

**MINUTES**  
*Town of Lexington*  
*Executive Session*  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
March 19, 2012

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Town Council held an Executive Session followed by a Council Work Session on March 19, 2012 in the Eli Mack Sr. Room. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Council Members Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier and Steve MacDougall. Councilmember Shevchik was absent (excused). Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Town Attorney Brad Cunningham, 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, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker, Grants Administrator Wesley Crosby, Events and Media Coordinator Jennifer Dowden, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were seven (7) citizens present and one reporter from the news media was present for a portion of the meeting.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mayor Halfacre reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember MacDougall to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Councilmember Stambolitis was not present for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:00 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember MacDougall. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Halfacre reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: one Department Head annual review; five updates on pending legal issues and one contractual matter related to economic development. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to ratify the Mayor's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Halfacre introduced the Council Members and welcomed everyone to the Council Work Session including several Executive Committee members from the Lexington Chamber. Councilmember Maness gave the invocation. Councilmember MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Halfacre called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve the minutes from Council's Regular Meetings held on February 6,

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2012 and March 5, 2012 and the minutes from Council's Work Session held on February 21, 2012. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Mr. Bryan Madden, CEO – YMCA of Columbia:** Mr. Madden requested that Town Council, along with County Council and the Lexington One School District begin conversations regarding forming a partnership to build a YMCA Aquatic Center in the Town of Lexington. He introduced Kenny Mills, Associate Executive Director of YMCA of Columbia Lexington Family YMCA. Mr. Madden stated that YMCA has been around for 160 years and in the Lexington area for 50 years including a 165 acre YMCA in Red Bank. He stated that the YMCA has Christian practices and their core values are: healthy living, social responsibility and youth development all in an effort to make communities better. Mr. Madden gave several DHEC statistics indicating that more can be done to improve South Carolina's 2007 population of 36% overweight and 29% obese which relates to \$1.1 million in medical costs. He added that in Lexington County, based on DHEC's 2010 statistics, 36 to 37% are overweight with 23.8% obese. The statistics also showed that 81% do not get the required portions of daily fruits and vegetables. Mr. Madden quoted a disturbing figure in which two in five youth, grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, watch more than nine hours of television per day. He added that this generation will be the first to not live longer than the generation before them. Mr. Madden hoped that the YMCA, in partnership with Lexington, could help improve these statistics by providing an aquatic center and a facility where citizens can improve their overall health. He stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in South Carolina is from drowning. He added that there is a need in Lexington County for a public pool where children can learn to swim. Mr. Madden stated that the YMCA is the number one after school program in the country. He was previously in Burbank, California, but stated that South Carolina has similar issues with gangs, obesity, at home kids, and the need to learn to swim. He added that kids need a good, safe place to go when they live in Lexington's award winning schools. He stated that Lexington has good citizens, good government, great business leaders, good churches and they need a quality non-profit group to provide other services. Mr. Madden had previously met with the Mayor to get input on how they could grow the YMCA in Lexington and partner with the Town. Mr. Madden gave the City of Orangeburg as an example of a partnership where the city built a \$9.1 million YMCA facility, including a \$3.3 million water park, using the One Cent Sales Tax. He added that the YMCA operates the facility and the municipality does not pay anything for operational costs. He gave the Drew Wellness Center as an example of a facility that loses \$900,000 each year. He stated that his goal is to always break even since they are a non-profit group. Mr. Madden stated that some of their facilities also have small conference centers and there is also a need for that in Lexington. He added that a conference center has to also break even and they could see if that would work.

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Mayor Halfacre thanked Mr. Madden for the presentation. He stated that it sounds like a great partnership for a facility that the Town would have limited responsibility. He added that he would like to reserve his comments until after Council has a chance to review the Vision Plan this weekend. He thought the proposed project would be a home run for Lexington. He stated that Lexington has baseball, tennis and soccer, but an aquatic center would bring another dimension and it would also bring in tourists for local restaurants and hotels.

Councilmember Maness asked about the Orangeburg YMCA which won a Municipal Award a few years ago. Mr. Madden stated that he was not positive that the facility was within the city limits. He stated that the city built the facility using a One Cent Capital Projects Tax, which was passed three times. He stated that the facility has 14,000 members in a county of 93,000.

