

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Lexington**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 16 , 2021**

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Town Council held an Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. followed by the Council Work Session at 6:00 in the Conference Center (separate minutes) which was followed by the August Regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. (separate minutes) in the Council Chambers on August 16, 2021 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 and Todd Lyle. Councilmember Steve Baker was absent.

Staff members present were: Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Economic Development Johnny Jeffcoat, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Pharr, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Parks and Sanitation Assistant Director Johnny Dillard, Assistant to the Town Administrator Wesley Crosby, Communications Manager Laurin Barnes, I.T. Manager Bea Daniels, Digital Media Coordinator Darrell Pritchard, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately eight (8) citizens present and no news media members were present.

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**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Council Members. Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston gave the invocation. Mayor MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:** (Reported during Council's Work Session.)

**DELETIONS ON AGENDA:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**VISION PLAN UPDATE**

Mayor MacDougall announced: (1) Gibson Pond Park is very close to reopening. A few final adjustments have to be made with some of the railings then the Town should be ready to open the gates to the community. Plans are also underway to restock the pond with fish. Various Town departments have had key roles in cleaning the park up

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and getting it back to better than before and all their hard work is greatly appreciated. He particularly wished to thank Dan Walker, Johnny Dillard and Wesley Crosby for not only doing things that were planned but for working on other items that no one asked them to just to make the park even better. (2) Downtown Wayfinding Signs proposals are being reviewed. A vendor should be selected soon to create signs for the first phase of the project which will focus on guiding people to various downtown destinations. These are a few of the projects that are a result of the Town's Vision Plan which can be found on the Town's website at [www.lexsc.com](http://www.lexsc.com).

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston gave the Traffic Update: (1) As work continues along North Lake Drive and the Harmon Street Extension, a new traffic pattern is now in place for exiting school traffic at the Lexington Elementary School. (2) The final phase of the Town's Adaptive Signalization System continues with both daytime and nighttime closures along Highway 378/Sunset Boulevard. (3) A new right turn lane is being constructed as part of the new Murphy's gas station just across from the Walmart on Highway 378/Sunset Boulevard. (4) The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. (5) Citizens were asked to call the Transportation Department at 803-358-7273 if they were aware of a traffic signal issue, an unsafe roadway situation or a pothole that needs repair.

**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 Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #004200-02-033 located in the 100 Block of Nightingale Court.
2. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #004200-02-031 located at 167 Nightingale Court.
3. **Final Reading** of an Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #003420-01-031 located at 140 Pilgrim Point Drive.
4. **Final Reading** of an Ordinance to Adopt the Updated Model Business License Ordinance and Standard Rate Classification.

There being no comments, Mayor MacDougall declared the Public Hearings closed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Councilmember Lyle stated that he would need to recuse himself from the discussion and vote on Old Business Items #1 and #2 in that he has a vested interest in the transaction. (Copy of Recusal Statement attached.)

Councilmember Carnes stated that he would also have to recuse himself from the discussion and vote on Old Business items #1 and #2 in that he has a vested interest in the transaction. (Copy of Recusal Statement attached.)

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #004200-02-033 located in the 100 Block of Nightingale Court.** The motion carried with a vote of four (4) in favor, two (2) recused (Carnes, Lyle) and one absent (Baker). (Copy attached.)
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #004200-02-031 located at 167 Nightingale Court.** The motion carried with a vote of four (4) in favor, two (2) recused (Carnes, Lyle) and one absent (Baker). (Copy attached.)
3. A motion was made by Councilmember Carnes and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve **Final Reading of an Ordinance Annexing Lexington County Tax Map #003420-01-031 located at 140 Pilgrim Point Drive.** The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. (Copy attached.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance for Transfer of Interest in Town Property, Lexington Villas (Title Only):** Lexington Villas Home Owners Association asked for permission to access Town property for the purpose of reaching Fourteen Mile Creek. The Association wants to use the water for irrigation. They propose accessing the creek either through an easement across Town property, or a purchase of a small piece of Town property. A map drawing of the property was presented to Council showing Lexington Villas in the bottom right corner. (Copy attached.) Lexington Villas is located off Whiteford Way behind Lowes. They will have to cross one or two other properties as well, depending on the route they take and the access point. The HOA is determining its preferred access point and specific details will be available for Final Reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Lyle to approve First Reading of an Ordinance for Transfer of Interest in Town Property as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

