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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 2007

Town Council met in a Regular Council Meeting on December 3, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers following an Executive Session attended by Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall, Council Members Richard Thompson, Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier and Todd Shevchik. The Executive Session was also attended by Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole, Finance Director Kathy Roberts and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand. Attending the Regular Council meeting was: Police Chief Terrence Green, Director of Utilities and Engineering Allen Lutz, and, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker.

Two (2) reporters were present from the news media. Approximately twenty-five (25) students and twenty (20) citizens were present.

CALL TO ORDER AND EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:

Mayor Halfacre reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:35 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Maness to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 7:05 p.m. after a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Maness. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Halfacre reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: one personnel issue regarding the annual review of a Department Director; two contractual issues regarding economic development and one legal issue concerning an agenda item. No action was taken. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to ratify the Mayor's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Maness gave the invocation and Council Member Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Halfacre called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Mayor Halfacre requested the deletion of one item: Item #6 (First Reading of an Ordinance Donating Wildlife (Barr) Pond to the Lexington Chapter of the National Wildlife Federation). There being no objections, the item was deleted.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall made a motion to approve the Council Special Meeting and Council Work Session Minutes from November 19, 2007 with two corrections. Councilmember Shevchik seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Proclamation Recognizing Mrs. Mandy Derrick's Third Grade Class from Lake Murray Elementary School – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** Mayor Halfacre read the proclamation and then presented it to Mrs. Derrick along with copies for each student. The students were recognized for being selected as the class in South Carolina to decorate one of 51 trees at the White House in Washington, D.C. (Copy attached.)
- 2. Improper Driving Penalty – Mr. R. D. Watson:** Mr. Watson of 546 Rawl Road, stated that Lexington has a good Police Department, but a kid recently spun his tires on the pavement and got a six point ticket and a \$2,000 fine with increased insurance for three years. He requested that Council change the ordinance that makes “reckless driving” the only ticket that could be issued and give the police officer the authority to give a lesser ticket. He discussed the situation with the officer, who agreed with the severity of the ticket, but that was the only ticket he could issue.

Police Chief Green responded that if a violation occurs on public/private parking lot, such as WalMart, law enforcement can only charge reckless driving, DUI and hit and run if the lot is not posted as being under the jurisdiction of the Town of Lexington. In the State statute, speeding and other charges must be on a public road way. He added that the Town cannot force a business to post their parking lots to come under the jurisdiction of the Town. Chief Green stated that the officer subsequently dropped the charges in the case referred to by Mr. Watson. Councilmember Stambolitis stated that Mr. Watson had approached him about the charge and asked him to come to Council in order to discuss the laws regarding the charge. Municipal Attorney Cunningham submitted that Council explore agreements with prospective businesses whereby they could confer jurisdiction to the Town by ordinance which would have to be done by individual business. Chief Green clarified several questions for Council and concluded that the Town could consult with other municipalities and follow the trends that have already been set. Mayor Halfacre asked that the item be brought back to a Council Work Session.

Mayor Halfacre recognized several students from the Lexington and Irmo High School's Government classes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Halfacre called the following Public Hearings to order:

- Comment [b1]:
- Comment [b2R1]:
- Comment [b3R2]:

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1. An Ordinance Annexing Road Right-of-Way at the Intersection of Highway 1 and Interstate 20 near Dooley Road. No public comments.
2. An Ordinance Annexing TMS #004498-02-014. No public comments.
3. An Ordinance Annexing Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Clarify References to IDD and RDD and to Clarify Industrial Uses. No public comments.
4. An Ordinance Reclassifying Industrial Boulevard. No public comments.
5. An Ordinance Authorizing a Bond Anticipation Referendum. No public comments.
6. An Ordinance Changing the CCF Rates.

