

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Lexington**  
Executive Session and  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
January 22, 2008

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Town Council held an Executive Session followed by a Council Work Session on January 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The meetings were attended by Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Leggett-Tyndall, Council Members Richard Thompson, Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier and Todd Shevchik. Also present for a portion of the Executive Session and Work Session were Town Administrator Jim Duckett, Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand. Others in attendance for the Council Work Session were Assistant Police Chief Jay Koon, Director of Utilities Allen Lutz, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Community and Corporate Coordinator Julie Washburn, and Events and Media Coordinator Laura McMickens.

Approximately fifteen (15) citizens were present and no reporters from the news media.

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**CALL TO ORDER and EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Halfacre reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 6:00 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 7:35 p.m. after a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Halfacre reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss two legal issues regarding the Town's sex offender ordinance and the Town's sign ordinance. They also discussed two personnel issues related to Boards and Commissions appointments and policies and procedures. No action was taken. A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to ratify the Mayor's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Halfacre called the Work Session to order at 7:40 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Ms. Melisa McLeod, Jr. Women's Club of Lexington – Fourth Annual Fashion Show:** Ms. McLeod explained that the Jr. Women's Club of Lexington would hold their Fourth Annual Fashion show on March 18, 2008 at 6:30 at the Lexington Country Club as a fundraiser for Samaritan's Well (a Christ Central ministry and

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women's shelter for abused , battered and homeless women). She wished to invite Council to the event and distributed a flyer regarding contributors.

2. **Mr. Bob Milhous, CPA, PA – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report:** Mr. Milhous summarized the CAFR Year Ending June 30, 2007 for Council and concluded that the Town of Lexington was in “good shape”. He referred Council to: page 8 for the Auditor's report; page 10 for the Management's Discussion and Analysis; page 18 for the Statement of Net Assets; pages 25 and 26 for Statement of Revenue which list Operating Income at \$9.5 million, Operating Expense at \$7.4 million, \$8.3 million in deeded infrastructure or Capital Contributions; and page 66 for Budgetary Comparison Schedule. Mr. Milhous thanked Finance Director Kathy Roberts and her staff for all the work they did on the CAFR. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Milhous, the Town Administrator, Finance Director, and Director of Utilities Lutz. (Copy attached.)

**BUSINESS ITEMS: (For Discussion and Recommendation for Council Meeting on February 4, 2008.)**

1. **Ownership of Wildlife (Barr) Pond – Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham:** It was suggested at the October Work Session that the Town consider relinquishing ownership of Wildlife (Barr) Pond since the Town no longer is dependent upon the lake as a water source. Since that time, several groups and individuals have expressed an interest in obtaining the pond. These include SCE&G and the Lexington Chapter of the Wildlife Federation, as well as a number of individuals who own property near the pond. The Town had scheduled First Reading of an ordinance to donate the property to the Lexington Chapter of the Wildlife Federation, but SCE&G officials requested a meeting with Town officials before it is decided what the Town will do with the property. In the meantime, a new dam inspection report has been received. (Copy attached.) Council was further advised that provisions in the agreement whereby the Town received the pond state that the Town agrees to maintain the dam “in perpetuity”. This would mean that even if the Town donates the property to the Wildlife Federation, the Town will remain responsible for the maintenance of the dam. Finally, reports have been received that unknown individuals have been using the property for a variety of purposes (including duck hunting) without permission.

Municipal Attorney Cunningham stated that a meeting was held today with John Cadena of SCE&G and Council Members Stambolitis and Shevchik. Mr. Cadena stated at the meeting that SCE&G was not interested in maintaining the pond, but he would get back with staff. Councilmember Stambolitis apologized to the members of the Wildlife Federation that were present. He stated that they cannot make a decision regarding the pond until SCE&G has stated their intentions and that the issue is more complicated than originally thought. Councilmember Shevchik stated that it was unclear as to SCE&G's purpose. He added that the property is 11 acres and does not have a lot of access.

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It was the consensus of Council to move the item to Council's February Work Session for further discussion.

2. **Ownership of Drafts Cemetery – Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham:** In 2007 a construction company unearthed what is now being referred to as the "Drafts Cemetery" which is located on the North side of U.S. 1 just past Wise Ferry Road. There were concerns among historians and other interested parties that steps be taken to protect the remains of the individuals buried at the site. The developer has agreed to donate a portion of the land, including the necessary easements to whatever party is deemed responsible for the ownership, upkeep and maintenance. The Town has been approached about being named as "Trustee" for the Drafts Cemetery, and agreeing to be responsible for the maintenance and preservation of the gravesites. There would be routine maintenance costs, as well as costs related to the upkeep of whatever fence or screening is installed around the property.