Councilmember Stambolitis thanked Mr. Madden and stated that the YMCA can bring a lot to the table in that Lexington does not have an aquatic facility for swim competitions so they have to go to other cities to compete. He asked how the Town could help; how the school district could help; and if there were statistics on the economic impact of an aquatic center. He also wanted to ensure that the project did not compete with the Lexington County Recreation Commission. Mr. Madden responded that the first step would be to get the groups together to discuss the possibility of a YMCA center in Lexington. He stated that they would not compete with anyone, but rather fill a need in the community. He added that the most expensive thing they do is to keep a 400,000 gallon pool heated to 80 degrees. He did not have exact figures for the economic impact, but they calculate approximately \$70 per person traveling to an area.

Councilmember MacDougall asked about the proposed size for the YMCA in Lexington. Mr. Madden estimated that the facility should be at least 40 acres for a 50,000 square foot facility with approximately 300 parking spaces. He stated that the Columbia YMCA is 83,000 square feet on 1 ½ acres with parking issues. He added that parking can be expensive if you have to build a parking garage.

Town Administrator Poole asked Mr. Madden to contact him next week after Council has a chance to review the Town's Vision Plan and then they can set up a second meeting to discuss the proposed partnership.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:** (For Discussion and Recommendation for Council Meeting on April 2, 2012.)

1. **Accommodations Tax Committee Award Recommendations – Grants Administrator Wesley Crosby:** The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on March 7, 2012 to review and make recommendations regarding the allocation of the 2012 Town of Lexington Accommodations Tax funding. A copy of the spreadsheet listing the applicants who applied and the Accommodations Tax Committee's award recommendations was provided for Council's review and

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approval. (Copy attached.) Award amounts equaled \$50,254.18 from the 65% Accommodations Tax funds.

Mayor Halfacre recused himself from the discussion and vote since he is employed by the Lexington Chamber, an entity requesting funds. (Recusal Statement attached.) Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston called for questions and/or discussion. Councilmember Frazier made a motion to recommend funding the following awards as indicated in the “Council” column and place the recommendations on Council’s April 2, 2012 agenda for consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Maness.

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Council</u>
Capital City Lake Murray Country Columbia Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 4,500 \$ 10,000	\$2,500 \$1,000	\$ 0 \$ 0
Columbia Museum of Art	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 0
Columbia Regional Sports Council	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$ 0
Community Open Land Trust	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Lexington Chamber/Visitor Center	\$30,000	\$27,500	\$29,500
Lexington Choral Society	\$ 6,000	\$1,254.18	\$1,254.18
Lexington County Museum	\$ 7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lexington County Soccer Club	\$ 5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
Lexington Dixie Baseball	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lexington Festivals/OktoberFest	\$ 5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Lexington Interfaith Comm Serv	\$10,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Topspin Adult Classic	\$ 2,500	\$1,000	\$ 500
Topspin Junior Classic	\$ 2,500	\$1,000	\$ 500
White Knoll High/Red Bank Baseball	\$ 5,000	\$1,500	\$2,500

Councilmember MacDougall serves as the Council Liaison to the Accommodations Tax Committee, and asked the Council if they wanted to hear the Committee’s reasons for awarding or not awarding funds prior to voting. He added that based on the motion, it did not appear that the Town had enough funds to “share the love” across the river. Councilmember Frazier stated that the funds should go to groups that are either in the Town or directly help bring people to the Town. He added that in the past, Dixie Baseball and Lexington Soccer have had a big impact on Lexington. He stated that the Lexington Chamber speaks for itself in all that they do for Lexington including their big project to relocate to Main Street. Councilmember Frazier stated that Lexington helped build the convention center in Columbia and continues to help pay for it. He added that it is time that they help us. Councilmember MacDougall stated that he agreed and added that the Town does not have a lot of money to go outside the Town limits. Councilmember Stambolitis stated that it should be Council’s intent to bring business to Lexington and questioned why groups outside of Lexington should be allowed to apply.