Mr. Nick Leventis, developer and speaking for the Home Builders Association, stated that he and other builders know that the tap fee rates have to go up, but he requested that home builders be given until April 1, 2008 in order to get some momentum back from the slow housing market before they are asked to pay the new rate. He asked if the minimum sewer rate (\$7.86 per month) could be put in place after power and roads are in place. His development took nine months and by the time he could hook into the sewer he had already paid \$9,000 in minimum usage fees. He asked Council to consider giving the builders the latitude to get the certificate to operate the sewer prior to the implementation of the minimum usage fee with a cap of one year. He stated that it typically takes five months for a 50 lot subdivision and at \$7.86 a month that is approximately \$90. However, outside the Town limits can equal \$250,000.

7. An Ordinance Authorizing the Borrowing of \$2.3 Million for Construction of a Parking Garage on the Old Sessions Site.

Mr. Harry Deith, Chairman of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce, wished to speak in favor of the ordinance and presented a resolution to Council which stated that the Chamber Board unanimously supports and encourages the public/private partnership to invest in a parking facility in the Town of Lexington. (Copy attached.)

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

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall provided an update on the Town of Lexington's continuing efforts to improve traffic. (1) Construction on the curb cut at Coventry Drive should begin in the next few weeks. (2) Construction on the intersection at Safe Credit Union should begin as soon as the contractor gets the go ahead from SCDOT. (3) A resolution was sent to SCDOT requesting that a caution light be installed on the curve ahead signs at Harmon Street. (4) SCDOT is finalizing the right-of-way plan for the next step of the Phase I Traffic Plan. (5) SCDOT will soon present a plan to the Town with additional phasing and updated cost of the overall Traffic Plan. The Town can then apply for funding at COATS as well as seeking additional funding in Washington, D.C. (6) A

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new traffic survey and list of results from the last survey will be in the February water/sewer bills. (7) Vera Lane is now being paved and should be completed by January. (8) The Traffic Committee has two openings for new members and the next meeting will be January 22, 2008.

Mayor Halfacre referred everyone to a pamphlet that he received regarding the widening of Old Cherokee Road behind WalMart. SCDOT has set the right-of-way schedule and construction should begin in the Fall of 2008 which should last approximately one year. He added that this would greatly improve congestion in that area.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Clarify References to Outdated Zoning Districts.** The motion was unanimously carried.
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Maness to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Clarify the Uses that are Allowed in Industrial Districts and the Road Classifications on which Industrial Uses are Allowed.** The motion was unanimously carried.
3. Councilmember Maness stated that Old Business Item #3 (Final Reading of an Ordinance Reclassifying Industrial Boulevard from Local to Collector) had been withdrawn at the request of the applicant since item #2 was approved.
4. A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing a Bond Anticipation Referendum.** The motion was unanimously approved.
5. A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Changing the CCF Rates for Water Capital Contribution Fees to \$1,150 (inside Town) and \$2,050 (outside Town) and Sewer Capital Contribution Fees to \$1,900 (inside Town) and \$3,700 (outside Town) to go into effect January 1, 2008 and to change from three months to six months on the minimum sewer tap usage fees.** Councilmember Frazier stated that several Council Members had been approached by home builders to extend the sewer tap usage fees to six months and be more understanding of what the builders have going on. He agreed that they have to go up on the rates in order to pay for the capacity and this is a good compromise and shows that Council wants to work with citizens and business owners. Councilmember Shevchik agreed and restated that the six month extension is a good way to continue to build partnerships. Councilmember Frazier confirmed for Councilmember Maness that his intent is to have both changes go into effect January 1, 2008. He does not feel that the Town can wait to start receiving the funds because if the Town runs out of water and sewer capacity the builders will be out of business. Municipal Attorney Cunningham stated that the structure for Capital Contribution has to be in place in order to borrow the

