Division Officers have worked on a Target Zero Traffic Safety Grant with a shared goal of increasing enforcement, prevention, and education which includes driving under the influence. He stated that as a result of their efforts, the Lexington Police Department won *The Department of the Year Award* for departments with 51 to 100 Officers. Director Smith congratulated the Lexington Police Department and thanked Chief Green for his leadership.

Mayor MacDougall thanked Director Smith and congratulated Chief Green and the Lexington Police Department.

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Public Safety Director Smith announced that an Officer of the Lexington Police Department also won *Officer of the Year* for agencies with 51 to 100 Officers. He congratulated Patrolman Nick Thompson who is described as a strong advocate against impaired driving and who has succeeded in encouraging other officers to increase their DUI enforcement activities. He added that Patrolman Thompson was assigned to the Traffic Division in July 2015 and in October 2016 he took on the responsibility of being part of the Target Zero Safety Grant. Director Smith added that since joining the Traffic Division, Patrolman Thompson attended over 600 hours of instruction in traffic collision and enforcement related courses to become a Traffic Safety Officer and will become a Traffic Safety Instructor later this year. He stated that Patrolman Thompson is also part of the Police Department's Alcohol Enforcement Team, organized through LRADAC (Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council) and conducts underage alcohol compliance checks and party patrols throughout the year within the Town of Lexington with 56 DUI arrests in 2017. Director Smith congratulated Patrolman Thompson followed by a standing ovation.

In closing, Director Smith stated that he and Chief Green were recently asked to speak at a very different ceremony in Lexington. He added that the Department of Public Safety held a ceremony at Lexington Baptist Church remembering 988 people who died on our roadways last year. He stated that many of those were due to impaired driving and while the number feels like a staggering one, imagine if there were not men and women like these from the Lexington Police Department out there fighting to prevent further such loss of life on our roadways. Director Smith stated that this is why he is so proud of the Lexington Police Department who have made it their mission to take impaired drivers off the roadway and made Lexington a safer place.

3. **Presentation to Chris Wooten – Police Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green stated that in this day and age law enforcement gets a bad rap and people do not want to help them, but the Lexington Police Department recently had the honor to see one of our own citizens, Chris Wooten, assist the Police Department. He added that there was an incident where a bad guy was running around and they would normally tell citizens to not jump in and call 911, however, their friend, Chris, subdued the bad guy. Chief Green stated that he thought the bad guy would have rather dealt with a Police Officer after being held by Chris Wooten. Chief Green commended Mr. Wooten and for helping the Police Department at a time when they needed help. He added that they were very fortunate in that Lexington citizens really love the Police Department. Chief Green and Mayor MacDougall presented an award to Mr. Wooten in recognition and appreciation of his selfless act and for going above and beyond expectations.

Councilmember Maness stated that Mr. Wooten lives in her neighborhood and she thanked him for protecting them. She added that she looked forward to tomorrow to watch him sworn in as the newest member of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

(Councilmember Carnes was excused from the Council meeting at 6:50 p.m.)

4. **Presentation from Deterra Drug Deactivation System - SC Pharmacy Association President Kayce Shealy:** Ms. Shealy gave an overview of the Deterra Deactivation Bags and then presented the Police Department with 500 bags. She stated that the bags are given to healthcare providers, pharmacists, hospice nurses, or anyone that interacts or has access to medications in an effort to save lives and remove unused medicine from the streets. Ms. Shealy stated that the bags help people properly dispose of unused or expired medicines. She added that the country is in a current opioid crisis and the South Carolina Pharmacy Association through their foundation had a two year grant and part of the grant was to purchase the bags to be distributed across the state to people that may not have access to a permanent drop box or take-back location. Ms. Shealy stated that the bags are the medium size and easy to use by placing up to 45 pills in the bag or six ounces of liquid, followed by a small amount of water, squish it together and reseal the bag which can be placed in the trash. She added that this was one of the ways they are helping pharmacists to reduce medications available on the streets. Ms. Shealy added that there is a permanent drop-box at Town Hall and one at Walgreens.

Mayor MacDougall confirmed that the bags make the medication useless and the bags are not harmful to the environment. He thanked Ms. Shealy for bringing the bags to be used by the Police Department.

5. **Peace Officer's Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation – Councilmember Kathy Maness:** Councilmember Maness read the Peach Officer's Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation declaring May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and May 13 through 19th will be declared Police Week in the Town of Lexington. She thanked the Lexington Woman's Club for providing the blue ribbons to be placed on the light poles on Main Street. She added that the proclamation would be read again on Wednesday, May 9th at the Law Enforcement Memorial. (Copy attached.)

