

MINUTES
Town of Lexington
Executive Session
STATE OF THE TOWN and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2016

Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the State of the Town and the Regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on February 1, 2016. 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, Town Prosecutor Cliff Koon, Director of Transportation Randy Edwards, Police Chief Terrence Green, Director of Planning, Building and Technology John Hanson, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Director of Parks and Sanitation Dan Walker, Assistant Director of Parks and Sanitation Johnny Dillard, IT Manager Bea Daniels, IT Network Administrator Darrell Pritchard, Special Projects Manager Wesley Crosby, Municipal Judge Brian Jeffcoat, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately sixty (60) citizens and Boy Scouts present and four (4) members of the news media.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Council Members. Pastor Richard Lang, The Harvest Church, gave the invocation. Councilmember Shevchik led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Mayor MacDougall delivered his third 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 continue to come to fruition since the implementation of the Vision Plan. He gave a recap of the Town's 2015 accomplishments and issues that Council will focus on in 2016 summarized below:

- 2015 Top Achievements:**
1. Historic Lexington Floods
 2. Adaptive Computerized Signalization System
 3. Police Department Awards
 4. Record Construction Growth
 5. Finance Department Awards
 6. Decommissioning Coventry Woods Wastewater Plant and rehab of old sewer lines

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7. Utilities Department Awards
8. Project Icehouse

2016 Challenging Issues

1. Downtown Improvements and One-way Pairs
2. Capital Improvement Projects – Utility Infrastructure
3. Wayfinding Signage
4. Corridor Improvements and Beautification
5. Community Events and Activities
6. Improved Social Media Coverage

Mayor MacDougall thanked Council and Town Staff for their contributions in moving the Town forward and for making Lexington an outstanding community. He closed by encouraging everyone to utilize their civic right by casting their vote during the General Election and the Town Election in November.

Mayor MacDougall called for a ten minute recess at 6:50 p.m. to allow for media questions. The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 7:00 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 Shevchik and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present (6). (Councilmember Stambolitis was not present for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:15 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Williams. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor MacDougall reported that pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(a)(1) and (2), Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: four legal issues regarding the sale of Town owned property, Accommodations Tax, annexations and Cost Participation; one contractual issue regarding an agreement with SCDOT; and, one routine personnel matter. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to ratify Mayor MacDougall's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve the minutes as submitted for Council's Work Session held on January 25, 2016. The motion was unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Lexington Police Department's 2015 Officer of the Year Award, Inspector Missy Silcox – Chief Terrence Green:** Chief Green announced Inspector Missy Silcox as the 2015 recipient of the Art Rish Officer of the Year Award.

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He stated that Inspector Silcox has been with the Town for 7 years and is the first female officer to receive the award. Chief Green stated that Inspector Silcox has exhibited leadership, determination and a strong commitment to the Town of Lexington. Fellow officers stated that she has helped with the tedious task of accreditation despite personal challenges that she faced this year; she always gives her focus to the job; she exhibits professionalism; and can always be counted on and is trustworthy and fair.

Mayor MacDougall assisted in presenting the award to Inspector Silcox. He congratulated her and thanked her for bringing her children and family tonight.

3. **Proclamation Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of The Needler – Councilmember Ted Stambolitis:** Councilmember Stambolitis thanked his Aunt Effie Mitropoulos and Ms. Nancy Pitts for bringing this celebration to his attention. He read a Proclamation congratulating the owner of The Needler, Ms. Hazel Age and her daughter, Ms. Susan James, on celebrating 40 successful years at The Needler. He added that they have continuously provided cross stitch, needlepoint, crochet and knitting supplies and instructions to the community. (Copy of Proclamation attached.) Ms. James thanked the Mayor and Council and added that they have enjoyed their 40 years in Town. Ms. Age stated that the Mayor's mother used to be a customer and they miss her greatly. Mayor MacDougall thanked Ms. Age and added that he still has some of his mother's work that she learned at The Needler.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-01-002 and 4300-01-003 located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard:** The Lever Family Trust owns 19.02 acres located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard and petitioned to annex the property. The property will be used for a portion of a Commercial Center that is being planned at this location. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial (GC) and Protected Residential (PR) and Sunset Boulevard is classified as an Arterial road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their January meeting and recommended General Commercial (GC) zoning for the property and Arterial road classification for Sunset Boulevard.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-01-002 and 4300-01-003 located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

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2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-01-039 located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard:** Cheryl and Thomas Outlaw own 3.1 acres located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard and petitioned to annex the property. The property will be used for a portion of a Commercial Center that is being planned at this location. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial (GC) and Protected Residential (PR) and Sunset Boulevard is classified as an Arterial road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their January meeting and recommended General Commercial (GC) zoning for the property and Arterial road classification for Sunset Boulevard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-01-039 located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-01-023 located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard:** Bryce Wesley Lever owns .44 acres located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard and petitioned to annex the property. The property will be used for a portion of a Commercial Center that is being planned at this location. Properties in Town near this property are zoned General Commercial (GC) and Protected Residential (PR) and Sunset Boulevard is classified as an Arterial road. The Planning Commission reviewed this annexation during their January meeting and recommended General Commercial (GC) zoning for the property and Arterial road classification for Sunset Boulevard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #4300-01-023 located at 5326 Sunset Boulevard as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. **First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Mutual Aid Agreements:** The Lexington Police Department entered into Mutual Aid Agreements with the Gaston Police Department and Pine Ridge Police Department in order to provide additional manpower as needed. Amended agreements are required due to personnel changes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Mutual Aid Agreements as requested. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Pilgrim Point Streetlights:** Historically the Town has paid a portion of the street light bill for Pilgrim Point residents. In accordance with the Town's

