

**MINUTES**  
*Town of Lexington*  
**Executive Session,**  
*State of the Town Address, and*  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 2, 2015**

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Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., which included the State of the Town Address, in the Council Chambers on March 2, 2015. 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston was excused following the State of the Town Address due to illness.

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, Economic Development Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Director of Parks, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Foreman Johnny Dillard, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, IT Manager Bea Daniels, IT Network Administrator Darrell Pritchard, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately ten (10) citizens present for the Council meeting and four (4) members from the news media.

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**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Council Members. Pastor Ken Jumper, The Harvest, gave the invocation. Councilmember Maness led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

**STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS**

Mayor MacDougall delivered his second State of the Town Address. (Complete copy attached.) He stated that he and Council continue to update the Town's Vision Plan. He added that it is amazing how many projects have come to fruition since the Vision Plan was implemented three years ago. He gave a recap of the Town's 2014 accomplishments and issues that Council will focus on in 2015 summarized below:

- 2014 Accomplishments:**
1. Phase I of the Unified Traffic Improvement Plan
  2. Police Department Agency of the Year
  3. I.T. Elite Achievers Award
  4. Economic Growth: Annexations and Business Licenses

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5. Finance Department Governmental Finance Officers Association Comprehensive Annual Finance Report Award and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
6. Refund 2004 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds
7. Fourteen Mile Creek Trail
8. Interstate 20/Sunset Blvd. Interchange

**2015 Projects/Issues**

1. Project Icehouse – 900 seat amphitheater
2. Adaptive Computerized Signalization System
3. Wayfinding Signage
4. Corridor Improvements
5. Old Mill Pond Walking Trail
6. Community Events
7. Improved Social Media Coverage

Mayor MacDougall thanked Town Staff for their contributions in moving the Town forward effectively and efficiently. He thanked the members of Town Council for their continued service and for helping to mold the Town into an outstanding community.

Mayor MacDougall requested that a short video be played which highlighted the Town's Vision Plan.

Mayor MacDougall called for a ten minute recess at 7:00 p.m. to allow for media questions. The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 7:10 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 Williams to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Councilmember Shevchik was absent for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:34 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor MacDougall reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: one personnel issue related to a new position; one contractual item regarding economic development downtown; and, two legal issues related to updates on pending litigation and road improvement options. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to ratify Mayor MacDougall's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**DELETIONS ON AGENDA:** None.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to approve the minutes as submitted for Council's February 17, 2015 Work Session. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Miss Lexington and Miss Teen Lexington – Ms. Constance Flemming and Ms. Ebony Bowers:** Ms. Constance Flemming introduced the recently crowned Miss Lexington, Kelly Ragan, and Miss Teen Lexington, Davis Wash. She thanked the Mayor for his support for without it, the pageant may not have taken place. She announced that the theme of the first pageant was "Lexington the Town of Beautiful People". Miss Ragan thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and she looked forward to representing Lexington. She added that she is very involved in the community and looks forward to representing Lexington in the Miss South Carolina pageant.
2. **Proclamation of March for Meals Month – Councilmember Todd Shevchik:** Councilmember Shevchik read a Proclamation proclaiming March as "March for Meals Month" in Lexington. He presented the Proclamation to Ms. Annie Mack, Senior Center Director. Ms. Mack thanked the Town on behalf of Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission for all the things they have done for the community. She was grateful that the Town is always there for them. Mayor MacDougall thanked Ms. Mack for the wonderful job she does which helps to make the Town great.
3. **Proclamation for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week – Councilmember Ted Stambolitis:** Councilmember Stambolitis read a Proclamation declaring the week of March 2 – 8, 2015 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. No one was present to accept the Proclamation.

**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 5146 Augusta Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4498-01-046. No comments.
2. Final Reading of an Amendment to the Town Budget Ordinance. No comments.
3. Final Reading of an Amendment of Ordinance §131.11, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. No comments.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 5146 Augusta Road, Lexington County Tax Map #4498-01-046**. Councilmember Williams asked if the proposals were complete for the Dollar General. Mr. Hanson confirmed that it was reviewed by Board of Appearance in February and they would review the updated plan at their March 10, 2015 meeting at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Stambolitis requested to see a copy of the improved design when it was submitted. Mr. Hanson confirmed that the Board of Appearance did not approve the first submission and made recommendations to the developer. Councilmember Stambolitis confirmed that the façade was part of the recommendations. Mayor MacDougall wished to state for the record that this annexation has nothing to do with the Board of Appearance review of the building design. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Amendment to the Town's Budget Ordinance** in order to purchase a Grasshopper Mowing System. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.
3. A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to approve **Final Reading of an Amendment of Ordinance §131.11, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses**. Councilmember Shevchik called on Chief Green to explain the purpose of the amendment. Chief Green stated that the problem began when people started absconding on taxi and restaurant bills. He added that the Town lost several cases because of the wording in the Town's ordinance. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been 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 Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve Consent Agenda items as follows:

- C1. **First Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3500-03-031 located at 5100 Sunset Blvd.

