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Town of Lexington

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 2012

Town Council held a Council Work Session followed by the August Regular Council meeting on August 6, 2012 in the Eli Mack Sr. Room and Council Chambers. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Members Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier, Todd Shevchik and Steve MacDougall. 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, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Director of Parks, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, IT Manager Josh Emory, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were two (2) citizens present for the Council Meeting and two members of the media.

7:08 p.m. Mayor Halfacre delayed the meeting until a Councilmember could complete a telephone call regarding a sick family member.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Halfacre introduced the Council Members. Councilmember Maness gave the invocation. Councilmember Stambolitis led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Halfacre called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. He announced that this was the last month of Council's summer meeting schedule and they would return to their regular schedule in September. He apologized for the delay of the meeting, but extra time was allowed to hear an issue during Council's Work Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the minutes from Council's Work Session held on July 9, 2012 and the minutes from Council's Regular meeting also held on July 9, 2012. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston was absent for the vote.)

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Proclamation for Ms. Vickie Shealy – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** Mayor Halfacre welcomed Ms. Shealy and her husband, the Mayor of Chapin, Stan Shealy. He read a Proclamation honoring Ms. Shealy on her retirement from the Lexington County Chronicle and for accurately reporting on Town Government for over 20 years. (Copy attached.) Mayor Halfacre stated that he knew Lexington County Council had done a similar Proclamation, but he had told her to come to the meeting tonight

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because the Town was going to do something special. He told her that the area where the media sits during Council meetings would be called “The Vickie Shealy Media Corner”. Mayor Halfacre stated that he had never caught Vickie in a misquote, stretching the truth, or pushing the envelope. He added that one thing he would not miss would be the hour long phone calls, but he knew it was because she wanted to get the story right.

Ms. Vickie Shealy thanked the Mayor and Council and added that it was nice to spend half of her life working with Lexington County and Town government. She added that reporting is a good way to keep up with what is going on. She stated that she did feel out of place without a notebook and a Council package, but she did not have any questions tonight.

2. **Proclamations for 1st Lt. Ryan Rawl and Sgt. John Meador – Councilmember Ted Stambolitis:** The families were unable to attend, but Councilmember Stambolitis read two proclamations in memory of 1st Lt Ryan Rawl and Sgt. John Meador.
3. (Not present.) **Hiring Our Heros Presentation – Mr. Kyle Caldwell.**

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston provided an update on the Town of Lexington’s continuing efforts to improve traffic. (1) The Town started relocation of water and sewer lines in preparation of the Phase I Traffic Plan. The work is being done primarily at night and drivers should be alert in the areas of Main Street and Columbia Avenue. (2) SCDOT delayed the bid of the Phase I Traffic Plan until mid-August due to technical issues. The bid should be awarded in the next few weeks. (3) Town Officials have been in discussion with SCDOT regarding the adaptive signal project. Engineers started the required installation studies and the COG is assisting with securing funding. All aspects look positive at this time. (4) SCDOT has received the final part for the I-20/Highway 378 Interchange Beautification so the bid process should start soon. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be held on August 21, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room at Town Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston asked if anyone was aware of specific traffic problems to please contact 359-1027 and let Town staff know. The request could be about an unsafe situation or just a pot hole that needs to be repaired.

Mayor Halfacre stated that the one month delay by SCDOT will not have an effect on the Traffic Plan, because at one time it was to be bumped to November, so the Town is still several months ahead.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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1. An Ordinance for the Issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes of 2012.
2. An Ordinance for this issuance of General Obligation Bonds and BAN's of 2012.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Refunding General Obligation Bonds of 2012**. The motion was unanimously carried. (Ordinance attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance for the Purchase of Property at 113 South Church Street:** The Town had the chance to purchase TMS #004321-08-009, which is a parcel and structure located at 113 Church Street at the Western end of Maiden Lane. The property belongs to the Estate of George D. Johnson, Jr. The property backs up to the parcel upon which the Palmetto Collegiate Institute is located and consists of .86 acres.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember MacDougall to approve First Reading of an Ordinance for the purchase of property at 113 South Church Street. Mayor Halfacre stated that this was good work on the Staff's part to get the property for the appraised price and this property will help connect Palmetto Collegiate with Main Street. The motion was unanimously carried. (Ordinance attached.)