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Councilmember MacDougall stated that the Lexington Chamber's application stated part of their funding purpose was for fixtures, but the State law does not allow Accommodations Tax funding to be used for fixtures. He requested that their application be corrected to reflect the purpose would be for the construction of their new visitor's center. Grants Administrator Crosby stated that the Committee had discussed the request from the Lexington Chamber and determined that it could be used for construction. He read a portion of the SC Code of Law, Chapter 4, Section 6-4-5 (Tourism-related expenditures) which states under item 3: "*construction, maintenance, and operations of facilities for civic and cultural activities*" and item 8 includes "*operating visitor information centers*". Mr. Crosby stated that the law does not specifically identify fixtures, but he will discuss it with the Municipal Attorney to ensure the correct wording for the application.

Councilmember Maness wished to make it clear for the press that Council did not change the recommended funding to the Lexington Museum.

The above chart reflects Councilmember Stambolitis' request to amend the motion to increase the Red Bank Invitational Baseball amount to \$2,500 from Council's original request of \$1,500. Councilmember Frazier agreed to amend the motion and adjusted the Topspin Classics from \$1,000 to \$500 each and increased the Red Bank Baseball Invitational Baseball to \$2,500. Councilmember Maness seconded the amended motion. The motion to place the Council's recommendation on Council's April 2, 2012 agenda for consideration was unanimously carried with a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) recused (Halfacre).

2. **Sunset Boulevard Sewer Main Extension – Director of Utilities, Engineering and Planning Allen Lutz:** The Utilities Director was asked to estimate the cost for a sewer main extension to serve the property located at 4835 Sunset Blvd. The following five plans were given as possible routes for the extension:

- (A) A 2,200 foot extension would cost approximately \$136,700.00 and would require at least three (3) easements. The Town would have to get 72 CCF's at in-town rates to break even. (This does not include easement cost and would only provide service to three (3) parcels.)
- (B) A 2,300 foot extension would cost approximately \$141,600.00 and would require at least six (6) easements. The Town would have to get 75 CCF's at the in-town rate to break even. (This does not include easement cost and could provide service to approximately seven (7) properties.)
- (C) A 1,700 foot extension would cost approximately \$103,800.00 and would require five (5) easements. The Town could have to get 55 CCF's at the in-town rate to break even on the construction cost. (This does not include easement cost and would provide service for three (3) properties.)

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- (D) A 2,300 foot extension would cost approximately \$158,700.00 and would require five (5) easements if done on the North side of Sunset and eleven (11) easements if done on the South side. The Town would have to get 84 CCF's at the in-town rate to break even. (This does not include easement cost and the North side could provide service to four (4) properties and the South side could provide service to twelve (12) properties.
- (E) A 2,005 foot extension would cost approximately \$136,228.00 and would require at least five (5) easements. The Town would have to get 72 CCF's at the in-town rate to break even. (This does not include easement cost and would provide service to five (5) properties.

Easement acquisition cost is difficult to project; however, property values along Sunset Boulevard (Highway 378) will be high compared to less developed commercial areas. The information was provided to Council to determine if they were interested in pursuing possible installation of sewer lines to these properties. Funds would have to be appropriated for the project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to place the item on Council's April 2, 2012 agenda for consideration of the estimate in item (E) for \$136,228.00. Mr. Lutz stated that any of the options would work.

Town Administrator Poole confirmed that the property is located on Sunset Boulevard headed toward Columbia on the right side. He also confirmed that Enterprise Car Rentals was at the end of the existing sewer line. Councilmember Stambolitis asked why the Town would want to extend the sewer line and didn't the Town usually get the developer to pay the cost. Mr. Poole responded that sometimes that is the case, but not always when there is presumed development.

Councilmember Frazier stated that he had made the request to staff to get the estimated cost to help further the development along Sunset Boulevard which brings significant revenue to the Town. He added that he and the Council had made good decisions in the past and it had paid off. He stated that the property is across the road from the Corley tract of land that will soon have a movie theatre complex on it in August. He added that the dirt from the Corley property would be used to fill in the property where the sewer extension is requested. Councilmember Frazier stated that all surrounding properties will be annexed into the Town; therefore there would not be additional easement cost.

