

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Lexington**  
**Executive Session and**  
**Special Council Meeting**

March 15, 2021

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Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. on March 15, 2021 in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room followed by a Special Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. located at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Todd Carnes, Ron Williams, Steve Baker, and Todd Lyle.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green and two Police Officers, Planning, Building and I.T. Director John Hanson, Utilities Director Allen Lutz, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Assistant to the Town Administrator Wesley Crosby, Communications Manager Laurin Barnes, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were three (3) citizens present and one member of the news media was present.

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**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Councilmembers. He called on Councilmember Maness to give the invocation. Mayor MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Councilmembers Baker and Lyle were absent for the vote.) Council adjourned from the *Executive Session* at 6:00 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Carnes. 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: three legal items regarding pending litigation, advice regarding agenda items and existing ordinance; two contractual items regarding a downtown development issue and a potential sale of property; and one personnel item regarding a personnel matter. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Councilmember Maness to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried.

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ratification of Emergency Ordinance #10 and First Reading of an Ordinance to Repeal the Face Covering Ordinance:** On Friday, March 8, 2021, Town Council passed an Emergency Ordinance to suspend the enforcement of the Face Covering Ordinance passed on December 21, 2020 with a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) not available for the vote (Maness). Town Council was asked to ratify this measure and consider First Reading of an Ordinance to Repeal the Face Covering Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Carnes to ratify Council's vote for Emergency Ordinance #10 as stated and to approve First Reading of an Ordinance to Repeal the Face Covering Ordinance passed on December 21, 2021.

**NEWS MEDIA:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no objection from Council, Mayor MacDougall adjourned the Special Council meeting.

Council's Special meeting held on March 15, 2021 adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

APPROVED BY:

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC

Steve MacDougall  
Mayor

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