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*Town of Lexington*

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 5, 2012**

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Town Council held a Regular Council Meeting on March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, S.C. The meeting was attended by Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Members Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier, Todd Shevchik and Steve MacDougall. Mayor Halfacre was absent (excused).

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Town Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green, Director of Planning, Building and Technology John Hanson, Community and Economic Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Director of Parks, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker, Grants Administrator Wesley Crosby, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately fifty (50) citizens and students present and no reporters from the news media.

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**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston introduced the Council Members and welcomed everyone to the Council meeting. She announced that Mayor Halfacre was attending a US Air meeting which will highlight Lexington in their national magazine.

Councilmember Maness gave the invocation. Councilmember MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 5, 2011 and the Regular Council Meeting held on January 3, 2012. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **2011 Officer of the Year – Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green announced that Lt. Matt Davis was named 2011 Officer of the Year by the Lexington Police Department. He stated that Matt started with the department in 1996 and worked his way up to Lieutenant in 2006. He serves as the Lead Hostage Negotiator, driving instructor, defense instructor, PIO, and is on the Crime Stoppers Board. He is currently on the department's Special Operations team. Other officers always name Lt. Davis as their favorite officer; he leads by example, is well

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liked and respected; and treats people well. Chief Green and Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston presented the award to Lt. Davis.

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston recalled one of her first experiences with Lt. Davis was shortly after she was elected to Council and she locked her keys in her car. She stated that Lt. Davis is wonderful and is great with people. Councilmember Frazier commended Lt. Davis and the entire Police Department. He added that the Town is fortunate to have officers that are not only trained very well, but exercise common sense and use good judgment.

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Councilmember Frazier provided an update on the Town of Lexington's continuing efforts to improve traffic. (1) SCDOT has again moved the start date of the Town's Phase I traffic plan to November 2012. (2) The Town has submitted documentation to SCDOT to start the beautification plan for the I-20 and Highway 378 interchange. (3) The Traffic Committee is reviewing the speed limit on Main Street in West Lexington. Councilmember Frazier asked if anyone has any traffic issues to please contact 359-1027. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be held on March 20, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room at Town Hall.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston called the Public Hearing to order and requested that those wishing to speak limit their comments to five minutes.

1. An Ordinance Annexing Three Properties (TMS #005596-01-040, #005596-01-019 and #005596-01-001) at 5019 and 5035 August Road.

There being no comments, Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston declared the Public Hearings closed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Three Properties (TMS #005596-01-040, #005596-01-019 and #005596-01-001) at 5019 and 5035 August Road.** The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Rental Fee Waiver Request for the American Cancer Society:** Ms. Jessica Kub with the American Cancer Society – Relay for Life Lexington County requested a fee rental waiver for their annual Cancer Survivor Dinner on April 24, 2012.

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Following is the value for the event: Conference Center Rental Fee \$600 and Technology Fee \$75. A \$250 deposit is still required. (Request letter attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to approve the rental fee waiver for the American Cancer Society as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

- 2. Rental Fee Waiver Request for Kids Day:** Dr. Jud Heldreth requested the use of Town Hall facilities for Kids Day 2012. He requested, as in years past, the fees associated with these facilities be waived as a continuing gesture of Kids Day. Dr. Heldreth asked for the Eli Mack Sr. Room for the week of April 22nd – 28th for delivery, storage, meetings and event day usage; front halls of the Municipal Complex for the Kids Day Art Show (no charge); and Virginia Hylton Park (including stage area) for Saturday, April 28th from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the Kids Day of Lexington event. (Request letter attached.) Following is a list of the values for the requests (Deposits still required):

Eli Mack Sr. Room (4/22 – 4/28) Deposit \$100 and Rental fee \$1,050 (\$150 x7)  
Virginia Hylton Park Shelter (4/28) Deposit \$100 and Rental Fee \$50  
Total Deposits: \$ 200.00  
Total Rental Fees: \$1,100.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the rental fee waiver for Kids Day 2012 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