Councilmember Stambolitis stated that the sewer extension would help Karson Corley. Councilmember Frazier responded no, that the property belongs to Dwight and Sam Corley along with four other owners (Kirkland, Cox, Waites, and Jackson). Councilmember Frazier asked Council to think

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ahead and consider the \$700,000 to \$800,000 revenue that would come to the Town from the businesses developed in the area and the out parcels. He stated that sometimes you have to spend a little to receive a lot and since this would be a gravity flow sewer it would cost less than a force main. Councilmember Frazier stated that Goodwill had considered moving to that area, but changed their mind when there was no sewer line in place.

Councilmember Stambolitis requested that the owners of the property give the Town a piece of land in trade for the Town helping them to develop their property. He stated that if the development never happened or went “belly up”, the Town would at least have something for the investment. He would prefer that the Town be able to recover some of the cost. Councilmember Stambolitis stated that since the Town is in the driver’s seat of the project, they should ask for a comparable valued piece of land because he would not want to get the worst “piece of the hog”. Councilmember Frazier reminded Council that if they had not made a similar investment on other properties on Sunset Boulevard, Honda, McDonald’s and some other businesses would not be in place today. He stated that other properties near Target have brought in \$800,000 to the General Fund each year. He added that in today’s economy the cost is less and that a project that use to cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 would now cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. Councilmember Frazier added that the Town would immediately recover the cost by receiving sewer tap fees and business license fees. He stated that if we don’t help the developers, the Town of Lexington could be dead like many other towns in the State. He did not remember the Town ever trading a piece of land for sewer.

Mayor Halfacre confirmed that the property shown on the map provided was also showing a mobile home park which had not been annexed. He stated that this sewer expansion would close a gap that is at the mouth of Highway 378. He added that he agrees that if we don’t do it, development may be halted. Mayor Halfacre stated that this is only \$130,000 that would soon result in revenue of approximately \$300,000 to \$500,000. He was not sure what the holdup was on the movie theater. He stated that if the dirt could be hauled from just across the road, development would be cheaper than having to haul it across town and would yield to future development. He added that the Town has \$45 to \$50 million in the budget for capital projects like this and the amount is less than 1% which is insignificant. Mayor Halfacre stated that Councilmember Stambolitis was trying to get the icing on the cake by also acquiring a piece of land in the project. He stated that the developers needed to make money too, just like local restaurants. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston stated that if it is done later, the price of the extension could also go up. Mr. Lutz stated that the estimate was from a job that was just completed which means this estimate could be lower. Mr. Poole stated that the movie theater eight inch gravity flow sewer line could go behind the complex or be bored under the road, whichever would be the shortest route.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston made a motion to place the item on Council's April 2, 2012 agenda for consideration. Councilmember Frazier seconded the motion. Councilmember Stambolitis wished to justify the cost, enrich the property and the investment since the development could take seven to eight years. Councilmember Maness asked Councilmember Frazier if someone had approached him about the sewer expansion. Councilmember Frazier responded that several developers had come to him after Goodwill did not come to that area. He added that the Town has worked with other water service companies to help expand the system which also brings in revenue for the Town. Councilmember Frazier stated that his track record is excellent in handling these type deals and they have always brought in funds for the Town.

Town Administrator Poole stated that one of the owners mentioned is holding up an easement issue on another Town project on Methodist Park Road. He added that if we could get that easement worked out it would help with the overall system expansion. Councilmember Frazier stated that he could work with Mr. Richard Jackson and discuss the Methodist Park Road issue and American Engineering was working with Mr. Robbie Wilkins. He added that Mr. Jackson has not come to an agreement regarding an easement with the Town because it could kill his development project on Methodist Park Road. Mayor Halfacre requested that Mr. Poole explore the immediate needs and let Council know. He added that the cost can go up every day. Councilmember Stambolitis stated that he did not want to be known as the one to shoot the project down, but he wanted the Town to receive a piece of land in return for paying for the sewer extension.

