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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014

Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on December 1, 2014. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Todd Shevchik, Todd Carnes and Ron Williams.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Director of Transportation Randy Edwards, Police Chief Terrence Green, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Economic Development Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, 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 Beatrice Daniels, IT Network Administrator Darrell Pritchard, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Foreman Johnny Dillard, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately fifteen (15) citizens present for the Council meeting and one member from the news media.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Council Members. Pastor Cam Kirker, Lexington Presbyterian Church gave the invocation. Councilmember Shevchik led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor MacDougall reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston was absent for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 5:54 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Maness. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor MacDougall reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: one contractual matter regarding downtown economic development and two routine personnel issues. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Maness to ratify Mayor MacDougall's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELETIONS/ADDITIONS

Mayor MacDougall requested the addition of a presentation by Mr. Tommy Frazier regarding the promotion of the new baseball stadium. There being no objections, the request was added as Presentation #3.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation to Ms. Lois Rao, President of Carolina C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) – Police Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green stated that the Police Department recently held the largest Fall Festival yet. He added that proceeds go to the Police Foundation to purchase equipment not covered by the budget. He stated that some of the proceeds also go to organizations that help the community and law enforcement. He announced that this year a portion of the proceeds would be awarded to C.O.P.S. which provides resources to surviving family when a loved one is killed in the line of duty. Chief Green stated that C.O.P.S. are there behind the scenes to help the family in their time of need. Chief Green, Mayor MacDougall, Councilmember Maness and Lexington Police Officers presented a \$500.00 check to Mr. and Mrs. Rao. The Raos lost their son, who was killed in the line of duty in Clarendon County in 2002. Mrs. Rao thanked the Police Department for helping them to continue to help others. She added that they reach out to other families and always keep the survivors on their list. She stated that they also escort others to Washington, D. C. each year for National Police Week. Mrs. Rao stated that South Carolina has 310 police officers who have been killed in the line of duty going back a long ways.

Mayor MacDougall thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rao and for everything they do for the Police Officer's families and wished her continued peace with such a large undertaking.

2. **Proclamation Recognizing Greg Cupstid of Bi-Lo for Food Donations - Councilmember Kathy Maness:** Councilmember Maness commended Mr. Cupstid on all contributions to the community. She read a Proclamation honoring Mr. Cupstid for raising funds in the amount of \$23,400 for LICS and the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission's Meals on Wheels during the Thanksgiving season. She added that Mr. Cupstid also assisted with Dixie Youth Baseball.
3. **Presentations Regarding Promotion of the New Baseball Stadium – Mr. Tommy Frazier:** Mr. Frazier thanked the Mayor and Council for considering assistance to a group that will travel to Florida to the coach's convention to promote the use of the new baseball stadium. He announced that as of this morning two northern schools have already contact them to use the stadium in February of 2016. He stated that Lexington County was also going to assist with the expenses of the trip.

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Mr. Alvin Kelly, Athletics Director for Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission, stated that the American Coaches Association Conference will host approximately 4,000 coaches. He added that they have already sent approximately 70 emails to Division III schools. Mr. Kelly stated that they are trying to get northern teams to come to Lexington for their early February games because it is snowing in their state. He hoped to get SCC and ACC caliber of umpires. He added that they have reached out to Indiana, West Virginia, Penn State, Marshall and Presbyterian College, St. Louis and Michigan State. He stated that some of those teams have already played at Fluor Field in Greenville. Mr. Kelly stated that they have also advertised on webpage collegebaseballinsider.com where open dates are listed when colleges are looking for other teams to play. So far they have received two hits from the webpage.

Mayor MacDougall thanked Mr. Frazier and Mr. Kelly. He agreed that it is best to be face to face with the coaches and get commitments for dates when the Blowfish are not using the stadium.

VISION PLAN UPDATE

Mayor MacDougall gave a brief review of the Town's Vision Plan: (1) The Snowball Festival will be December 5th through the 7th and will include a concert and carnival at Lexington Square from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The tree lighting will be at 8:00 p.m. On Saturday December 6th PattyPacks will host a 5k Race and Lexington Half Marathon at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. That evening there will be a double feature movie at Lexington Square from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Christmas Parade will be on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. (2) The Adaptive Computerized Signalization System will be partially funded by COATS. The Town will be the first municipality to install this technology at every intersection in Town. The Town and SCDOT have a good working relationship in order to break the project into two phases. The Phase II has not yet been engineered and Phase I will include 19 of 35 signal locations. Phase I construction will last nine to ten months and be fully operational by the end of 2015.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston thanked Mayor MacDougall for covering the Adaptive Computerized Signalization System. She added that bids would open on December 9th.