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Residential Street Light Ordinance, the Pilgrim Point Homeowner's Association requested that the Town again pay a pro rata share of their streetlight bill. (A copy of the request letter is attached.) There are 48 lots in Pilgrim Point and the Town Ordinance states that the Town would be responsible for one (1) street light per six (6) lots, which equals eight (8) lights. The total requested is \$1,669.00. Funds would come from the Transportation budget, #100-5-665-520.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve a portion of Pilgrim Point streetlights in the amount of \$1,669.00 as stated. Mayor MacDougall requested that the Town Administrator explain the Town's Ordinance. Town Administrator Poole stated that most subdivisions in the Town have public roads and the Town pays for streetlights using the formula. He stated that Pilgrim Point has private roads and is a gated community; therefore, they must petition each year for the Town to pay a portion of their streetlight bill. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Lease Purchase Resolution:** As part of the Fiscal 2016 budget, the Town elected to pursue lease purchase financing for selected Capital items in the General Fund. Proposals were received on January 29, 2016 and the funding date is expected to be on or about February 15, 2016, with payments to start in July 2016. (Copy of Resolution attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve a Resolution for Lease Purchase financing. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission Appointment:** Lexington County is creating a Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission and is advising the Town of Lexington that it may appoint one member to the Commission. According to State Law, the Commission must be composed of six members. Three of those members are selected by the County and three by the municipalities. Those selected by the municipalities must be residents of an incorporated municipality in Lexington County. The text of the Capital Projects Sales Tax statute is attached. Mr. Sammy Hendrix, who serves on the Town's Planning Commission, served in this capacity in 2013-2014. It was recommended that Mr. Hendrix be appointed to serve again.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Maness to appoint Mr. Sammy Hendrix to represent the Town of Lexington on the Lexington County Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. Mayor MacDougall thanked Mr. Hendrix for his willingness to serve on this Commission again and to make sure that the Town is at the table when this discussion happens. The motion was unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Shevchik made the following announcements: (1) Congratulations to Mayor MacDougall for delivering his third successful State of the Town address. He also thanked the Council and stated that he enjoyed serving with them. He added that serving on Council is like being the Head Coach for the Yankees because Staff makes it a joy to be on Council. (2) Condolences to Mr. Chuck Corley in the recent loss of his father, Mr. Charles “Bitsy” Corley. (3) Happy Birthday to Councilmember Stambolitis. Councilmember Shevchik announced free cookies for the Boy Scouts at Flight Deck tomorrow in honor of Councilmember Stambolitis’ birthday! (4) Congratulations to the Officer of the Year – Inspector Missy Silcox. (5) Congratulations to The Needler for 40 years. He added that a lot of residents have gone there to occupy themselves with crafts. (6) Town Hall will be closed on February 15, 2016 in honor of President’s Day. (7) He encouraged everyone to come to Council’s next Work Session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, which is a less formal meeting where you get to see more personalities of Council and Staff. (8) The Planning Commission will meet on February 17, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Councilmember Shevchik stated that it is chaired by Mr. Keith Frost and they deal with zoning issues. He thanked Mr. Frost for attending the Council meeting tonight. (9) The Traffic Committee will meet on February 23, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. Councilmember Shevchik stated that the committee deals with all the Town’s traffic issues and state of the art equipment. He added that the Town’s Transportation Director, Randy Edwards, plays a big part in helping to alleviate traffic problems. (10) He wished a Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone on February 14th, including his wife. (11) He reminded everyone that the Super Bowl is this weekend – Go Panthers! (12) Councilmember Shevchik stated that this past weekend he attended the funeral of his college roommate in Philadelphia. He wished to say a prayer in memory of his friend. (13) Councilmember Shevchik thanked everyone for being part of the Town and for coming to Council’s meeting. He introduced Lexington County Councilmember Kent Collins and recognized Boy Scout Troop 340 and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mayor MacDougall announced that the first St. Patrick’s Day Parade would be held in Lexington on Saturday, March 12, 2016. He added that the parade would be hosted by the Lexington County Blowfish, Lexington Jaycees, Lexington Chamber and the Town of Lexington. More information can be found on www.blowfishbaseball.com.

Mayor MacDougall welcomed Mr. Sherrill Harris, President of the local NAACP. He added that he also enjoyed seeing him at the recent Martin Luther King banquet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS: 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.

Mayor MacDougall called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to adjourn the Council meeting.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

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