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston suggested that the motion stand while Councilmember Frazier and staff continued to work on the details of the sewer extension and the Methodist Park Road project. Mayor Halfacre confirmed that there was no condition placed on the motion. Councilmember Stambolitis requested an amendment to the motion to state that the Town would receive a similar valued property in exchange for the sewer extension with the property value certified by an appraiser. Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston requested that the amendment be denied in order to keep the project moving forward. She stated that she trusted Councilmember Frazier and he should be allowed time to talk to the property owners. Councilmember Frazier agreed to talk to the property owners and see what could be done. He did not recommend backing the property owners in a corner. He requested that Council vote to place the item on the April 2, 2012 agenda and in the meantime he would continue discussions with the property owners regarding the property on Sunset Boulevard and the Methodist Park Road project. He added that it would show the property owners that the Town is willing to work with them. Councilmember MacDougall agreed and stated that it would be better if the Town could "extend an olive branch" to the property owners. Councilmember

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Stambolitis stated that he also trusted Councilmember Frazier, but six minds were better than one and the Town would benefit from the exchange of land. Councilmember Maness agreed to place the item on Council's agenda, but if there is no agreement on the Methodist Park Road project she would vote to take the item off at the April 2, 2012 meeting. Mayor Halfacre stated that Council could vote against it at the April 2, 2012 meeting, but this is a "no brainer" and the Town needs this sewer expansion. He added that the Town would recover funds fifteen times over with the developed property. It was the consensus of Council for the original motion to stand. Mayor Halfacre called for a vote with the understanding that discussions would continue and would be reported to Council by the April meeting. The motion to place the item on Council's April 2, 2012 agenda for consideration for the sewer expansion as estimated in item (E) for \$136,228.00 was carried with a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Stambolitis).

3. **"It's All About Herbs Festival":** The "Herb Bunch" is a non-profit club affiliated with the Clemson Extension Service. They are organizing its premier "It's All About Herbs Festival" to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Lexington County Museum. The "Herb Bunch" is seeking contributions for the festival and other community projects. (Letter attached.) Levels of contributions are: Level I: \$150.00; Level II: \$250.00; and Level III: \$500.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to place the item on Council's April 2, 2012 agenda for consideration of a \$150.00 contribution. Councilmember Stambolitis stated that herbs are a special niche market. Mayor Halfacre stated that if the festival is tourist related, they may want to consider applying for Accommodation Tax funding next year. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

4. **Sidewalk Extension on Old Chapin Road – Director of Parks, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker:** The Parks Director received a request to extend the sidewalks along Old Chapin Road to Reed Avenue. Council was asked to determine if and how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Walker explained that the requested sidewalks were not part of the projects with priority. He added that during the past five years, the Town has installed approximately 5.71 miles of sidewalks, with another 1.68 miles underway. He stated that the Town looks for matching grants which has helped with the progress of the sidewalk projects. Mr. Poole stated that there is not another municipality that has installed as much sidewalks as the Town of Lexington. He added that it includes a portion of sidewalks on Highway 378 and Highway 1, but it does not include portions of sidewalks installed by business owners in front of their locations.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston asked if there were grants for low to moderate income areas. Grants Administrator Crosby stated that those type grants were used for the sidewalks on George Street and there may not be other areas that would qualify. Town Administrator Poole confirmed that enhancements grants were also used for Phase I Church Street sidewalks and Phase II would be the next project. Councilmember Stambolitis stated that citizens from Waverly Place and Lexington Heights asked him about the sidewalks for safety reasons. He added that at one time it was discussed to extend the sidewalks to Reed Avenue near Waverly Place. Mr. Poole stated that it was not on the priority list. He added that 2,000 square feet of sidewalk could cost approximately \$83,000 to \$93,000. Mr. Poole stated that the matching grants fund account balance is \$104,000, but if it is depleted, the Town would not have available funds to match grants for sidewalks. He did not recommend using those funds for non-matching sidewalk cost. Mayor Halfacre stated that the same could be said for many other neighborhoods that would like to have sidewalks for safety issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston stated that she would ask the Traffic Committee in the morning if they know of any other sidewalk grants.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

