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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
Council Work Session

April 19, 2021

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Town Council held an Executive Session prior to the Council Work Session starting at 5:30 p.m. on April 19, 2021 at Town Hall in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room 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, Assistant Police Chief Matt Davis, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Utilities Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Pharr, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Assistant to the Town Administrator Wesley Crosby, Communications Manager Laurin Barnes, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were no citizens present and no members of the news media were present.

OPENING STATEMENT

Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the Council Work Session and introduced the Councilmembers. He read an opening statement to explain the procedures of a Council Work Session which stated: *“Work Sessions are less formal business meetings that enable Council to obtain and discuss information regarding Town issues from Staff members and/or consultants. Like Regular Council Meetings, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe Work Sessions; however, they do not include Public Hearings, but do allow for public comments at the end of the Work Session unless otherwise called on by Council. Council does not take an action vote on items during a Work Session other than to vote to place an item on Council’s next Regular Council Meeting agenda for consideration and an official vote. Council Work Sessions are taped for use by the Municipal Clerk only and Minutes are taken and posted on the Town’s web page following approval of Council.”*

INVOCATION, PLEDGE AND CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Baker gave the invocation. Mayor MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the Council Work Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor MacDougall reported the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lyle to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Councilmembers Maness was absent for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 5:48 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Baker. 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: two legal items regarding pending litigation and advice regarding agenda items; and one contractual item regarding a downtown economic development issue. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve the minutes as submitted for Council's Special Meeting and Council's Work Session both held on March 15, 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS: (For discussion and recommendation for Council's May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.)

1. **Mutual Aid Agreement, City of North Myrtle Beach Police Department – Assistant Chief Matt Davis:** The Lexington Police Department is entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the North Myrtle Beach Police Department. This agreement is for the 2021 Atlantic Beach Bike Fest Event. (Copy of proposed agreement attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to place the item on Council's May 3, 2021 agenda for First Reading approval. Councilmember Maness stated that she would be glad to see the Town's Police Officer at the beach because she would be there that weekend. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **Potential Sale of Town Property – Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham:** Michael and Tracey Farnham expressed interest in purchasing Town owned property behind the Stoney Creek Subdivision. The property consists of 4.03 acres and is largely wetlands and unbuildable.

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The property was donated from the developer of the subdivision. The prospective buyers own adjacent property.

Councilmember Lyle asked if any of the property included wetlands. Municipal Attorney Cunningham responded, yes, some of it is wetlands. He added that there is not a lot of value to the property because it is land locked. He requested Council's authorization to allow Staff to negotiate a sale price on the property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to place the item on Council's May 3, 2021 agenda for consideration and to approve Staff to negotiate a price on the property prior to the next meeting. The motion was unanimously carried

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEWS MEDIA COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor MacDougall thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no objection from Council, Mayor MacDougall adjourned the Council Work Session at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC

APPROVED BY:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

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