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money, but not the six month extension. Mayor Halfacre reminded the builders that the Council called them in April and Mr. Duckett told them we may have to double the rate but we would know after due diligence was complete. He added that it is now December and they were again called in so Council could explain the final cost which was better than they thought. In that, Mayor Halfacre stated that they had already given the developers an eight month notice. He addressed Mr. Leventis and recalled his earlier comments regarding the decision being unethical and he wanted to make sure everyone understood that it has nothing to do with ethics, but it does have to do with good business. He hoped that Mr. Leventis respects their decision and the fact that Council has had a common sense approach and he agrees to go half way on the six month extension as long as it does not affect the Town's bonding. Mayor Halfacre stated that the Town was the only municipality to put their neck on the line to offer water and sewer to the community. Town Administrator Duckett confirmed that the ordinance affects new sales of CCF's. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to **approve final reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Borrowing of \$2.3 Million for Construction of a Parking Garage on the Old Sessions Site.** Municipal Attorney Cunningham stated that Councilmember Stambolitis had asked him to help make it clear to the public, and for the record, that the public/private partnership includes an understanding with the developer that the parking garage will be open to the public; the facility will be named the Lexington Convention Center; the parking facility would be owned and operated by the Town and the Town would decide if parking fees will be charged; the parking facility will include the Town seal in a prominent place on the front and/or side of the building; and, the acoustics for the facility will be designed such that concerts can be held in the facility. Mayor Halfacre did not recommend amending the motion since the bond only includes the details and conditions of borrowing \$2.3 million and it does not include the agreement details. Mayor Halfacre confirmed that the record should reflect the details of the agreement/contract that will follow with the developer which would have to be presented to Council. Councilmember Maness confirmed that the Town would have their own architect who will work with the project's architect in order to comply with State standards. Municipal Attorney Cunningham confirmed that since the Town is spending public funds, it is a requirement that the Town select its own architect. Mayor Halfacre stated that there would be further announcements in January concerning other exciting developments in conjunction with the convention center project. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing The Offices at 12 Mile Creek:** The owners of the following office condominiums in The Offices at 12 Mile Creek would like to annex. The Planning Commission recommended a zoning district of General Commercial (GC) and classification of Sunset Boulevard as an arterial road. An ordinance will be prepared for Final Reading.

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TMS #	Address	Owner(s)	Number on Map
003500-04-004	4711 Sunset Blvd.	Wenner & Williams Properties, LLC	1
003500-04-043	4715-A Sunset Blvd.	4715, LLC	2
003500-04-045	4715-C Sunset Blvd.	David Stone	3
003500-04-046	4715-D Sunset Blvd.	Manoj K. Devulapalli	4
003500-04-062	4727-A Sunset Blvd.	John Pearce & Ellen Pearce	5
003500-04-063	4727-B Sunset Blvd.	Logan Investments, LLC	6
003500-04-064	4727-C Sunset Blvd.	Logan Investments, LLC	7
003500-04-058	4727-D Sunset Blvd.	J. Davidson Properties, LLC	8
003500-04-050	4721-A Sunset Blvd.	Moore Orthopaedic Clinic Land, LLC	9
003500-04-048	4721-D Sunset Blvd.	Judy Cook & Jennifer L. Cook	10
003500-04-049	4721-E Sunset Blvd.	Judy Cook	11
003500-04-059	4723-A Sunset Blvd.	Jeffcoat Enterprises, LLC	12
003500-04-060	4723-B Sunset Blvd.	J. Davison Properties, LLC	13
003500-04-057	4723-C Sunset Blvd.	DDI Holdings, LLC	14
003500-04-039	4723 Sunset Blvd.	Colby Investments, LLC	15
003500-04-038	4711 Sunset Blvd.	Wenner & Williams Properties, LLC	16

