

MINUTES
Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
Special Council Meeting
February 19, 2013

Town Council held an Executive Session and a Special Called Council Meeting on February 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina. The meetings were followed by Council's February Work Session. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Members Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Todd Shevchik, Danny Frazier, and Steve MacDougall.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green, Community and Economic Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Director of Parks, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, I.T. Manager Josh Emory, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately forty (40) citizens present and two members from the news media.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor Halfacre reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 12:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Councilmembers Shevchik and Stambolitis were not present for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 12:55 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember MacDougall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Halfacre reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss five contractual issues related to economic development. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to ratify Mayor Halfacre's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE AND CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Shevchik gave the invocation and Mayor Halfacre led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Halfacre called the Special Council meeting to order at 1:04 p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the Councilmembers.

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DELETIONS FROM AGENDA

Mayor Halfacre stated that the following item had been withdrawn by the developer; therefore there would be no discussion or vote by Council today:

1. Delete New Business Item #1 at the developer's request to withdraw the item (First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 206 and 212 North Church Street).

There being no objections from Council, New Business Item #1 was withdrawn as requested.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. (Not present.) **Concerns of Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church Regarding 206 and 212 North Church Street – Mr. Steve Fowler:** Mayor Halfacre stated that since this presentation was regarding the item that was withdrawn, the presentation would be a moot issue at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. Regarding an Ordinance to Sell Property at 227 North Lake Drive (former LICS Food Pantry).

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

OLD BUSINESS ITEM

1. **FINAL READING of an Ordinance to sell property at 227 North Lake Drive.** The Town received an offer for the triangular piece of property which fronts on North Lake Drive and is behind the old Liverman Hospital. It was formerly the home of the LICS food pantry and a structure still stands on the property. The parcel consists of .303 acres. The offer on the property is \$225,000 and the prospective buyer would like to close on the property as soon as possible. The Town received earnest money in the amount of \$2,500. Customary closing costs attributed to a seller will be paid by the Town.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve Final Reading of an Ordinance to sell property at 227 North Lake Drive as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEM

1. (Withdrawn.) **First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 206 and 212 North Church Street.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Halfacre thanked everyone for attending the Council Special Meeting. He stated that it was being held at a different time in order for many of the Councilmembers to attend Lexington County Night tonight in Columbia along with members of the General Assembly. Mayor Halfacre stated that the next Council meeting would be held at the usual time, March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Stambolitis wished everyone a good day.

Councilmember Maness wished her husband a Happy Birthday.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA

Mr. Terry Ward, Lexington County Chronicle, asked when the new owner of 227 North Lake Drive would take possession of the property. Mayor Halfacre stated that this meeting was held in order to meet the closing date requested by the purchaser of the property. Mayor Halfacre wished to thank Mr. Ward personally for the very positive article last week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Walker asked if there was a procedure in place for when the Town buys or sells property and if a For Sale sign is placed on property. Town Administrator Poole responded that the Town buys and sells property by Ordinance which means there is a First Reading followed by a Public Hearing and Final Reading for each piece of property bought or sold. He added that the Town does not always use a listing agent and the property at 227 North Lake Drive had a For Sale sign on it for a while.

Mr. David Brown, resident and member of St. Stephen's Church, stated that a number of the church members were present and would like a status update on the property at 206 and 212 North Church Street. Mayor Halfacre responded that the developer pulled the item so the item was "killed" and the project is dead.

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halfacre thanked the Council Members and citizens for attending the Special Council meeting. He thanked those at home for viewing the Council meeting on Channel 2. He reminded everyone that the next Council meeting would be held on March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to adjourn Council's Special meeting and reconvene to the Council Work Session.

The Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 1:13 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.