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*Town of Lexington*  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 15, 2016**

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Town Council held a Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on August 15, 2016 located at Town Hall, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina which was preceded by an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. and a Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

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 Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Parks and Sanitation Assistant Director Johnny Dillard, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, Downtown Venue Promoter Walker Brewer, I.T. Manager Bea Daniels, Digital Media Coordinator Darrell Pritchard, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately four (4) citizens present and no members of 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. He apologized for the late start of the meeting. Pastor Scott Crede, Northside Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Councilmember Shevchik led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:** (Reported at Council Work Session.)

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS ON AGENDA**

Mayor MacDougall requested to remove item #6 (Council and Staff Liaison Appointments to Boards and Commissions). There being no objections from Council, the item was deferred to Council's November Work Session.

**VISION PLAN UPDATE**

Mayor MacDougall gave a Vision Plan update: Project Ice House is 80% complete. The stage roof is nearing completion; restrooms/greenroom building exterior is almost complete; interior plumbing/electrical are being installed; irrigation installed in the seating bowl in preparation of the sod; parking lot curbs are being installed and gravel

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will soon be placed in the parking areas; and concrete and brick planters should begin toward the end of August. Stay tuned for details for opening events in October.

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave a Traffic update: (1) With the return of school today, citizens were reminded to be mindful of changes in traffic volume and driving patterns in and around the various schools in Town. (2) Construction work continues on Phase 1 of the Adaptive Traffic Signal Project. Signal installation work is ongoing at various locations throughout Town. The next Traffic Committee meeting will be on September 14, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room at Town Hall. Citizens were encouraged to call 359-1027 if they were aware of a traffic signal issue, unsafe roadway situation, or a pot hole that needs repair.

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston introduced a short video that demonstrated how the one-way pairs would work. The video could also be viewed on the Town's web page. Mayor MacDougall stated that the video is just a small snippet so the public could see what is coming and an effort on Council's part to be forthcoming on what they are doing in and around the Town. He thanked Staff for a great job of putting the video together.

**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 Adopting a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Lexington County Multi-Agency Narcotics Enforcement Team.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams for **Final Reading Approval of an Ordinance Adopting a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Lexington County Multi-Agency Narcotics Enforcement Team.** (Copy attached.) The motion was unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Qualifications to be a Member of the Board of Appearance:** The Board of Appearance was established by Town Council in 2008. Membership on the Board is currently limited to registered architects or others in the building profession as well as citizens who are not

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employed in the building profession. To increase the pool of applicant for this Board, Staff recommended an amendment that will allow individuals that have a Town of Lexington business license to serve on the Board.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Carnes for First Reading approval of an Ordinance to amend qualifications to be a member of the Board of Appearance. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Amendment to the Town's Noise Ordinance:** The Town's Noise Ordinance prohibits construction from occurring between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. if the construction is within 500 feet of a residence. Last month Council agreed to consider revising the Ordinance so that construction within 500 feet of a residence can occur only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Maness for First Reading approval of an amendment to the Town's Noise Ordinance as stated. Councilmember Shevchik wished to commend Council on this amendment because there is a lot of construction going on in Town and it is not fair to the residents for all the noise. Councilmember Maness stated that she was contacted by some residents in Golden Hills and in that there is a lot of new construction on Highway 378, she was glad that Council looked at the Ordinance to make some changes for the residents. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **First Reading of an Amendment to the Town's Re-Inspection Fee:** The Town currently charges a re-inspection fee of \$25.00. The fee is applied when a building project fails the same inspection two separate times. The cost of a re-inspection has been the same for at least twenty (20) years. Town Staff requested Council to consider changing the fee to \$50.00 with an increase of \$25.00 for each successive failed inspection.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik for First Reading approval of an amendment to the Re-Inspection Fee as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. **First Reading of an Annexation of Lexington County Owned Property:** Annexation was sought for a parcel of land owned by Lexington County. The property is 6.02 acres bearing Lexington County Tax Map #003528-01-145 and it is located behind Cascade Court.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis for First Reading approval of an annexation of 6.02 acres, Lexington Tax Map #003528-01-145 as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

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5. **First Reading of an Ordinance Entering into Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreements:** The Lexington Police Department would like to enter into a Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement with the following agencies in order to provide additional manpower as needed by agencies:

Aiken County Sheriff's Office	Lexington Medical Department of Public Safety
Aiken Department of Public Safety	Lexington County Sheriff's Department
Batesburg-Leesville Police Department	Myrtle Beach Police Department
Camden Police Department	North Augusta Department of Public Safety
Cayce Department of Public Safety	Pelion Police Department
Chapin Police Department	Pine Ridge Police Department
Columbia Police Department	Richland County Sheriff's Department
Columbia College Police Department	South Congaree Police Department
Columbia Metro Airport Police Department	Springdale Police Department
Forest Acres Police Department	Swansea Police Department
Gaston Police Department	USC Division of Law Enforcement & Safety
Irmo Police Department	West Columbia Police Department
Kershaw County Sheriff's Department	York County Sheriff's Department

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis for First Reading approval of an Ordinance entering into Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreements as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. (Deleted.) **Council and Staff Liaison Appointments to Boards and Commissions:** Deferred to Council's November Work Session.
7. **Talent Bank Application:** Mr. Robert Britts submitted a Talent Bank application to serve on a Board or Commission. He currently serves on the Historic Preservation Review Board and has indicated an interest in moving to the Board of Appearance. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Williams for consideration and approval of the appointment of Mr. Robert Britts to the Board of Appearance as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councilmember Shevchik** welcomed Darrell Pritchard back. He wished belated birthday wishes to Town Administrator Poole and Mayor MacDougall. (1) Visit the Village Market every Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 at Lexington Square. (2) The Planning Commission will meet on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (3) Leadership Lexington County will host *The Midlands has Talent* on August 20<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser for renovations at the Village Square Theatre. The talent show starts at 7:00 and tickets are \$10.00. (4) The Lexington Stormwater Consortium is co-hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> *Annual Summer Celebration of Water* on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront Park from 10:00

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a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (5) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. (6) Council will meet again on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for the Regular Council meeting and on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for Council's Work Session. (7) Lexington Interfaith Community Services – LICS – will host *Farm to Table Dinner* on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Clinton Sease Farms. Dinner seating will be at 6:00 and 8:00 and tickets are \$85 which can be purchased at [www.licsc.org](http://www.licsc.org). (8) Everyone was encouraged to drive safely since school has started back. (9) On behalf of the Mayor, Town Council and Town employees, sympathy was extended to the family of Lewis Simpkins. Lewis was a great kid and a rising sophomore at River Bluff High School who passed away on the practice field last week. His visitation was during the weekend and his funeral service was today. Lewis loved football and was like a son to Coach Bennett. Councilmember Shevchik stated that his son was a friend and was there on the football field that day along with the Coaches and athletic trainers. His son and Lewis were at Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp this summer. He recalled that Lewis loved wearing bowties and listening to country music and everyone loved him. Councilmember Shevchik stated that the kids are having hard time with it but are trying to work through it. Lewis will be missed.

Councilmember Shevchik thanked everyone for watching Town Council tonight.

**NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**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 further comments or questions, Mayor MacDougall called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the meeting.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall  
Mayor

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