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve First Reading of the Ordinance annexing The Offices at 12 Mile Creek. Mayor Halfacre thanked Britt Poole and Brad Cunningham for their work on this item. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 171 Pilgrim Pointe Drive:** Stephen I. Goldring, who owns less than one acre at 171 Pilgrim Point Drive, petitioned for annexation. The Planning Commission recommended a zoning district of PR (Protected Residential) and classification of Pilgrim Point Drive as an RL6 (Residential Local 6) road. An ordinance will be prepared for Final Reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall to approve First Reading of the ordinance annexing 171 Pilgrim Pointe Drive. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 1220 West Main Street:** Michael Shawn Arnold, who owns approximately one acre at 1220 West Main Street, petitioned for annexation. The property is used for an Ultimate Audio store. The Planning Commission recommended a zoning district of GC (General Commercial) and classification of West Main Street as an arterial road. An ordinance will be prepared for Final Reading.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to approve first reading of an Ordinance annexing 1220 West Main Street. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 481 Industrial Drive:** BD&H Ltd., which owns approximately 12 acres at 481 Industrial Drive, petitioned for annexation. The Planning Commission recommended a zoning district of IND (Industrial) and classification of both Industrial Drive and Interstate 20 as arterial roads. An ordinance will be prepared for Final Reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve First Reading of an Ordinance annexing 481 Industrial Drive. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **First Reading of an Ordinance Placing Restrictions on Residency and Loitering for Persons Required to Register as Sex Offenders:** The Town of Cayce gave preliminary approval to an ordinance placing restrictions on the residency and loitering of persons required to register as sex offenders. Aiken County has passed a similar ordinance, but one that is less restrictive than the ordinance proposed in Cayce. Nationally, these ordinances are in place in at least nineteen states, and most are being upheld. Copies of the proposed Cayce Ordinance and the enacted Aiken County Ordinance were presented to Council for review. (Copies attached.) The Cayce Ordinance prohibits anyone required to register as a sex offender from residing or loitering within 2,500 feet of any school, child care facility, church, playground, park, designated school bus stop, public pool, youth athletic facility, playing fields or courts or rinks, and any neighborhood or youth center. The Aiken County Ordinance places similar restrictions, but sets a 1,000 foot barrier rather than 2,500 feet. At the Council's November Work Session, Town Council approved placing an ordinance with the 2,500 foot barrier on the agenda for First Reading. It is likely that an Attorney General's Opinion on the proposed Cayce City Ordinance would be issued prior to prospective final approval by the Town of Lexington. A complete copy of the Town of Lexington Ordinance will be available for final reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve First Reading of an Ordinance placing restrictions on residency and loitering for persons required to register as sex offenders. Councilmember Frazier wished to make note that Council would be reviewing the Attorney General's opinion when it is received by Cayce. He assured the citizens that Council is not backing down from this issue, but only waiting for the Attorney General's opinion. Mayor Halfacre agreed that it would be wise to review the Attorney General's opinion and this item may be back in January or February. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. Item deleted. (First Reading of an Ordinance Donating Wildlife (Barr) Pond to the Lexington Chapter of the National Wildlife Federation).

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7. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Create an Architectural and Appearance Design Manual:** The attached ordinance would implement the proposed Architectural and Appearance Design Manual, provide authority for enforcement of the standards created by the manual, and grant the Planning Commission the authority to act as the Board of Appearance. The Architectural and Appearance Design Manual would be a policy document to outline the standards that projects would need to meet if located either in the Downtown Overlay District or in the larger Commercial Corridors Overlay District. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation during its December 19, 2007 meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve first reading of an ordinance to create an Architectural and Appearance Design Manual. Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall stated that she was very impressed with the manual and thanked Leah Davis, Britt Poole, Brad Cunningham and any others that worked on the manual. Councilmember Stambolitis agreed and this document will have a long reaching effect to continue to beautify Lexington. Mayor Halfacre commended Jim Duckett, Brad Cunningham and Britt Poole for totally revising the zoning document along with this roadmap for the appearance of Lexington. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Create a Commercial Corridor Overlay District:** It is proposed to create a Commercial Corridor Overlay District that would allow for implementation of the proposed Architectural and Appearance Standards on all parcels in the Town of Lexington that have any portion of the lot fronting on any of the following roads:

