

**MINUTES**  
*Town of Lexington*

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 16, 2013**

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Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. followed by a Council Work Session in the Eli Mack, Sr. room, followed by the Regular Council meeting in the Council Chambers on September 16, 2013. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Todd Shevchik, and Steve MacDougall. Councilmember Danny Frazier was absent.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green, 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 ten (10) citizens present for the Council meeting and no one was present from the news media.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mayor Halfacre reported on the *Executive Session* during the Council Work Session.

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Halfacre welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Council Members. Pastor Ken Jumper, The Harvest, gave the invocation. Councilmember Stambolitis led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Halfacre called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Lexington Sertoma – Mr. Tommy Harman:** Mr. Harman, Mr. Gyles Hall and Mr. Jim Harpe presented a check to the Town in the amount of \$10,446. Mr. Harpe stated that over the past four years Sertoma had raised a total of \$36,968 for Gibson Pond Park. He announced that this year's Big Thursday will be held at Town Hall on October 24, 2013. Mr. Harman added that the event is usually sold out, so he encouraged everyone to get their tickets soon.
  
2. **EngenuitySC – Mr. George Hutton, Executive Director:** Mr. Hutton gave a brief overview of EngenuitySC which is a Midlands based public-private partnership to help make the region more prosperous. The group formed approximately 10 years ago in conjunction with USC, Midlands Technical College and leaders to make the

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region more competitive. He directed Council to a handout regarding EngenuitySC projects (copy attached.)

Councilmember Stambolitis asked if the Town could become more involved with EngenuitySC. Mr. Hutton stated that he would welcome the Town's involvement and added that he has also worked on some projects with Mayor Halfacre. Mayor Halfacre stated that the Town would also have to look at an investment for EngenuitySC in order to have a seat at the table.

3. **Lexington County Arts Association – Ms. Elijah Caughman Spence:** Ms. Spence announced that the Lexington County Arts Association would soon have the opening of Shrek the Musical starting October 26<sup>th</sup>. She added that they are the only theatre in the State to receive the rights to perform the production. She stated that the Arts Association is a non-profit association and this year they started having acting classes. She announced future plays that will be performed this season with proceeds going to Relay for Life.

Councilmember Stambolitis asked if the Town could put the dates on the Town's web page and Channel 2 for the association. Mayor Halfacre stated that soon they would be able to perform in the Town's amphitheater. Councilmember Maness stated that she looked forward to seeing Shrek.

### **VISION PLAN UPDATE**

Mayor Halfacre gave a brief review of the Town's Vision Plan: (1) He stated that the Town continues to make progress with the IceHouse Project. (2) The Town's Farmers Market will run through the last Saturday in October. (3) The Town's Dog Park is estimated to be at the end of October. He also thanked the many sponsors of the Dog Park. He thanked Staff for their work on the new park.

### **TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave the update as follows: (1) The Phase I Traffic Plan is under way and is over 46% complete. (2) The Town issued a notice to proceed for the beautification project at I-20 and Highway 378. Construction should begin by the end of October and Cherokee Construction was awarded the project (3) The Town issued a notice to proceed with a \$1.2M road resurfacing project and a list of roads will be posted on the Town's web page. Citizens were asked to call 359-1027 if anyone had any traffic issues. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room.

### **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. Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 5210 Augusta Road.
2. Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 811 East Main Street.
3. Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 4935 Sunset Boulevard.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 5210 Augusta Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4498-01-051**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 811 East Main Street, Lexington County Tax Map #5423-03-010**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.
3. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember MacDougall to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 4935 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington County Tax Map #4496-02-003**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 351 Porsche Drive, Lexington County Tax Map #005498-05-005**: Clanton C. Austell owns .98 acres located at 351 Porsche Drive and petitioned for annexation. A warehouse is located on the property. Properties in Town near this property are zoned Industrial (IND) and Porsche Drive is classified as a Local Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their September meeting to recommend a zoning and road classification for this property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve First Reading as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Parcels located off Park Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4200-09-097 and #4200-09-098**: Rebecca and Gerald Starnes petitioned to annex 12.6 acres on two parcels located off of Park Road. These properties are part of a group of properties where a 100 unit neighborhood is planned. Properties in Town near these properties are zoned Protected Residential (PR) or Protected Residential 2 (PR2) and Park Road is classified as a Local Road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation

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during their August meeting and recommended PR-2 zoning for the property and a Local Road classification for Park Road.

A motion was made by Councilmember MacDougall and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve First Reading as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

3. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Parcels located off Park Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4200-09-101 and #4200-09-100:** : Micah Lindler owns 12.6 acres on two parcels located off of Park Road and petitioned for annexation. A 100 unit neighborhood is planned for these properties as well as three others in the area. Properties in Town near these properties are zoned Protected Residential (PR) or Protected Residential 2 (PR2) and Park Road is classified as a Local Road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their August meeting and recommended PR-2 zoning for the property and a Local Road classification for Park Road.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve First Reading as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

4. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing a Parcel located off Park Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4200-09-021:** The Dove Chase Property Owner Association owns 1.65 acres located off of Park Road and petitioned for annexation. The property is part of a group of five properties where a 100 unit neighborhood is planned. Properties in Town near this property are zoned Protected Residential (PR) or Protected Residential 2 (PR2) and Park road is classified as a Local Road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their August meeting and recommended PR-2 zoning for the property and a Local Road classification for Park Road.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember MacDougall to approve First Reading as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Formation of the Vision Plan Action Committee:** At the August 19, 2013 Council Work Session, it was the consensus of Council to form a Vision Plan Action Committee to work with projects already listed on the Town's Vision Plan; projects not yet listed on the plan; and, to find resources for the projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston confirmed that this would be an eleven (11) member committee to include: an architect, an attorney from the Main Street area, and Old Mill representative, a member of the biking community, a business owner from Main Street, a person from the historic district and 5 citizens from area neighborhoods that touch areas affected by Vision Plan projects. She added that their duties would include finding ways to fund projects, finding new plans, and

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constantly reviewing the Vision Plan to keep it active. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston stated that Mr. William Craig and Mr. Jeremy Addy came to her to form the committee. She stated that they are young, just out of college, with a lot of energy to give back to the community.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and Councilmember Maness to approve the Vision Plan Action Committee as stated. Councilmember Stambolitis asked if other neighborhoods, such as South Lake Drive, Columbia Avenue and West Main Street should be included. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston responded that it would be better to keep the committee small, with an uneven number, for now, but it could be expanded later. She stated that the five citizens should include the Twelve Mile Creek area. Mr. Poole stated the Vision Plan includes more than just the Main Street area. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston stated that it could be adjusted later. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston agreed to add two more representatives and the committee should be formed by 2014. She requested that William Craig be the representative from Main Street and Jeremy Addy as the architect representative. She added that Wayne Rogers had volunteered to be a consultant for the committee. Councilmember Stambolitis requested that they come from the West Main Street and Columbia Avenue area. Mayor Halfacre stated that the group could help with any idea for any area of Town. He agreed that bringing a younger group to the committee would help prepare the Town for the future. Councilmember MacDougall stated that the members would need to complete Talent Bank applications for Council's review. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston amended her motion to make the new committee a thirteen (13) member committee to also include a member from the West Main Street and Columbia Avenue area. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

6. **Proposed Sale of Town Property – 206 N. Church Street:** The Town of Lexington received an offer to purchase property at 206 North Church Street. This property is adjacent to the Masonic Lodge commonly referred to as the “Shoebox”, Tax Map #004320-04-007 and contains 0.72 acres. It is recommended to sell the property and to accept alternative bids for a thirty day period.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve First Reading as stated to sell property at 206 North Church Street. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**COMMENTS**

**Mayor Randy Halfacre** wished Happy Birthday to all employees celebrating birthdays in September. He extended condolences to the family of John Hamby, Mayor of Duncan, S.C., who recently passed away and to the family of Gene Jackson, 95 years

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old, who previously served on Council. Mayor Halfacre read a thank you note from Kathy Rish thanking the Mayor for the Proclamation recognizing her late husband, Mac Rish, previous Mayor of West Columbia. Mayor Halfacre hoped everyone would come out to this year's Big Thursday, to be held on October 24, 2013. He thanked all the partners who will help put on the Welcome Breakfast tomorrow for the new Fort Jackson General Becker. Mayor Halfacre thanked Stuart Ford for heading up the road repair project. He reminded everyone that there are only a few more Town Farmers Markets. He announced that the Town partnered with Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to host another Movie Night on September 26, 2013. He announced that students at Meadow Glen Elementary School requested to help with the Town's Vision Plan. Mayor Halfacre announced Pleasant Hill Elementary School's new national program Watchdogs where Dads are encouraged to get involved with their child's school. Next month's Council meeting returns to the regular schedule. Mayor Halfacre reminded everyone to register to vote 30 days before the Town's election to be held on November 5, 2013.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston** announced that construction will start next month on the I-20 Interchange project. She discussed the new water feature to be installed by W. P. Law, who also installed the water feature at Lexington Square. She stated that her granddaughter recently played with the Lexingtonopoly game and she was humbled to see all the changes since that game was sold. She stated that change is every day and it is important to keep ideas fresh for future generations. She encouraged young people, just out of college, to get involved.

**Councilmember Kathy Maness** encouraged everyone to come out to the Town's Farmers Market because there are always great things going on there. She thanked the Lexington Sertoma for their support of the Gibson Pond Park. She looked forward to this year's Big Thursday. She hoped everyone would support the Lexington County Art Association and go see Shrek because her family is looking forward to seeing it. She wished everyone a great Fall.

**Councilmember Ted Stambolitis** stated that Dan Hennigan asked him to announce Ride for Kids on October 13, 2013, which is a fundraiser for pediatric brain tumors. He wished a speedy recovery for Mr. Hennigan's son. He thanked all the citizens that signed his petition for re-election. Councilmember Stambolitis added that by running unopposed it allowed him to serve automatically as a Town Council member. He wished to list some of their accomplishments: (1) The Vision Plan, (2) Unified Traffic Plan, (3) Downtown Revitalization including the IceHouse Project and Façade Program, (4) Lexington Square, (5) Expansion of Sewer Plant; (6) Dog Park, (7) Smoking Ban, and (8) the I-20/378 Interchange Project. He thanked the Lexington Sertoma for the contribution for Gibson Pond Park. He stated that he looked forward to serving for four more years.

**Councilmember Todd Shevchik** expressed his condolences to the families of the victims in the Washington, D.C. shooting today. He wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

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**Councilmember Steve MacDougall** thanked Ms. Spence for the presentation on Village Square Theater and wished them the best of luck.

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mayor Halfacre welcomed Rachel Ham from ColaDaily.com.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**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.

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

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre  
Mayor

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