Mayor MacDougall stated that he would be honored to read the proclamation at the Lexington Law Enforcement Memorial on May 9th.

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston stated that her neighborhood will serve lunch and hand out gift bags to the Officers following the Lexington Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony in order to say thank you to the Officers. She added that they are planning to serve 200 so she hoped they would all come out to Woodcreek.

6. **Proclamations to Joy DeWitt, Miss Lexington 2018 and Laney Quickel, Miss Lexington Teen 2018 – Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston:** (1) Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston read a proclamation recognizing Ms. Joy DeWitt for being

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crowned Miss Lexington 2018. She also read a proclamation recognizing Ms. Laney Quickel for being crowned Miss Lexington Teen 2018. She asked the ladies if they would like to speak regarding their platforms. (Copies attached.)

Ms. Laney Quickel stated that her platform is *Embracing Anxiety* as she also battles anxiety. She stated that one in every four teenagers experiences anxiety. She attends River Bluff High School and wanted to use her platform to start a program at school to let other teens know that they can still accomplish what they want to having any type mental health illness. She added that students can come to her or other mentors in the program for support with many issues. She hopes to make it a statewide program and maybe national.

Ms. Joy DeWitt attends Columbia College and her platform is *Joyful Memories* which she formed to help bring happy memories and joy to Alzheimer's patients. She added that many of the patients do not get visitors which is heartbreaking because socialization helps stop the progression of Alzheimer's. She hopes to expand her program to include children's hospitals and to train her dog to be a therapy dog.

7. **Safe Boating Week Proclamation to Mr. John Bradley, Flotilla Commander of the Lake Murray Unit, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Councilmember Ron Williams:** Councilmember Williams read a proclamation declaring May 19th through May 25th, 2018 as Safe Boating Week in the Town of Lexington and the start of a year round effort to promote boating safety. (Copy attached.)

Mr. John Bradley thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that their primary mission is to promote recreational boater safety. He added that they offer free vessel safety checks for all recreational boaters by signing up on their website. He stated that they also do program visits to all the boat dealers to make sure there is plenty of literature available for boaters. Mr. Bradley encouraged everyone to wear their life jacket because it saves lives.

Councilmember Williams stated that the Coast Guard Station on Lake Murray is near Lighthouse Marina and it's the house with the big red flashing light on it. He added that he has gotten many people home by using that light as a landmark.

8. **Kids to Parks Day Proclamation – Councilmember Steve Baker:** Councilmember Baker read a proclamation declaring May 19, 2018 as Kids to Parks Day which is organized by the National Park Trust. Citizens were encouraged to bring the kids out to enjoy all the local parks in the community. He added that the proclamation would be mailed to the National Park Trust office in Rockville, Maryland. (Copy attached.)

VISION PLAN UPDATE

Mayor MacDougall announced: (1) the remaining *Lexington Live* concerts at the Icehouse Amphitheater – May 10th *Tokyo Joe*, May 17th *The Root Doctors*, and May 24th *Finesse*. For more information visit www.icehouseamphitheater.com. (2) Lexington Wine Walk will be May 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Icehouse Amphitheater with music provided by *The Going Commando Band*. Tickets are \$30 and includes a commemorative wine glass, wine tastings and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.lexingtonwinewalk.com. (3) The Town of Lexington's Farmers Market is held each Saturday from May through September from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Lexington Square Park. Interested vendors were asked to call 358-7275 or email farmersmarket@lexsc.com. (4) *Sister Hazel* with *Georgia Flood* will perform on Friday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. *Sister Hazel* was named "one of the Top 100 Most Influential Independent Performers of the last 15 years" by Performing Songwriter Magazine. Their song "All for You" topped the adult alternative charts in 1997 and the success propelled their album to platinum status. Tickets are \$28.00 and can be purchased online at www.icehouseamphitheater.com or at Keg Cowboy. The event is rain or shine and no lawn chairs are allowed.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave the Traffic Update: (1) The SC-6 One-Way Pair project is nearing completion with work progressing towards the intersection of N. Lake Drive and N. Church Street. There will be various changes in traffic patterns over the coming weeks as paving and signal work are completed. Implementation of the One-Way system is expected near the end of May or early June. Please be patient as we take strides in improving traffic flow in downtown Lexington. (2) The next Traffic Committee meeting will be Wednesday May 16, 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.

1. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance to acquire property off of Porsche Drive.
2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance to issue Combined Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds of 2018.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance to Annex Lexington County Tax Map #4496-02-030 located at 5229 Sunset Boulevard**. Councilmember Williams asked if the company met all the traffic requirements. Mr. Edwards responded, yes. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5). (Copy attached.)
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance to acquire property off Porsche Drive**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5). (Copy attached.)
3. A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance to Issue Combined Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds of 2018**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5). (Copy attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Update to the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:** FEMA recently completed an update of the Lexington County flood maps. These maps are scheduled to go into effect on July 5, 2018 and the Town needs to adopt the maps by amending the Floodplain Management Ordinance. Adopting the new maps is required for the Town to continue to participate in the FEMA Flood Insurance Program. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to update the Town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4496-02-150 located at 2503 Mineral Springs Road:** Michael and Heather Williamson own 1.18 acres located at 2503 Mineral Springs Road and petitioned to annex the property. A single family home is being constructed on the site. Properties in Town near this one are zoned Protected Residential and Mineral Springs is already classified as a Collector road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their April meeting and recommended the same zoning and road classification for this parcel.

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve First Reading of an Ordinance annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4496-02-150 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

3. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-07-160 Located at 308 Park Road:** Floyd and Jacqueline Corley own 2.97 acres located at 308 Park Road and have petitioned to annex the property. A single family home is currently on the site. Properties in Town near this one are zoned Protected Residential and Park Road is already classified as a Collector road. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams for First Reading approval of an ordinance to annex Lexington County Tax Map #4300-07-160. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

4. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-04-178 located at 327 Cherokee Trail:** Chad and Michal Jones own 2 acres located at 327 Cherokee Trail and have petitioned to annex the property. A single family home is being constructed on the site. Properties in Town near this one are zoned Protected Residential and Cherokee Trail is classified as a Local road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their April meeting and recommended the same zoning and road classification for this parcel. (Copies attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve First Reading of an Ordinance annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-04-178 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

5. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Annex Lexington County Tax Map #5426-01-006:** Huffstetler Properties, LLC owns 2.6 acres located at 349 Railroad Avenue and has petitioned to annex the property. A small mobile home park is located on the site. Properties in Town near this one are zoned Protected Residential, Limited Commercial and General Commercial. Railroad Avenue is classified as a Local road. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to annex Lexington County Tax Map #5426-01-006 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

6. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY 2018-2019 Budget:** South Carolina law requires Town Council to adopt a balanced budget each year.

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Council was given a copy of the Budget Revenue and Expenditures and a copy of the draft Ordinance. (Copies attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to adopt the FY 2018-2019 Budget as presented. Councilmember Williams asked if the budget could be placed online prior to the next Council meeting so citizens would have a chance to look at it. Mr. Poole responded yes the break down sheet could be placed on the Town's website. Councilmember Maness confirmed that the Town had not increased property taxes in 28 years and had lowered millage three or four times. Mayor MacDougall stated that Council brought the budget in two days early and under budget. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

7. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the FY 2017-2018 Tax Levy:** South Carolina law requires Town Council to adopt the Tax Levy each year. Council was provided a draft copy. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to provide for the FY 2017-2018 Tax Levy as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

8. **Capital Transfer Transportation:** The existing asphalt roller broke and cannot be repaired. Also, the Transportation Department needs a small paver to reduce rentals and a milling machine which will reduce labor and time in the street. Streets Foreman Jim Baze, a new hire for the Town, has been able to improve the operating efficiencies of the sweeper truck and make some of the repairs in house which reduced the time it had to be in the shop, the cost of repairs, and rental of a sweeper truck. The following budget adjustment was requested for the Transportation Department and requires no additional appropriation:

<u>Reductions</u>		<u>Add to Capital Outlay</u>	
Reduce Contractual Services	\$15,000	Asphalt Milling Attachment	\$21,000
Reduce Equipment Rental	\$42,000	Paving Machine	\$42,000
Reduce Equipment Repair	<u>\$30,000</u>	3 Ton Steel Drum Roller	<u>\$24,000</u>
	- \$87,000		+ \$87,000

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve the Capital Transfer for the Transportation Department as stated. Mayor MacDougall stated that the new guy should at least get a cupcake. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