Highway 1	Highway 6	Highway 378
Old Cherokee Road	Old Chapin Road	Gibson Road
Park Road	Ginny Lane	Mineral Springs Road
Saluda Springs Road	Saluda Pointe Drive	Whiteford Way
Caughman Farm Lane		

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation during its December 19, 2007 meeting. An ordinance will be prepared for Final Reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve first reading. Councilmember Stambolitis requested that Hope Ferry Road be added to the list. Assistant Town Administrator Poole responded that Hope Ferry Road is not currently in the Town limits. Mayor Halfacre recommended that the request be given to the Planning Commission on December 19th for them to make a recommendation to Council to add Hope Ferry Road to the list now or put it on a tickler file to be added when it is in Town. Mayor Halfacre added that this was another

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good step that the Town is making on the Commercial Corridor District. The motion was unanimously carried.

9. **RFP for Lexington Arts Center Feasibility Study:** Community and Corporate Coordinator Julie Washburn has reviewed the bids that were submitted in response to the Town's recent RFP 07-009 regarding a fundraising feasibility study for the Lexington Arts Center project. As a result, she has made the following recommendation to the Town Council concerning the company best suited to carry out the LEXAC fundraising feasibility study. (Bid summary attached.) Council previously set aside \$25,000 for this fundraising feasibility study.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve to award the LEXAC feasibility study bid to The Waters Pelton Organization, Inc. in the amount of \$24,850 (lowest bid) So that the company can execute the fundraising feasibility study for the Lexington Arts Center. Mayor Halfacre added that this could move the project another step closer and it was just under budget. The motion was unanimously carried.

10. **FY 2007 Accommodations Tax Allocations:** The Accommodations Tax revenue (\$47,370.92) from FY 2007 has been balanced in order to determine the amount of the 65% tourism related funds that need to be expended. Last Year \$14,000 was awarded to applicants. The reason for the high amount available is due to an increased amount of Accommodations Tax Revenue received from FY 2007 as well as the remaining 65% funds from previous years. Council's approval was requested to designate \$20,000 of the FY 2007 Accommodations Tax (65%) for applicant availability (an increase of 42% over last year's funding awarded out to applicants) and use the remaining \$27,370.02 for Roof House expenditures.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall to approve the allocation request as stated. Mayor Halfacre added that this was great news. The motion was unanimously carried.

11. **Contribution to the Friends of the Lexington Museum Fundraiser:** Mayor Halfacre had requested that Council consider a contribution to the Friends of the Lexington Museum for their annual fundraiser. This year's event will be "Remembering the Lexington Jaycee's Snowball Dance".

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship for the Friends of the Lexington Museum's annual fundraiser. The motion was unanimously carried.

12. **Resolution Requesting SCDOT to Install Caution Lights on Harmon Street:** The Town's Traffic Committee requested the installation of caution lights on

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Harmon Street. Council's approval was requested by signing a resolution and sending it to SCDOT. (Copy attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall to approve the resolution to install caution lights on Harmon Street and to forward the resolution to SCDOT. Councilmember Shevchik wished to thank the Traffic Committee and point out that this would "put the ball in SCDOT's court". The motion was unanimously carried.

