

**MINUTES**  
*Town of Lexington*

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 13, 2015**

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Town Council held a Council Work Session preceded by an Executive Session and followed by a Regular Council meeting (*summer schedule*) on July 13, 2015 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Eli Mack Sr. Room and Council Chambers located at Town Hall, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Members Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Todd Shevchik, Todd Carnes and Ron Williams.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Assistant Police Chief Matt Davis, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Economic Development Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, I.T. Manager Bea Daniels, Network Administrator Darrell Pritchard, Special Project Manager Wesley Crosby, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately five (5) citizens present for the Council meeting and no news media.

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**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for the late start. He introduced the Council Members. Pastor Ken Owens, Lexington United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Councilmember Shevchik led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:** Reported during Council's Work Session.

**DELETIONS ON AGENDA:** None.

**VISION PLAN UPDATE**

Mayor MacDougall gave a brief review of the Town's Vision Plan: (1) The Lexington's Farmers Market is open each Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 at Lexington Square and runs through September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Market is in the second half of the season and averaging 30 vendors each week. (2) The Old Mill Pond Trail had a kick-off meeting in May. GeoTech exploration began in June with structural boring. The survey and establishment of the pathway should be completed by the end of this month.

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave a traffic update: (1) Phase I of the Adaptive Signal Project, including 19 signalized intersections, is under construction with general contractor German Technical Group of Mount Pleasant, S.C. Intermittent construction activity and associated lane closures will be experienced over the next several months. It was confirmed that most of the work would be done at night. The system is planned to be operational by the end of the calendar year. (2) Effective July 2, 2015 the Town Transportation Department assumed all maintenance and operations for 35 traffic signals in and around Town. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be July 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room at Town Hall. Citizens were encouraged to call 359-1027 to report any specific traffic problems, unsafe situations, or just a pothole that needs repair.

**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 Lexington County Tax Map #4319-06-009 located at 601 Northwood Road.
2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3447-01-010 located at 100 Otto Hegman Court.
3. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3420-01-061 located at 213 Pilgrim Point Drive.
4. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-04-100 located at 309 Cherokee Trail.
5. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance for Amended Mutual Aid Agreements.
6. **Final Reading** of an Amendment to Ordinance 97.03, Non-Operating, Wrecked or Junked Vehicles.

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

**OLD 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. (Copies attached.)*

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A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve Consent Agenda items C1 through C4 (Copies attached) as follows:

- C.1. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4319-06-009 located at 601 Northwood Road.
- C.2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3447-01-010 located at 100 Otto Hegman Court.
- C.3. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #3420-01-061 located at 213 Pilgrim Point Drive.
- C.4. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-04-100 located at 309 Cherokee Trail.

The motion to approve four (4) Consent Agenda items (C1 through C4) as listed was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance for Amended Mutual Aid Agreements**. The motion was unanimously carried. (Copy attached.)
- 2. A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve **Final Reading of an Amendment to Ordinance 97.03, Non-Operating, Wrecked or Junked Vehicles**. Councilmember Stambolitis asked if people would be required to move the vehicles once the Ordinance is in place. Town Administrator Poole responded yes and Code Enforcement would handle complaints about junk vehicles. He added that the fines are the standard \$500 and/or 30 days in jail. The motion was unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Talent Bank Application:** Mr. James D. Dawson submitted a Talent Bank application to serve on a Board or Commission. He indicated an interest in the Advisory Committee. Mr. Dawson is a Town resident. (Copy of application attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve the appointment of Mr. Dawson to the Town's Advisory Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

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2. **Accommodations Tax 65% Fund Committee Award Recommendations:**  
 The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (Marvin Robinson, Chairman) met on April 28, 2015 to review and make recommendations regarding the allocation of FY 2014 Town of Lexington Accommodations Tax funding. Following is a list of the applicants, requested amount, and Committee recommended amount: (A copy of the detailed list is attached.)

30% Balance Fund Lex Chamber	\$40,173.59
5% to General Fund	\$ 6,695.60
	<u>Requested</u>
	<u>Committee</u>
	<u>Recommended</u>
Capital City Lake Murray Country	\$ 30,000
Columbia Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 10,000
Columbia Regional Sports Council	\$ 3,000
Columbia Volleyball Club	\$ 10,000
Cross Training/Topspin Adult	\$ 2,500
Cross Training/Topspin Junior Challenger	\$ 2,000
Cross Training/Topspin Junior Classic	\$ 3,000
Lexington Chamber/Operations	\$ 30,000
Lexington County Museum/Corley Cabin	\$ 7,000
Lex County Recreation & Aging Comm.	\$ 25,000
Lexington Dixie Baseball, Inc.	\$ 25,000
Town of Lex Snowball Festival	\$ 3,000
White Knoll High/Red Bank Baseball	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	<u>\$8,529.00</u>
	\$ 5,970.00
	\$ 2,559.00
	\$ 2,559.00
	\$ 0
	\$ 0
	\$ 0
	\$23,822.00
	\$ 5,970.00
	\$21,323.00
	\$17,058.00
	\$ 1,706.00
	<u>\$ 853.00</u>
<b>Total of all Requests:</b>	<b>\$153,500.00</b>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$90,409.00</b>

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the Accommodations Tax 65% Fund as listed with two changes: Greater Lexington Chamber to receive \$22,588.00 and Town of Lexington Snow Ball to receive \$3,000. The motion was carried with a vote of four (4) in favor and three (3) opposed (Carnes, MacDougall, Shevchik).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councilmember Carnes** made the following announcements: (1) As mentioned in the Mayor's Vision Plan report, the Town's Farmers Market is back in full swing at Lexington Square every Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00. The market is half-way through the season and it is a great opportunity to come out and see local vendors and to meet your neighbors! (2) The Traffic Committee will meet on Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. (3) The Planning Commission will meet July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (4) Council's next Work Session and Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 in the Eli Mack Room. Council will resume their regular schedule in September. (5) He congratulated

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Mr. Dawson on being appointed to the Advisory Committee. He wished to remind everyone that much of the Town's business is driven by volunteers. He encouraged citizens to participate on the Planning Commission, Traffic Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Preservation and others if they had some space in life and loved the Town of Lexington, complete a Talent Bank application in order to serve and have an impact on the Town. Councilmember Carnes thanked everyone for watching Town Council in action tonight.

**NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Constance Flemming, 604 Hendrix Street, asked how junked and wrecked vehicles should be reported or if the Police Department would monitor the area. Town Administrator Poole responded that it is a complaint based system and citizens may call into Planning, Building and Technology Department. A Code Enforcement Officer would then go verify the complaint and handle the complaint with the property owner.

**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.

There being no objection from Council, Mayor MacDougall called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to adjourn the Council meeting.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 6:58 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.*