Attorney Joe McCullough and NAACP SC Director Lonnie Randolph were present to answer questions for the Drafts family. Council questions included: If it is not in Town, why give it to the Town? Why not give it to the County? Why should Council burden Town taxpayers with the maintenance cost of a cemetery that is out of town? (Halfcare) Have we taken in other cemeteries? (Tyndall) Would future burials be limited to only the Drafts family or would it be open to the public? Has the County been approached about the cemetery? (Thompson) Would the Drafts family share in the maintenance costs? (Shevchik) Mr. McCullough explained that they had not approached the County because they were asked to come to Town Council by Chuck Corley, Chairman of the Town of Lexington's Historic Preservation Committee. He added that the property is less than ¼ acre and there is only one member of the Drafts family that is interested in being buried on the property (Freda Drafts Bonner). He indicated that after the developer builds a fence only two spaces would remain. Mr. McCullough stated that two sets of remains were unearthed and they will be placed in a new cemetery. He was not sure of the water easements to the property, but indicated a street easement existed. He thought the Town would be interested from a historic standpoint in that this was one of the early African-American families that helped develop the county and their decedents live in the Town. Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Walker stated that it would take approximately 45 minutes to maintain the property. He added that it would require a crew of two to drive to the property, haul equipment, maintain two headstones and cut and trim the grass. Councilmember Frazier stated that it was the right thing for the Town to do to accept the property. He added that a sewer line was close to the property. Councilmember Frazier knew the whole story and the developer (Eddie Yandle) had "stepped up to the plate" for the family. However, once he sells the property, he probably would not do anymore in regards to maintenance costs. Mr. McCullough agreed to contact the developer. Councilmember Shevchik agreed with Councilmember Frazier, but asked if any financial grants could be made through the Historic Preservation Committee or the developer in the amount of approximately \$500.00 per year and held in trust to offset expenses to maintain the cemetery. Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall requested that the item be moved to Council's February Work Session since they were just hearing the

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details tonight and it appeared that additional information was needed in order to make a decision.

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Maness to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was later withdrawn and it was the consensus of Council to move the item to Council's February Work Session for further discussion.

3. **A Resolution Adopting Safety and Health Policy – Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham:** SCMIT/SCHMIRF guidelines require annual adoption by Resolution of a safety and health policy by all municipalities in South Carolina. A copy of the proposed resolution and policy were presented to Council for review.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was carried with a vote of six in favor. Councilmember Frazier was absent for the vote.

4. **City of Cayce Sewer Tie-in on 24" Force Main – Director of Utilities and Engineering Allen Lutz:** The City of Cayce is in need of more sewer capacity for service on Methodist Park Road. They have two options: (1) run a new force main 9,700 feet, or (2) tie into the Town's existing 24" line. The City of Cayce is proposing for the Town of Lexington to allow a connection onto the existing 24" line with an agreement that will allow the Town to tie into two areas in Cayce to give the Town of Lexington adequate line capacity to the system. It would also allow Cayce to pay to up-size the Town's line to Cayce when the Town of Lexington installs a larger line to allow more capacity. Council's approval was requested to work with Cayce towards this agreement. Both parties will benefit in their goals to provide service to their customers. Upgrades will be over a 15-year period.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Maness to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Establishing a Policy for the Board of Appearance – Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole:** This policy would set the rules for appointment to the Board of Appearance established earlier this month by Town Council. Staff's recommendation is to create a five (5) member Board comprised of two (2) registered architects, one (1) either architect or someone otherwise employed in the building profession, and two (2) citizens. The professionally qualified positions would be held either by a resident of the Town or someone who is employed in the Town. The Board would meet only when necessary to hear an appeal of staff decision as outlined in the ordinance.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. **Appointments to the Board of Appearance – Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole:** The following people have expressed interest in being on the Board of Appearance: (1) Larry Wilund with Calloway, Johnson, Moore and West, and (2) Tim Privette, Four Corners Art and Frame. Other names would be suggested prior to Council's February meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion unanimously carried.

7. **SCDOT Project Agreement – Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole:** SCDOT requested that the Town of Lexington sign an agreement stating that the Town endorse the widening project on the section of Old Cherokee Road from U.S. #378 to SC #6. Currently the project is in right-of-way acquisition. The project will not be able to proceed beyond that without the Town's agreement.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. Councilmember Stambolitis confirmed that the law requires the Town to approve the project, but it does not include paying for the project. Mr. Lutz added that it was too soon to estimate the cost of moving the sewer lines. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. **Sons of Confederate Veterans Request – Assistant Chief Jay Koon:** The 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment South Carolina Volunteers of Lexington are requesting approval to dedicate a monument on April 11, 2008 (first choice) or April 12<sup>th</sup> (second choice) at 11:30 a.m. at the Corley Street Park. A portion of the ceremony will involve the firing of muskets and a mortar by the Harlee Guard of Dillon. Council's approval was requested before they commit to the event. (Copy of request letter attached.)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. Assistant Chief Koon confirmed that the Police Department would work with the group and help inform the public through door to door flyers and on Channel 2. The motion was unanimously carried.