COMMENTS

Mayor Randy Halfacre thanked the Phelps/Hildebrand family for a thank you note received by the Town. He also thanked everyone for their help with the recent Carolighting. Mayor Halfacre wished to particularly thank the Corley family for starting the ceremony 32 years ago and for attending this year's ceremony. He thanked the Lexington Jaycee's for conducting a great Christmas parade and the Town's staff for assisting with the Council float. He would like to see the Jaycee's change the venue of the parade and bring it back to Main Street. He added that Tripp Leonard is amenable to the request and will see what they can do to move the parade route. Mayor Halfacre thanked the Parks, Streets and Sanitation Department for working late to re-install lights on Main Street. He also thanked the Utilities Department for working on a water line late one night near the Roof House. He wished a Happy Birthday to all employees celebrating in December. He wished Bob Holloway a Happy 70th Birthday on December 18th. Mayor Halfacre congratulated the American Legion Post 7 on their 60th anniversary and he thanked them for their hospitality on Saturday night. He recognized Buck Harmon who was present and thanked him for being a veteran and serving with Post 7. He wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and he will see everyone back on January 7, 2008. He later recognized "ambassador" Mr. Howard Rawl.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall thanked Town staff for the great job on this year's Carolighting and her granddaughter enjoyed her first Carolighting ceremony. Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall also thanked the Jaycee's for the Christmas parade, Town staff that helped, and she added that the crowd was phenomenal. She had received a call that the new lights on Main Street looked much better and she thanked Dan Walker and his staff. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Richard Thompson wished the Mayor, Council, staff and citizens a very Merry Christmas and prosperous and safe New Year.

Councilmember Kathy Maness congratulated Mrs. Derrick's third grade class on their award. She added that she used to teach third grade and they are truly the perfect age. She thanked the high school students for attending the meeting. Councilmember Maness was glad to see the huge crowd at the Christmas parade and she thanked the

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Jaycee's and the Town staff that helped with the parade. She wished all the citizens a Merry Christmas and happy holidays and she encouraged everyone to remember the true reason for the season. She wished a Happy Anniversary to her husband on New Year's Day.

Councilmember Ted Stambolitis reminded everyone that the Downtown Revitalization Committee would not meet in December, but would meet again the second Monday in January. He wished the Council, staff and citizens a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Councilmember Danny Frazier stated that Council had covered a lot of items tonight and the project on Main Street would have more to come in the next few months. He stated that we need the sexual predator ordinance and Council would be moving forward on the issue. Councilmember Frazier stated that Council increased water and sewer taps which was needed in order to obtain more capacity and he hoped the builders understood. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Todd Shevchik wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukah. He encouraged everyone to shop locally because it benefits everyone. He wished a Happy 8th Birthday to his son and congratulated him on recently scoring his first touchdown. He thanked Tripp Leonard and Herndon Chevrolet for all their work with the Christmas parade and for allowing his daughter to ride in a convertible. He recently attended a conference with Pastor Ken Jumper on drug abuse. He was impressed with Lexington County's involvement and their presence at the conference. He encouraged everyone to attend Christmas in Lexington at the Old Mill this weekend.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Town Administrator Duckett wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Vickie Shealy, Lexington County Chronicle, confirmed that Council would "piggy back" on the Attorney General's opinion given to Cayce regarding the sex offender ordinance.

Tim Flach, The State Newspaper, confirmed that Council would continue to pursue the 2500 foot limitation on the sex offender ordinance. Mayor Halfacre stated that it would be factored into the Attorney General's opinion. Mr. Flach asked why Barr Pond was taken off the agenda. Mayor Halfacre responded that there were several contractual issues and a document with SCE&G that was brought up after the work session. Councilmember Stambolitis agreed to remove the item, but will continue to support assisting the Wildlife Federation.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Lee Hendrix of 113 Park Meadow was asked by Councilmember Frazier to speak regarding the sex offender ordinance. She is a sex offender survivor and she shared her story at the State House. She commended the Council for pursuing the ordinance.

Mr. Sid Jackson, on behalf of the Wildlife Federation, wished to confirm that Council would discuss the Barr Road pond at the next work session in January. Mayor Halfacre responded that the next Council Work Session would be Tuesday, January 22, 2008. He added that the item would depend on the legal interpretation and he was confident it would be on the agenda. Councilmember Frazier stated that he has not read the document from SCE&G, but he would like for the Wildlife Federation to retain ownership of the pond.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Maness to adjourn the Council Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre
Mayor