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9. **State Revolving Loan Fund Resolution:** The permanent tie-in of the I-20 Sewer System to the Town's Regional Sewer System requires the construction of a new pump station on the site of the I-20 Lagoon. The State Revolving Loan Fund program offers loans at low rates and up to 30 year amortization for qualifying projects. In order to proceed, Town Council must authorize by Resolution the completion and submittal of an application for project funding to the SRF for the I-20 Pump Station and Lagoon Close-Out.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve a Resolution to authorize completion and submittal of a State Revolving Loan Fund Application as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

10. **Boards and Commissions Application:** Mr. Jarrett Harrelson submitted a Boards and Commissions Application and expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Mr. Harrelson is a Town resident. (Copy of application attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve the appointment of Mr. Jarrett Harrelson to the Planning Commission. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

Councilmember Maness stated that Mr. Harrelson was present, along with the Planning Commission Chair Keith Frost and Commissioner Frank Berry. Mayor MacDougall thanked Mr. Harrelson for applying to serve on the Planning Commission.

11. **Elevator Repair:** The number one elevator in the building atrium (left elevator across from the conference center) has a broken door drive and is currently out of order. The Town has a contract for elevator repair with Schindler Elevator Corporation; however, this particular part is obsolete and therefore not covered in the contract. Staff reviewed the contract and the documentation on the problem and is in agreement with the vendor. The cost of the replacement mechanism to get the elevator operating again is \$15,247. Contingency Funds are budgeted each year to provide for unanticipated expenditures of a non-recurring nature. The budgeted amount for Fiscal Years 2018 is \$197,849.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve the elevator repair and to pay for it from the Contingency Fund as stated. Councilmember Williams confirmed that there was \$175,000 remaining in the Contingency Fund account. Mr. Poole stated that the company had already made the repair at their own risk pending Council's approval. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Maness made the following announcements: (1) Municipal Clerk week is this week and she thanked Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand and Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner for everything they do for the Council and for the Town. (2) She and Council wished Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston a Happy Birthday on May 22nd. (3) Congratulations to all the men and women who serve on the Town of Lexington's Police Department. She added that Council is proud when other agencies recognize what they knew all along – they are the best Police Department in the country and they deserve all the bragging rights. (4) This past Thursday, SC Governor Henry McMaster proclaimed May 2018 as Teacher Appreciation Month in South Carolina. She joined the Governor in encouraging all South Carolinians to recognize the dedication and invaluable contributions of all teachers in the Palmetto State. (5) This Wednesday, May 9th, please join Council at the Law Enforcement Memorial Presentation at 9:30 a.m. at Lexington Square when they will honor “The End of Watch” for those Law Enforcement Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the community. (6) The Town's Thursday concerts are in full swing and this Thursday Lexington Live will feature Tokyo Joe at 6:30. There will be two more free concerts: May 17th – The Root Doctors and May 24th is the make-up date for Finesse. On May 19th the Sourwood Honey Tribute Show will start at 7:00. Advance tickets are \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. On June 8th – Sister Hazel will perform at the amphitheater. Visit icehouseamphitheater.com for a listing of all events and movies coming to the amphitheater. (7) Visit the Town's Farmers Market on May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lexington Square Park. (8) The 8th Annual Wine Walk will be May 12th at the Icehouse Amphitheater from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at lexingtonwinewalk.com. (9) The Traffic Committee will meet on May 16th at 8:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. (10) Council will meet on May 21st at 6:00 p.m. for the Council Work Session in the Eli Mack Room. (11) The Planning Commission will meet on May 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (12) Town Hall will be closed on May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. (13) The Town will hold a Special Election on May 29th to fill one vacant seat on Town Council. The three candidates that turned in Signature Petitions will each have a 5 minute segment on the Town's Cable Channel 2 which will air at 8:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. They can also be viewed on YouTube. Citizens were encouraged to go to the polls on May 29th between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and vote for a new Town Councilmember. Councilmember Maness stated that “Lexington Live’ is a good name for the Town's concert series because as seen with all the announcements, Lexington is alive and growing. She added that we are all blessed to live in such a great community. She wished all the Moms a Happy Mother's Day on May 13th. She thanked everyone for watching their Town Council in action tonight.

NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mayor MacDougall recognized the Town Council candidates who were present and offered them an opportunity to speak. They both declined. Councilmember Maness stated that she had watched the YouTube video of the three candidates and it was wonderful and she encouraged everyone to watch it before they come to the polls on May 29th.

Mayor MacDougall recognized the River Bluff High School students who were present including his neighbor, Jordan. He told them it was a long meeting with many presentations, but it was worth it to see the many accolades.

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 stated that without objection from Council, he declared the meeting adjourned. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

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