9. **Hammock Bay Development – Finance Director Kathy Roberts:** Hammock Bay is a development of town homes outside of the Town limits. The Town of Lexington is providing sewer service to the subdivision where there are four homes to each building. When the subdivision was built, the developer only installed one sewer connection per building. Therefore, in the event that a homeowner does not pay their sewer bill, the Town would not be able to discontinue service (as is our

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standard policy) because it would affect all four homeowners in the building, not just the delinquent account. The water service for the development is provided by Gilbert/Summit Rural Water District. Staff has discussed with Gilbert/Summit the possibility of entering into an agreement whereby Gilbert/Summit will handle billing the subdivision on behalf of the Town. Gilbert/Summit does have the ability to discontinue water service for individual units. Homeowner's would send water and sewer payment to one entity. Servicing of lines would still be handled by the Town. Sewer revenue for the subdivision would be split with Gilbert/Summit as they are taking on the risk of nonpayment by the homeowners as well as providing billing and collections service to the Town. (Copy of preliminary agreement is attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. Councilmember Maness confirmed that this was the only solution and the Town would receive a portion of the fines. Town Administrator Duckett stated that several staff members had spent a great deal of time (approximately six months) working on this problem and concluded that this is the only solution. He added that this is the only situation like this in our service area. The motion was unanimously carried.

10. **Amended Fiscal 2008 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment – Town Administrator Jim Duckett:** The Town Administrator consulted with department heads and recommended several budget adjustments for the current fiscal year. The adjustments take advantage of various cost savings in addition to other funding sources. No net increase in appropriations occurs as a result of the proposed changes. The ordinance identifies specific offsets, cost savings and budget transfers. Appropriations of \$75,000 would come from the Hospitality Tax Funds. The following summarizes the recommendations:

- (1) Fund an increase in Council's operating budget.
- (2) Fund an increase in the Administrator's operating budget to increase funding for municipal court (to pay jurors).
- (3) Fund an increase in Planning, Building and Technology operating budget to fund roof repairs and additional insurance costs.
- (4) Upgrade a Sergeant position in the Police Department to a Lieutenant.
- (5) Fund an increase to the Police Department operating budget for additional fuel costs.
- (6) Fund additional capital outlay in the Park's Department for vehicle replacement.
- (7) Upgrade two Utilities positions from Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician III, to one Water Maintenance Supervisor, Grade 12, and one Sewer Maintenance Supervisor, Grade 12.
- (8) Fund additional phone costs to be applied to appropriate departments as needed by the Finance Director.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. Town Administrator Duckett confirmed that #6 was due to the replacement of a wrecked vehicle and all departments had run short on telephone costs. Councilmember Stambolitis asked for clarification on the Hospitality Funds appropriations. Town Administrator Duckett stated that three years ago the law was amended to allow 20% spending of Hospitality Funds on operating expenses. The previous Council designated the majority of the funds, but left \$50,000 as undesignated for future use. Those funds were invested and earned \$60,000 in interest. It is now recommended that \$75,000 of the total (\$110,000) be used for 2008 mid-year adjustment, leaving the remaining \$35,000 for next year's mid-year adjustment. Mr. Duckett indicated that a large sum would be designated for the Police Department due to rising gas costs. Mayor Halfacre confirmed that the new position of Plan Reviewer would be filled as a temporary position until the map room is organized and then the position will be posted again as a full time position.

11. **Main Street Crosswalk Improvements – Director of Parks, Streets and Sanitation Dan Walker:** Engineering for the replacement of the crosswalks on Main Street was started last year. Chao and Associates have presented their preliminary plans for Council's approval. They have had extensive discussions with SCDOT, concerning traffic detours, and with geotechnical engineers and contractors regarding constructability issues. The budget will be determined after the bidding process. Funds will come from Capital Streets Improvement Funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. Mr. Walker showed a diagram of the area of the work and stated that the work would be done at night over a four week period to minimize traffic problems. The motion was unanimously carried.

12. **Rental Fees for Palmetto Collegiate Institute/Roof House and Conference Center – Events and Media Coordinator Laura McMickens:** Town staff compared the cost of similar rental facilities in the area to make recommendations on rental fees for the newly renovated Palmetto Collegiate Institute/Roof House. The building will be available for special events such as wedding receptions, anniversary parties and small meetings. Town staff also recommended an increase in deposit and rental fees for the Conference Center to bring it in line with similar local facilities. (A copy of the local facilities cost is attached.)