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2. **Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation BANs:** The Town's General Obligation BANs of 2020 totaling \$7.25 Million mature on September 1, 2021. The financing plan for various general government projects provides for construction period project costs to be initially financed by Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs). Permanent (long-term) financing will ultimately be accomplished with a mix of General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds supported by Impact Fee and Hospitality Tax revenues. In order to rollover the 2020 General Obligation BANs Town Council needed to adopt a Resolution providing for the terms of issuance. Budget and Finance: State Law allows for BANs to be issued with maturities of up to one year. The use of low interest short-term BANs is designed to minimize overall financing costs and maintain financial flexibility during the project construction phase. Long-term financing will include both General Obligation Bonds and various Revenue Bonds. Multiple possible funding sources for future debt service include ad valorem tax, Impact Fees and Hospitality Tax revenues.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation BANs as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

3. **Boards and Commissions Application:** An application was received from Mr. Joseph (Joe) Robertson who expressed an interest in serving on the Town of Lexington Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals, both of which currently have vacancies. Mr. Robertson is a Town resident. (Copy of application attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Lyle to approve the appointment of Mr. Joseph (Joe) Robertson to the Town of Lexington's Planning Commission. Councilmember Maness stated that after reading Mr. Robertson's application she thought it would be good to have a Traffic Engineer on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Lyle agreed and stated that traffic is the main focus of the Planning Commission. Mr. Robertson was present and Mayor MacDougall thanked him for his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councilmember Carnes** made the following announcements: (1) He expressed belated Happy Birthday wishes to Mayor MacDougall and Town Administrator Poole who both had birthdays last week. (2) The Market at Icehouse has been great this year since it is now held in the Town's new Icehouse Pavilion. The Market will continue every Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 through September 25th. So come out soon and enjoy all the vendors, food and music! (3) There are so many events and concerts scheduled at

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the Icehouse Amphitheater, that there is not enough time to cover all of them. For a complete list of concerts and details visit [www.icehouseamphitheater.com](http://www.icehouseamphitheater.com). Just two reminders:

- This Saturday (August 21st) from 6:00 to 10:00 plan to come out for the Town's FOR THE LOVE OF HOPS – CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL. Tickets can be purchased at [www.icehouseamphitheater.com](http://www.icehouseamphitheater.com) and are \$40 the week of and \$45 the day of the event. This is for 21 years old and up. Food can be purchased and you can sample 50 different craft beers and listen to live music from the Kenny George Band.
- And one sneak peek into September – THE ROOT DOCTORS are back! Councilmember Carnes stated that he know Councilmember Maness will want to be there! Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 for the first of the Town's Lexington Live (FREE) Fall Concert Series. And stay tuned for the rest of the lineup.

(4) The Planning Commission will meet this Wednesday, August 18th at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. (5) Council will meet again on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. for Council's Regular Council meeting as Council returns to their regular schedule. (6) School starts back tomorrow – so everyone was encouraged to drive safe and look out for the school kids and the school buses. Councilmember Carnes thanked everyone for watching their Council in action tonight.

**NEWS MEDIA QUESTIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mr. Joseph (Joe) Robertson** thanked the Mayor and Council for appointing him to the Planning Commission and he looked forward to helping the Town grow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor MacDougall thanked the Council members and citizens for attending the Council meeting. He thanked those at home for viewing the Council meeting on cable channel 1301 which will be replayed several times during the week and the video will be available on the Town's website at [www.lexsc.com](http://www.lexsc.com).

Mayor MacDougall stated that without objection from Council, he declared the meeting adjourned. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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Steve MacDougall  
Mayor

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