

MINUTES
Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
Council Work Session

July 11, 2022

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Town Council held an Executive Session followed by a Council Work Session in the Municipal Complex Conference Center, followed by the July Regular Council meeting (*separate minutes*) in the Council Chambers on July 11, 2022 at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina (*summer schedule*). 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 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 was one (1) citizen present and no news media members 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:

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Councilmember Carnes gave the invocation. Parks and Sanitation Director Walker led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the Council Work Session to order at 6:10 p.m.

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 Baker and seconded by Councilmember Williams to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:07 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Williams. 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 routine personnel matter; two legal items regarding pending litigation and advice regarding agenda items; and one contractual item regarding Town owned property. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Councilmember Williams to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELETIONS ON AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve the minutes as submitted from Council's regular meeting held on May 2, 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS: (For discussion and recommendation for Council's August 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.)

1. **Wrecker Fees – Chief of Police Terrence Green:** The Town of Lexington Police Department's wrecker rotation requested an increase in their fees for the towing and impound services. Council was provided a list of current local, county and state fees. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston to place the item on Council's August 15, 2022 agenda for consideration. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **Resolution Authorizing General Obligation BANs/Bonds – Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford:** The Town's General Obligation BANs of 2021 that total \$7.54 million mature on September 1, 2022. Town Council will need to adopt a Resolution providing for the terms of issuance of the refunding BANs or Bonds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Baker to place this item on Council's August 15,

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2022 agenda for consideration. The motion was unanimously carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor MacDougall thanked Mr. Allen Monts, Pro Tow, for attending and advised his that it would be a couple more weeks but they would take care of him.

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 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC

APPROVED BY:

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

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