1. **Library Hill Lane – Town Administrator Poole:** Mr. Poole distributed documentation of staff's findings regarding the private road at Library Hill Lane. At Council's January 17, 2012 Work Session several business owners asked Council to help them clear up several on-going issues with the road in front of their businesses which are located directly behind Fatz Café. Mr. Poole stated that the documentation package is rather large, but it finally shows all the information with all the answers requested by the business owners. He stated that it comes down to what was agreed on in the beginning of the development of the property. Mr. Poole stated that all the property was originally owned by one person and he did not feel that that person had intentionally misled anyone regarding the property or the road. He added the covenants and the deeds include wording regarding the maintenance requirement of the private road which is an easement to allow access. He stated that before construction of Library Village there was a fatality at US Highway 1 and SCDOT requested use of the road if they placed a light. Mr. Poole stated that the road is currently in good shape with the exception of a few alligator cracks on the Thornhill Apartments side.

**Mr. Tripp Newsome**, business owner at Library Village, apologized that they had caused all the time and effort of staff to pull all the information together. He stated that he is the Treasurer of the group at Library Village and a business owner, but he was unaware of all the laws and rules and no one signed up to be a member of Library Village. He added that he should have obtained more information on the property. Mr. Newsome stated that since the road is in good shape now, he hoped it would last 15 years before someone approached the

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owners for \$7,000 each to repair it. He was concerned of the business owners' liability if someone was hurt or killed on their road.

Town Administrator Poole advised Mr. Newsome that it was the Town's pleasure and wanted to invest the time to obtain all the documentation because the issue had been brought to Council before and now they have all the proper paperwork. Mr. Poole stated that he had recently requested a stop sign be installed within the next few weeks on a small piece of public property at end of the road. He concluded that is all the Town can do, but the owners could also add additional signage. Mr. Poole added that the business owners' deeds specifically stated that they would be members of Library Village and be bound by its covenants.

2. **Mutual Aid Agreements – Chief of Police Terrence Green:** The Lexington Police Department enters into mutual aid agreements with other law enforcement agencies in order to provide additional manpower as needed by agencies. Lexington Police Department entered into Mutual Aid Agreements for the 2012 calendar year with the following agencies:

Aiken County Sheriff's Department, Aiken Department of Public Safety, Batesburg-Leesville Police Department, Camden Police Department, Cayce Department of Public Safety, Chapin Police Department, Columbia College Police Department, Columbia Metro Airport Police Department, Forest Acres Police Department, Irmo Police Department, Kershaw County Sheriff's Department, Lexington County Health Services District, Lexington County Health Services District, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Myrtle Beach Police Department, North Augusta Department of Public Safety, Pelion Police Department, Pine Ridge Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Department, Saluda County Sheriff's Department, Saluda Police Department, South Congaree Police Department, Springdale Police Department, Swansea Police Department, USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety, West Columbia Police Department, York County Sheriff's Department.

Mutual Aid Agreements are not written but understood for the following: SC State Guard, SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED), SC Department of Highway Safety (SCDPS), SC Highway Patrol (SCHP), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

3. **KEYS Funding – Town Administrator Britt Poole:** Mr. Poole announced that he had received notifications regarding funding for the Town's KEYS (Keeping Every Youth Safe) after school program from the following: (1) Lexington County Council Grant in the amount of \$73,346 from their CDBG program which represent 80% of total KEYS program funding compared to last year's grant of 100%. (2) Radius Church contributed \$8,000 to the KEYS program which represents one-half of the 20% short-fall. (Copies of letters attached.) Mr. Poole stated that he would leave it up the Chief Green and Ebony Bowers, KEYS After

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School Site Coordinator, to raise the remaining funds needed. He mentioned that they would soon start their cookbook fundraiser. Mayor Halfacre thanked the Radius Church for their generous donation. He added that the County would continue to cut funding and to continue or increase the KEYS program, it may have to partner with someone like the YMCA. He anticipated that the program may be part of Council's conversation during their upcoming retreat.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mayor Halfacre** announced that the Council and several staff members would meet in Orangeburg to discuss the Town's Vision Plan starting Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. Events and Media Coordinator Dowden distributed agendas for the Vision Plan meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to adjourn the Council's Work Session at 7:33 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre  
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.*