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing a Portion of TMS #4496-09-032 Located at the Corner of Sunset Boulevard and Homeplace Road:** Bojangles Restaurants, Inc. purchased approximately 1.133 acres on the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Homeplace Road and requested to begin the annexation process. The company is planning to construct a new restaurant on the site. The Planning Commission will make a zoning recommendation for the property during their August meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing a portion of TMS #4496-09-032 located at the Corner of Sunset Boulevard and Homeplace Road. The motion was unanimously carried. (Ordinance attached.)

- 3. First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing TMS #3500-04-067 Located at the Corner of Sunset Boulevard and Darby Ambrose Road:** South Carolina State Credit Union owns approximately 1.06 acres on the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Darby Ambrose road and requested to begin the annexation process. The Credit Union plans to construct a new branch office on the site. The Planning Commission will make a zoning recommendation for the property during their August meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing TMS #3500-04-067 located at the Corner of Sunset Boulevard and Darby Ambrose Road. The motion was unanimously carried. (Ordinance attached.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 1. South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust Report Card – Councilmember Todd Shevchik:** The Town of Lexington receives an annual risk assessment from the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust (SCMIT) to assess the Town's compliance with SCMIT's recommended guidelines for risk management policies and procedures. The assessment for 2012 was completed in July. For the third year in a row, the Town received a perfect score by complying with 87 of 87 requirements, with one extra credit item for three additional points. The Town will remain eligible for a contribution credit which will lower the Town's Worker's Compensation premium.

Mayor Halfacre thanked Staff for winning another award for the Town. Councilmember Shevchik stated that this was good news for the Town and thanked Municipal Attorney Cunningham for the extra credit.

COMMENTS

Mayor Randy Halfacre wished a Happy Birthday to all Town employees celebrating birthdays in August including Councilmember MacDougall and Town Administrator Poole. He expressed get well wishes to Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston's mother and asked for everyone's thoughts and prayers. Mayor Halfacre expressed sympathy to all 12 families in Aurora, Colorado who lost loved ones during the recent shooting. He added that our prayers go out to the 58 other people who were wounded during the attack. He stated that as a Town we know how disasters affect everyone and he commended the City of Aurora for their fast response to such a horrendous crime. Mayor Halfacre expressed sympathy to eight families in Oak Creek, Wisconsin who were shot during another attack during a worship service. Mayor Halfacre encouraged everyone to come out to the Town's Night Out tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at Gibson Pond to learn about how to help watch out for crime in your neighborhood. He added that the Police Department

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will provide refreshments and balloons. Mayor Halfacre asked everyone to come out to the Town's Farmers Market every Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 at 206 N. Church Street through October 27, 2012. He thanked Jennifer Dowden and Darrell Jones for doing a great job at the market. He added that the Secretary of the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and the Governor proclaimed the week of August 5 – 11, 2012 as National Farmers Market Week. Mayor Halfacre recognized Scott Adams for receiving an award from the Lake Murray Lions Club. Councilmember Maness commended Mr. Adams for getting his name on the upcoming ballot. Mayor Halfacre wished everyone a great Labor Day weekend; a good start to the new school year; and, good luck to the Gamecocks this year!

Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston wished a Happy 1st Anniversary to her husband. She stated that they traveled through many small towns in North Carolina recently and each town had some neat ideas for Main Street activities. She brought some of the ideas back to Council for review and she would like to get the Town's Main Street hustling all the way to Flight Deck. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston wished her grandson a Happy 1st Birthday on August 22nd. She added that he is an extreme blessing for her family in that he was adopted into their family and he is a bundle of love. She stated that she is helping Bethany Christian Services with a fellowship dinner at Embassy Suites on October 19, 2012 to help bring awareness about adoptions in South Carolina. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston stated that it is hard to believe that her "princess" will start school on August 22nd at Lexington Elementary School. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston thanked the Mayor and Council for working with her last week and for agreeing to a sign design. She added that the sign would be used throughout the Town and she thought everyone would be happy with it.

Councilmember Kathy Maness announced that she would represent Council tomorrow at the STEM Summit at Lexington Technology Center. She added that approximately 240 educators would also attend the meeting. She asked everyone to watch out for the children as they start back to school on August 22nd. She hoped that her son would have a great 4th grade at Midway Elementary and to please pray for his teacher. Councilmember Maness congratulated Vickie Shealy on her retirement and for the new "Vickie Shealy Media Corner". She encouraged everyone to come out to the Lexington Farmer's Market. She stated that she had missed several weeks, but she would be back this Saturday for all the fruits, vegetables, plants, arts, and crafts. Councilmember Maness stated that she looked forward to attending the Town's Night out tomorrow where the Police Department would be hosting a cookout at Gibson Pond Park. She wished a Happy Birthday to Councilmember MacDougall and Town Administrator Poole and thanked both of them for everything they do for the Town.

Councilmember Ted Stambolitis expressed his gratitude to all the soldiers, especially those that have given the ultimate sacrifice such as 1st Lt. Ryan Rawl and Sgt. John Meador. He wished all the children a safe and happy school year. He thanked the Town's Utilities Department for doing a great job at night and they are doing everything in a timely and professional manner. Councilmember Stambolitis wished Councilmember MacDougall and Town Administrator Poole a Happy Birthday. He

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wished Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and David Livingston a Happy 1st year Anniversary and he wished them many more.

Councilmember Danny Frazier thanked Utilities Director Allen Lutz and his staff for doing a great job on getting the utilities moved on Main Street. He added that people had waited a long time to see some action to get traffic moving in Lexington and this is the first step. He also thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston, Town Administrator Poole and the Traffic Committee for all they have done. He stated that there is still a long way to go with traffic issues, but this would also help speed things up on Highway 378. Councilmember Frazier wished Councilmember MacDougall and Town Administrator Poole a Happy Birthday. He asked everyone to be careful since the children would soon start back to school because they can easily dart out in front of you.

Councilmember Todd Shevchik thanked the viewers for watching Channel 2. He added that we do not say enough about the citizens that watch every week. He added that even though it is a cable network and not the highest quality, at no fault to the Town, people do watch to see what is going on. He added that it is a pleasure to serve the citizens. Councilmember Shevchik thanked Scott Adams for everything he does and for being the only petition candidate in attendance tonight. He thanked Jennifer Dowden for doing a great job as the Events and Media Coordinator. Councilmember Shevchik announced that a delegation was going to Florida to lobby to get the Dixie Youth World Series back in Lexington in 2014. He would pray for everyone in hopes to get that done.

Councilmember Steve MacDougall thanked everyone for watching tonight or for being here in attendance. He encouraged everyone to come out to the Town's Night Out tomorrow which would be hosted by the Town of Lexington's Police Department.

NEWS MEDIA

Mayor Halfacre welcomed Tiffany Barkley from Patch.com.

Mr. Terry Ward, Lexington County Chronicle, stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston ran a faster meeting than the Mayor because last time he almost missed the entire meeting.

Mayor Halfacre thanked both media staff for their positive stories. He acknowledged Jodi Barr, WIS TV who was present to take a video, but he was not at the media table to ask questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Halfacre 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. He also encouraged everyone to watch the Town's Vision Plan video on the Town's web page, which was playing at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. He asked Staff to increase the time and add noon and midnight.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to adjourn the Council Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre
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.