MINUTES
Town of Lexington
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2019

Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Council Work Session (separate minutes), followed by the Regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on July 8, 2019. (Summer schedule.) The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Todd Carnes, Ron Williams and Todd Lyle. (Councilmember Steve Baker was absent for the meetings.)

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, 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, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were five (5) 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. He added that Councilmember Baker was on a mission trip in Honduras. Pastor John Woods, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Planning Commission Chair, Keith Frost, led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT: (Ratified during Council Work Session.)

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for Small Cities Month – Councilmember Kathy Maness: Councilmember Maness read a proclamation proclaiming July 2019 as Small Cities Month in conjunction with the National Leagues of Cities. Councilmember Maness stated that she would deliver the proclamation on Wednesday when she will be in Camden, S. C. to attend the Small Cities Council meeting along with Camden’s Mayor, Alfred Mae Drakeford who is also the Chair of NLC’s Small Cities Council.
VISION PLAN UPDATE

Mayor MacDougall announced: (1) Free Movies in the Park series starting July 12th at 8:30 p.m. in the Icehouse Amphitheater with a “Christmas in July” showing of The Grinch. (2) Flannel Fest will be July 26th starting at 5:00 p.m. featuring tribute bands for Alice in Chains, Nirvana, Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam. Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the gate. (3) “Date Night” is August 2nd at 8:30 p.m. in the Icehouse Amphitheater when Movies in the Park presents Casablanca. Visit icehouseamphitheater.com for a complete list of events. (4) The Market at Icehouse is in full swing. Come out and enjoy all the vendors every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through September 28th. To learn more about The Market visit Facebook page “Market at Icehouse”.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave the Traffic Update: (1) The new sign structure has been installed on the I-20 Exit Ramp at Highway 378. Pavement markings and lane assignments will be completed soon. Travelers from I-20 wishing to access Ginny Lane will now proceed to the ramp traffic signal and make a right hand turn onto Highway 378 westbound and into the dedicated left turn lane. (2) Construction is underway on a new deceleration lane in front of Wal-Mart and Chick-fil-A Corporation as part of their building permit process and is expected to last about 8 weeks. Please use caution in and around this area. (3) Dominion Energy is upgrading a gas service line along southbound N. Lake Drive between Sunset Blvd. and Old Cherokee Road. There will be intermittent lane closures between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the next two weeks. Please drive safely. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be July 10th in the third floor conference room. 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 Amendment to the Sign Ordinance.
2. Final Reading of an Ordinance Entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Pine Ridge Police Department.

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

OLD BUSINESS
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1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-
Tem Livingston to approve Final Reading of an Amendment to the Sign Ordinance. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Copy attached.)

2. A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Pine Ridge Police Department. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Copy attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3420-01-037 located at 116 Pilgrim Point Drive: Henry Vinson owns a parcel located at 116 Pilgrim Point Drive 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 Pilgrim Point Drive is an RL-6 Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their July meeting and recommend a zoning and road classification for the parcel. (Copy attached.)

   A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lyle to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3420-01-037 located at 116 Pilgrim Point Drive as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

2. First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4323-05-011 located at 702 West Main Street: Marshall Davis owns .69 acres located at 702 West Main Street and petitioned to annex the property. A custom home builder is planning to construct a model home – sales office on the site. Properties in Town near this one are zoned General Commercial and West Main Street is classified as an Arterial Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their July meeting and recommend a zoning and road classification for the parcel. (Copy attached.)

   A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4323-05-011 located at 702 West Main Street as stated. Councilmember Carnes asked if there was an existing curb cut in the triangular section and how they would make that work or if it was a DOT problem. He confirmed that St. Paul’s Church owns the empty parcel. Transportation Director Edwards responded that there would be joint access with the church and they agreed to line it up with George Street. He added that a sketch plan will be submitted as
required by DOT, otherwise it would remain a residential lot. He added that it was also agreed to access Ellis Avenue through the parking lot of the print shop which would make it commercial. Mayor MacDougall stated that would make it easier access for the church. Councilmember Maness confirmed that this lot is grown up and has an empty house on it. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston** made the following announcements: (1) She encouraged everyone to come out to the The Market at Icehouse every Saturday through September. She added that everyone has worked very hard to improve The Market this year and she hopes to see everyone there to support all the vendors. New vendors are also welcomed. (2) There will be no Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in July or August. (3) The Planning Commission will meet on July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room and on July 24th at 8:00 a.m. for their regular meeting in the Council Chambers. (4) Council will meet again for the summer schedule on August 19th for Council’s Work Session at 6:00 p.m. and Council’s Regular Meeting at 6:30. (5) The Lexington Police Department will host National Night Out on August 6th at Lexington Square. Mayor MacDougall added that it is an Award Winning National Night Out. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston thanked everyone for watching their Town Council in action tonight and she wished everyone a safe and fun summer.

**Mayor MacDougall** thanked Chief Green for his assistance in the recent 100th birthday celebration for Ms. Natalie Jones. She was picked up by our Police Department and escorted to her party at Town Hall. She told the Chief if she had known about the escort she would have stayed 99. Mayor MacDougall added that Ms. Jones did not like all the fanfare but everyone had a great time helping her celebrate her 100th birthday.

**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 cable channel 1301 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 7:25 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.