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 Ordinance Annexing a portion of Lexington County Tax Map #5496-01-029. No comments.

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2. Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Barr Lake, Lexington County Tax Map #5300-02-118. No comments.
3. Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Barr Lake Subdivision, 69.9 acres primarily located on Lexington County Tax Map #5300-02-007. No comments.

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

OLD BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA: *All matters listed within the Consent Agenda were distributed to members of Council and are considered routine. Consent Agenda items will be approved by one motion of the Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired on any item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a Councilmember for action later in the agenda.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to approve Final Reading of the following items under Consent Agenda:

- C1. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing a portion of Lexington County Tax Map #5496-01-029. (Ordinance attached.)
- C2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Barr Lake, Lexington County Tax Map #5300-02-118. (Ordinance attached.)
- C3. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Barr Lake Subdivision, 69.9 acres primarily located on Lexington County Tax Map #5300-02-007. (Ordinance attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Accept Property on Old Cherokee Road:** The South Carolina Department of Transportation offered to deed a piece of Right-of-Way to the Town to support parking for the 14 Mile Creek Trail. The Right-of-Way is between the Exxon Station and Old Cherokee Road near the intersection with North Lake Drive. The “extra” right-of-way is available since Old Cherokee Road was realigned several years ago.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to Accept Property on Old Cherokee Road as stated. Councilmember Stambolitis confirmed that the property could be used for approximately 10 parking spaces. Mr. Poole added that it would make another access to 14 Mile Creek Trail. He added that the property would be paved and the

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Town would be responsible for beautification. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Annexation of 5400 Augusta Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4300-03-054:** Clarence and Betty Pope own 3.7 acres located at 5400 August Road and have petitioned to annex the property. Carolina Turf Grass and Landscape Supply is located on the property. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial (GC) and Protected Residential (PR). Augusta Road is classified as an Arterial Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their next meeting to provide a recommendation on zoning for this property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Williams for First Reading of an annexation at 5400 Augusta Road as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Annex 115 Park Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4323-05-001:** Cole and Leah Winn own .36 acres located at 115 Park Road and petitioned to annex the property. A private residence is located on the property. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial and Park Road is classified as a Collector Road. The Planning Commission will review this annexation during their next meeting to provide a recommendation on zoning for this property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik for First Reading approval of an annexation at 115 Park Road as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

4. **Donation of Retired Police Vehicle:** The Town was asked to consider donating a retired police vehicle to the Town of Gaston. The vehicle was taken out of service for the Lexington Police Department fleet. It is a 2007 Dodge Charger with just over 77,000 miles on it.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the donation of the 2007 Dodge as stated to the Gaston Police Department. Councilmember Williams stated that he had discussed the request with Chief Green who agreed that the Town of Gaston is in need of the vehicle and the Town no longer has a need for it. Mayor MacDougall stated that the car was originally given to the Town and “rode hard” and it can now be donated for further use by the Town of Gaston. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Issuance of General Obligation BANs of 2015:** The Town’s General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) of 2014 mature in January, 2015. The BANs total \$3.3 Million and provided interim funding for road projects,

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property acquisition, and other capital improvements. The BANs will be rolled until such time as the projects are completed and permanent financing is finalized. Franchise Fee proceeds of approximately \$664,000 will be utilized to reduce the outstanding balance of the Series 2015 BANs to approximately \$2.64 Million. The Town has generally issued BANs to provide interim financing at relatively low costs and maximum flexibility until permanent financing is obtained for completed projects.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve a Resolution for the issuance of General Obligation BANs, Series 2015. (Copy attached.) The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Funding Request for Promotion of New Baseball Stadium:** Mr. Tommy Frazier contacted several members of Council to request \$1,000 in funding to help with expense to travel to Orlando, Florida to attend the American Baseball Coaches Association Conference in January. Over 4,000 coaches will be in attendance. Mr. Frazier would like to attend the conference in order to promote the use of the new Lexington County Baseball Stadium. Currently teams go to Florida and Myrtle Beach for spring training and Mr. Frazier would like to get at least 10 teams to come to Lexington and use the new stadium during the Blowfish off season.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve \$1,000 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Funding Request for Martin Luther King Celebration:** The Lexington County Ministerial Alliance and MLK Celebration Committee requested Town sponsorship of the annual Martin Luther King Fellowship Banquet in celebration of the Martin Luther King Holiday. In past years, the Town has purchased a table at the banquet. With a contribution of \$250.00 the Town would be given a reserved table for eight.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$250 for the MLK Banquet as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor MacDougall Congratulated Councilmember Maness on her new appointment to the National League of Cities Board of Directors.

