

**MINUTES**  
*Town of Lexington*  
**Executive Session, OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY and**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 15, 2023**

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Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Oath of Office Ceremony and Special Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 15, 2023 in the Council Chambers at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness, Ron Williams, Todd Lyle and Gavin Smith. Councilmember Todd Carnes was absent.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Assistant to the Town Administrator Wesley Crosby, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Police Chief Terrence Green, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Utilities Director Allen Lutz, Utilities Supervisor Billy Gunter, Finance Director Kathy Pharr, Economic Developer Jack Stuart, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Communications Manager Laurin Barnes, Digital Media Coordinator Michael Tolbert, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately fifty (50) citizens present and two (2) members from the news media.

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**OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY**

Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the Special Council meeting and announced that the meeting would begin with the Oath of Office for Councilmember Gavin Smith. He welcomed family and friends who were present for the ceremony.

**Town Councilmember Gavin Smith** was joined by his husband, Matthew Smith. Mayor MacDougall administered the Oath of Office which was repeated by Councilmember Smith swearing him to serve as a Town of Lexington Councilmember through November 2025 filling the remaining term of Steve Baker.  
(Copy of Oath attached.)

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone who came out tonight to support him. He thanked everyone on Council for all their friendliness and advice since he first reached out to them about running in January. He looked forward to the days ahead and working with them to continue doing what is best for the Town.

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone again to the meeting and introduced the Council

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Members. Councilmember Lyle gave the invocation. Mayor MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT AND RATIFICATION:** Mayor MacDougall reported the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:00 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Councilmember Lyle was not present for the vote.) Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 5:15 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Lyle. 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: one contractual item regarding an economic development project. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Councilmember Smith to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**DELETIONS ON AGENDA:** None.

**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 to Amend the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance Section 110.06.
2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Camden Police Department.
3. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance for a Budget Adjustment, Police and Transportation.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance §110.06**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Copy attached.)
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Camden Police Department**. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Copy attached.)

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3. A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Adjustment, Police and Transportation**. Councilmember Williams confirmed with Chief Green that the Town is still waiting on three vehicles that were ordered in July 2022. He added that is more reason to approve this adjustment. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Copy attached.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Appointment to the Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District Commission:** Harold Tuma resigned from the Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District Commission. The HOA President and resident members of the Commission recommended that Martin Lefkowitz join the Commission. Mr. Lefkowitz is a long-time resident of Golden Hills and previously served as President of the HOA. He is a Certified Financial Planner and has held executive level positions. Upon approval by Town Council, the recommendation of Mr. Lefkowitz will be submitted to County Council for Final Approval to fill one of three Town of Lexington positions on the Commission. (Mr. Lefkowitz's Talent Bank Application is attached.)

The Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District consists of five (5) members with three (3) representing the Town of Lexington, one (1) each representing the HOA and Golden Hills, Inc. The Commission is responsible for setting the annual road assessment for the subdivision and consulting with the Town regarding the on-going maintenance of the roads in Golden Hills.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to approve the recommendation to County Council of Martin Lefkowitz for the Golden Hills Special Purpose Tax District Commission as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Before turning announcements over to Councilmember Smith, Mayor MacDougall stated that this was a big day for Councilmember Smith, plus Council would like to wish him a Happy Birthday yesterday.

Councilmember Smith thanked Mayor MacDougall and made the following announcements: (1) He personally thanked everyone who got out and voted at the Special Election on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He added that it has been an absolute honor and amazing to meet so many in the Town of Lexington and so many citizens and Staff members here at the Town. (2) He hoped everyone enjoyed the Wine Walk this past weekend and thanks to the Town's Downtown Venue Promoter, Walker Brewer, for another great event in the Town. (3) He and his fellow Councilmembers wished Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston a Happy Birthday coming up on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. (4) The Lexington Live Spring Concert Series has the Icehouse Amphitheater rocking this year! This Thursday features

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The Mighty Kicks so I hope you have your dancing shoes on. Next week is the final concert in the series. Come out and enjoy another great band – Whiskey Run on May 25th. (5) He hoped everyone was ready for opening day of The Market at Icehouse this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Icehouse Pavilion. The Market will be held each Saturday through the end of September with the exception of July 1st. You don't want to miss shopping for fresh produce, baked goods, woodwork, soap, pottery and more while listening to music and visiting some local food trucks. This is the 3rd year The Market has been at the Icehouse Pavilion and it has turned into a very popular Saturday outing. We hope to see you there! (6) There are many new events at the Icehouse Amphitheater in the next few weeks including A Night of Musicals at 6:00 next Sunday, May 21st, presented by Jackie Ennis Piano Studio. Audiences of all ages will enjoy the dramatic musical performances with numbers from the Lion King, Aladdin and Wicked just to name a few. Admission is "donations only" so head out and enjoy the show and food. (7) Another new performance is presented by the South Carolina Shakespeare Company MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. The show will be held for six nights (June 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th and 10th). The Director has selected a talented cast for this exciting show. Admission is free so bring a blanket and a picnic to enjoy this great performance at the Icehouse Amphitheater. Please go to [icehouseamphitheater.com](http://icehouseamphitheater.com) for a full list of events. (8) The Planning Commission will meet this Wednesday, May 17th at 8:00 a.m. here in the Council Chambers. (9) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. (10) Town Council will meet again on Monday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers for Council's Work Session and Council's Regular June meeting as part of our combined summer schedule. (11) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, June 19th for the first time in observance of Emancipation Day - also called Juneteenth. (12) We are going to celebrate Independence Day a little early - on Friday night, June 30th. The 246th Army Band returns to play a concert at the Icehouse Amphitheater starting at 7:00 p.m. with a fireworks show to follow. You can tune into 93.1 FM The Lake to listen to patriotic music during the fireworks show. Admission is free and no ticket is required. There are great views from all the parking lots downtown, at The Icehouse, area restaurants, Lexington Square Park or the Lexington Veterans Monument. The Church Street parking lots will be closed to prepare the fireworks and Church Street will be closed from Hendrix Street to Elm Street. We encourage you to view the Town's video "Parking in the Town of Lexington" on the Town's website, YouTube channel or the Town's Facebook page. It will direct you to over 900 parking spaces in public parking lots close to the Amphitheater. We encourage everyone to have a fun and safe Independence Day on July 4th. (13) Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. (14) We would like to congratulate all the graduates this month and wish them much success in their new endeavors. Enjoy your summer and be safe. Councilmember Smith thanked everyone for tuning in tonight for the Lexington Town Council meeting.

**NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor MacDougall thanked the Councilmembers and citizens for attending the Special Council meeting. He thanked those at home for viewing the Council meeting on cable

channel 1301 and added that it would be replayed several times during the week. He stated that it can also be viewed on the Town's website at [www.lexsc.com](http://www.lexsc.com) or the Town's YouTube.

Mayor MacDougall stated that without objection from Council, he declared the Special Council meeting adjourned. The Special Council meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve MacDougall  
Mayor

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