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- C2. **First Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4319-05-005 located at 604 Northwood Road.
- C3. **First Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #5300-02-019 located in the Vintners Wood Subdivision on Barr Road.
- C4. **First Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #5311-01-074 and 124 located in the Vintners Wood Subdivision on Barr Road.

The motion to approve four Consent Agenda items as listed was unanimously approved by all those present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **“It’s All About Herbs Festival”**: Ms. Beverly Kleckley and Ms. Charlotte Caughman with the “Herb Bunch”, a non-profit club affiliated with the Clemson Extension Service, contacted us regarding their fourth annual “It’s All About Herbs Festival”. The festival will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 on the grounds of the Lexington County Museum. Contributions will provide funds for a scholarship to a Lexington County student for study in the horticultural field, upkeep on the Colonial Garden at the Lexington County Museum and continued educational efforts in the community about the advantages of growing and using herbs. The levels of contributions and advertisements are as follows: Level 1: \$500, one-half page advertisement in the event program; Level 2: \$250, one-quarter page advertisement in the event program; Level 3: \$150, business card sized advertisement in the event program. All sponsorship levels will be recognized at the festival. In March 2014, Council recommended a contribution of \$150.00 to the “It’s All About Herbs Festival”.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve a contribution in the amount of \$150 to the “It’s All About Herbs Festival” as done in the past. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Maness made the following announcements: (1) She wished a Happy Birthday to Councilmember Williams on Friday and a Happy Birthday today to Assistant Town Administrator Ford and Municipal Attorney Cunningham. (2) Board of Zoning Appeals will meet this Thursday at 5:30 here in the Council Chambers. (3) Starting this Friday our Police Department will hold “Coffee with a Cop” several times a year. This Friday our Police Chief – Terrence Green – will be at Chick-fil-a from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Citizens can get questions answered and get to know the Officers in their neighborhoods. (4) Don’t forget to move your clocks forward this weekend for Daylight Savings Time. (5) The Board of Appearance will meet on March 10th at 5:00 in the Council Chambers. (6) Council’s next Work Session

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will be held on March 16th at 6:30 in the Eli Mack Room. (7) The Traffic Committee will be on March 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room. (8) The Planning Commission will hold a Work Session on March 17th at 6:00 on the 3rd floor. The next morning, March 18th, they will meet for their regular monthly meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (9) On March 20th the Town and the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission will hold our 5th Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival at Gibson Road Soccer Complex. The events start at 6:00. There are a limited number of free tickets, so please go to LCRAC.com for your ticket. (10) March 28th is Special Needs Community Day in Virginia Hylton Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come out and meet all Lexington County's Public Safety Officers and see the equipment they use. This event includes the Town's Police Department Officers. (11) As mentioned in the Proclamation for Meals on Wheels, March is "March for Meals Month". Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission will hold several events including: March 2 March for Meals Kick-Off, March 14 Basketball Tournament, March 16-20 Community Champions Week, March 21 Tennis Tournament, March 28 Flapjack Fundraiser. For more information go to LCRAC.com. (12) The Lexington Community Band is seeking new members. If you are 19 years old or older, can read sheet music, and play an instrument, please go to [www.lexcommband.com](http://www.lexcommband.com) to join the band. The first spring rehearsal will be March 31st from 7:30 – 9:00 at River Bluff High School. (13) Mark your calendar for the Town's 6th Annual Wine Walk to be held on the 100 Block of Main Street on May 9th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. You can go to [www.lexingtonwinewalk.com](http://www.lexingtonwinewalk.com) to purchase tickets. (14) Tomorrow (March 3rd) is a very important Election Day. Everyone was encouraged to vote tomorrow in the Primary Election for Lexington County Sheriff. If there is a run-off it will be held on March 17th, followed by the Special Election for Sheriff on April 21st. (15) Everyone was asked to look for their missing money on South Carolina's Unclaimed Property Program (Palmetto Payback) by going to [www.treasurer.sc.gov](http://www.treasurer.sc.gov). Councilmember Maness recently reviewed the web page and she hoped everyone would see if any of the \$12 million in unclaimed funds for Lexington County belonged to them. She thanked everyone for watching Town Council and action and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Maness stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston wanted to wish her three daughters a Happy Birthday all celebrating in March.

Councilmember Williams stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston wanted to wish her granddaughter a Happy Birthday. He added that he sees Princess Riley every day at school and if she'll come see him on the 22<sup>nd</sup> he will have a special prize for her on that day.

**NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor MacDougall 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 Shevchik to adjourn the Council meeting. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall  
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.*