- 3. The Lexington Wildcat Athletic Booster Club Fee:** The Lexington Wildcat Athletic Booster Club will host a silent auction fundraiser on August 18, 2012. The event will raise funds to support the athletes and athletic department of Lexington High School. The organization asked for a fee waiver for August 18, 2012 for the Conference Center. The event would be an all weekend rental as requested for additional set-up and break down. Following is the value for the event: Conference Center for 8/18/12 – Rental Fee \$600 (In-Town) or \$1,000 (Out-of-Town). The deposit of \$250 would still be required. (Check already received.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve the rental fee waiver for the Lexington Wildcat Athletic Booster Club as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**COMMENTS**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston** wished a Happy Birthday to all Town employees celebrating birthdays in March. She expressed her sympathy to Councilmember Maness in the recent loss of her mother, Patricia Fields. She extended her condolences

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to Stuart Ford and Mike Ford in the recent loss of their grandmother, Effie McCoy. She read a thank you note from Councilmember Maness thanking the Town for the flowers, calls and all the prayers during the recent loss of her mother. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston announced the arrival of her new grandson, Caughman James Bleakley who was born on February 16<sup>th</sup>. She added that after a rough start, he is doing great and his parents and big sister are adjusting well. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston announced that Council would meet this month in a retreat to discuss the Town's Vision Plan. She added that Council looks forward to bringing the plan to the citizens of Lexington. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston announced the Town will hold its annual Great Lexington Clean-Up on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 which will start at Town Hall. She congratulated Miss Riley Poole, daughter of Town Administrator Poole, for winning Miss 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lexington Middle School. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the Town's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Walk on May 12<sup>th</sup>. She added that they are looking for sponsors. She wished a Happy Birthday to her three daughters and granddaughter who are all celebrating in March.

**Councilmember Kathy Maness** wished a Happy Birthday to all those celebrating in March. She welcomed the students to the Council meeting and stated that they had picked a good, quick meeting to attend tonight. Councilmember Maness thanked everyone for all their prayers and support during the recent death of her mother. She added that she had even been stopped by citizens in stores who asked her how her mother was and she appreciated them asking about her. She added that it had been a very difficult time but her "Mama" is in a much better place. Councilmember Maness announced that she had been invited to the White House for a briefing with other city leaders on March 13<sup>th</sup> while she is attending the NLC Conference in Washington, D.C. She wished everyone a great March!

**Councilmember Ted Stambolitis** expressed his condolences to Councilmember Maness and her family in the recent loss of her mother. He congratulated Lt. Davis on being named the 2011 Officer of the Year and he is very deserving of the award. He wished a Happy Birthday to Town staff members who are celebrating in March. Councilmember Stambolitis wished his dad and son a Happy Birthday in March.

**Councilmember Danny Frazier** wished to thank the Police Department for all they do for the Town. He wished everyone a good evening.

**Councilmember Todd Shevchik** wished to thank the Police Department for the great job they did during the Race For Hunger this past weekend in which he participated. He added that he saw an officer without a vest and realized that it was Chief Green. He commended the Chief for helping to direct traffic on a Saturday. Councilmember Shevchik congratulated Lexington High School basketball team on a great year even though they had a rough loss to Gaffney on Friday. He congratulated Miss Riley Poole for winning Miss 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lexington Middle School. He congratulated Councilmember Maness on going to the White House and he hoped she gets through the security check. He thanked her for representing Lexington and he would look forward to hearing about her trip.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston commented that she was out of the country last week and she got to experience the full airport security checks so she wished Councilmember Maness good luck.

**Councilmember Steve MacDougall** announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lexington Clean-Up on March 31st. He serves as Council Liaison to the Advisory Committee and they encourage everyone to come out and help. Councilmember MacDougall asked all the students that were present to come out and volunteer to do their civic duty to help keep the Town clean. The event will start at Town Hall at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 and gloves, vests and bags will be provided.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston thanked the Council Members and citizens for attending the Council meeting. She thanked those at home for viewing the Council meeting on Channel 2 and it will also be replayed several times during the week.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to adjourn the Council Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Hazel Livingston  
Mayor Pro-Tem

*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.*