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TOWN OF LEXINGTON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 19, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: The Town Council met in the Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a special meeting with the following members present: Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Leggett-Tyndall, Councilmembers Richard Thompson, Kathy Maness, Danny Frazier and Todd Shevchik.

Others in attendance were: Town Administrator Jim Duckett, Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham and Assistant Town Clerk Beverly Moore Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Director of Utilities & Engineering Allen Lutz, Director of Parks, Streets & Sanitation Dan Walker and Police Chief Terrence Green. Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand was absent (excused). Two reporters were present from the news media. No citizens were present.

Mayor Halfacre called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Councilmember Stambolitis left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting the FY 2008-2009 Budget (Title Only):** South Carolina law requires Town Council to adopt a balanced budget each year. Mayor Halfacre stated that he would like for the Town Administrator to make a presentation during public hearing of the FY 2008-2009 Budget and Tax Levy then have second reading within the same meeting. (A draft ordinance and budget revenue and expenditures are attached to the Minutes).

Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall made a motion recommending first reading approval adopting the FY 2008-2009 Budget (Title Only). Councilmember Frazier seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the FY 2008-2009 Tax Levy (Title Only):** South Carolina law requires Town Council to adopt the Tax Levy each year. (A draft ordinance for the Tax Levy for FY 2008-2009 is attached to the minutes).

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson recommending Council first reading approval adopting the Tax Levy for FY 2008-2009 (Title Only). Councilmember Shevchik seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

3. **Contract with Jordan Jones & Goulding, Inc.:** The Town of Lexington has determined that it will require additional wastewater treatment capacity to meet the needs of its growing customer base as well as to replace capacity that is currently provided by the Coventry Woods wastewater treatment plant. The Town has entered into a contract with the City of Cayce for additional capacity. As a prelude to issuing

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bonds for this project, it is necessary to develop a feasibility study to support our plan of action to the Bond Rating Agencies. As time was of the essence, a poll was taken of Council on May 5, 2008, which received favorable response. This item is to allow for a public vote on the contract.

Councilmember Maness made a motion recommending Council approval for the Town to enter into a contract with the City of Cayce for additional capacity. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and unanimously carried.

4. **Ratification of an Employee Contract:** During Council's Executive Session on May 5, 2008, Council agreed to the attached contract for the Town Administrator. Council's approval is required to ratify the contract. Council extended the contract to May 15, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall. The motion was unanimously carried.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA: Ms. Vicki Shealy, The Lexington County Chronicle, asked what the amount was for the contract with Jordan Jones & Goulding, Inc. The Town Administrator stated that it was for \$53,000.00.

Mr. Tim Flach, The State Newspaper, asked if there were any changes to the Town Administrator's contract and what was the new salary. Mayor Halfacre stated that there were no changes other than a raise to \$108,223.00; a difference of \$10,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business to come before Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Maness to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shevchik and carried unanimously by those members present. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Moore
Assistant Town Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre
Mayor