Councilmember Maness made the following announcements: (1) She expressed sympathy on behalf of the Town to the family Officer Rob Peyinghaus in the loss of his

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wife. (2) She announced all the dates and times of the Snowball Festival events, presented by Town of Lexington and the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission, as follows: Friday, December 5th - Concert and Carnival in the Square (Lexington Square Park) from 6:00 p.m.-8.p.m., with the Tree Lighting at 8:00 p.m. The event will include a concert by Tara Scheyer and the Mud Puppy Band, magic shows, face painters, balloon animal makers, stilt walkers, visits with Santa and the tree lighting along with craft vendors to sell their wares as wonderful holiday gifts. S'mores and Hot Chocolate will be provided. On Saturday, December 6th, PattyPacks Warm a Heart 5K Race with the race time at 7:30 a.m. and the Half Marathon at 8:00 a. m. Proceeds will benefit PattyPacks, a 501c3 assisting families with Congenital Heart Disease. Councilmember Maness stated that many teachers from Midway Elementary School participate in the race. Additional information may be found at www.pattypacks.org. Also on Saturday there will be a Movie in the Square (Lexington Square Park) 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Double Feature (first movie starts at 5:30), The Polar Express – 100 min / PG and A Christmas Story – 94 min / PG. Hot Chocolate will be provided. On Sunday, December 7th, will be the Lexington Christmas Parade on Main St. at 3:30 p.m., presented by Town of Lexington and Lexington Jaycees. She encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy all the festivities and get your holiday season off to a great start! She thanked Ms. Dowden for all her hard work in making this a great event. (3) The Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Town's Caractor Park will be on December 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone was encouraged to come out and see this wonderful neighborhood park. (4) The Lexington County Museum will host its annual Christmas Open House on Sunday - December 14th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 231 Fox St. Admission is FREE and many of the 30 historic structures on the Museum complex will be open and feature period Christmas decorations. The event includes live music and light refreshments, including hot apple cider and gingerbread. For more information, contact (803) 359-8369 or visit www.lex-co.sc.gov/museum. (5) The Lexington Police Department is once again helping to make Christmas brighter for local children by serving as a "Toys for Tots" collection site this season. In addition, they will also be collecting food for Lexington Interfaith Community Services. Donations allow LICS to help thousands of people in Lexington County every year. From now through December 15, 2014 new unwrapped toys may dropped off at the Police Department located at the Lexington Municipal Complex (111 Maiden Lane). All toys collected will go to the Midlands Toys for Tots Campaign. Non-perishable food items (canned/dry goods) will be accepted for Lexington Interfaith Community Services at the Police Department. Special collections to stuff the MRAP will be held on the following dates and times at these locations: K-Mart - 748 W. Main St.; December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; December 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart - 5556 Sunset Blvd.; December 5th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; December 14th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Target-5119 Sunset Blvd., December 9th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., December 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact PFC Ryan Whitlock, Community Action Team at (803) 359-6260 or rwhitlock@lexsc.com. (6) The Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission is accepting donations for Project Warmth. The program, which began in 2011, provides for seniors in need throughout Lexington County. Please help this year as we collect blankets for local seniors. Donations of any amount are cheerfully accepted. 100% of

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all donations will be used for the purchase of blankets. For more information, contact Lesley Reeves at 803-359-9961, x 227. (7) The new Lexington Community Band will hold a concert on December 15th at 7:30 pm at River Bluff High School. The public is invited and admission is free! Councilmember Maness thanked everyone for watching the Town Council in action tonight. Council will be back on January 5, 2015 at 6:30. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston wished her son-in-law, Wesley, a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Shevchik wished everyone a Merry Christmas on December 25th.

Councilmember Williams announced that Lexington Elementary School recently received an excellent growth rating and he wished to recognize Principal Jim Hamby and all the Staff that provide a good foundation in elementary school.

NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor MacDougall recognized two students and thanked them for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor MacDougall thanked the Council Members and citizens for attending the Council meeting. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the Council and Town Staff. 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 Shevchik to adjourn the Council Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

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