	<u>Palmetto Collegiate Institute/Roof House</u>	<u>Revised Conference Center Rental Fees</u>
Refundable Deposit	\$ 250	\$ 250
In-Town Rental fee	\$1,250	\$ 800
Out of Town Fee	\$1,500	\$1,000

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Ms. McMickens added that the current rates for the Conference Center are \$600 for in-town and \$800 for out-of-town with a \$150 deposit. In her comparison, some local facilities stated a concern that the Town was competing for business because we charge low rates.

Several Council Members requested a lower rate stating that the tax payers should be given a fair price. Mayor Halfacre added that the area facilities are not hurting and the Town properties are for the community and citizens should be offered a low price so as many as possible can take advantage of the facilities. Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall stated that the Palmetto Collegiate is a historic building which will primarily be rented for the grounds and gardens since the building is fairly small.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to place the item on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda stating the deposit for both facilities at \$250 and rental fees as \$500 in-town and \$1,000 out-of-town for the Palmetto Collegiate Institute and \$600 in-town and \$1,000 out-of-town for the Conference Center. Mayor Halfacre stated that if the Council and staff later find that these rates need to be changed, a recommendation could be made at that time. Town Administrator Duckett added that citizens will be advised of the pending rate changes between now and the final vote. The motion was unanimously carried.

13. **Heartworm Project Fundraiser –Events and Media Coordinator Laura McMickens:** The Heartworm Project Fundraiser President, Nicole Howland, made a request for rental fee waiver on the Town's Conference Center for Saturday, April 5, 2008. The out-of-town rental rate is \$800 with a \$150 refundable deposit. (Copy of request letter attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall to place the request on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. Councilmember Maness confirmed that the room was currently being held as pending for the event and no other calls had been received to rent the room the same day. The motion was carried with a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed (Maness).

14. **SC Competitive Community Grants Application – Community and Corporate Coordinator Julie Washburn:** Town staff is planning to apply for funding through the SC Competitive Community Grants program. Based on the categories set by the Competitive Grant Program (copy attached), staff recommended that Council approve, support and lobby for one of the following projects to be submitted for funding:

- (1) *\$54,100.00 – Project Makeover – Revitalizing Downtown Lexington:* Funding would allow the Town to continue a second phase of improving Lexington's Downtown are by specifically replacing sidewalks on Main

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Street from Church Street to Third Avenue and adding trees and irrigation. This would compliment other ongoing and future downtown improvements and bring more greenery to the community. Trees add beauty and improve the environment and have a positive impact on economic development.

- (2) \$190,372.00 – *Enriching Virginia Hylton Park*: Funding would enable the Town to make improvements to the Town’s most popular park. It would replace outdated lights with new equipment, replace the pebbles in the main playground with rubber/matted play surface, fix broken sections of the walking path, and provide other needed improvements. The Town hopes that SCE&G will take over the maintenance of the park lights.
- (3) \$77,800.00 – *Lexington’s Project Greenway*: The project would fund trees and plants for two particular areas of Lexington. The grant would pay for trees that would align Highway 1 and plants to be added to the gardens at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute.

It was the unanimous consensus of Council to pursue the number (1) project for \$54,100. Ms. Washburn confirmed that the deadline is February 1, 2008 and the grant would be submitted by that date.

**15. Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand:** Council’s recommendation for appointments was requested on the following vacancies of the Town’s Boards and Commissions:

Advisory Committee	1 opening	expired term 6/30/07
Building Codes Board of Appeals	1 opening	unexpired term 6/30/09
Planning Commission	1 opening	unexpired term 6/30/08
Lexington Arts Center	several openings	
Traffic Committee	3 openings	
Board of Appearance	5 openings	(pending approval)

The following have expressed an interest in serving on a committee: Carl J. Berry Jr., Edwin Gerace, Teri Kirkland, Raymond C. Smith, Jr., Mark D. Stewart, Larry Yon, Mike Anderson. Others have expressed an interest in serving on the Board of Appearance and include: Larry Wilund, Tim Privette, and Wayne Rogers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to place the item on Council’s February 4, 2008 agenda to include several recommendations by Council and requesting that staff add/suggest other names prior to the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

**16. (Added) Small Business Week Proclamation – Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall:** A recommendation was made for Council to approve a proclamation in honor of Small Business Week on February 4 – 8, 2008.

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to add the proclamation to Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

17. (Added) **Old Mill Land Donation – Councilmember Todd Shevchik:** Councilmember Shevchik recommended that Council review a land donation and sidewalk improvements at the Old Mill during the next work session. No vote was taken.

18. (Added) **Proclamation for Mother of the Year – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** A recommendation was made that Council approve a proclamation in honor of Mary Kate Brearley Glasser, Mother of the Year, at Council's February 4, 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Halfacre and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to add the proclamation to Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

19. (Added) **Combine Council Work Sessions and Regular Monthly Meetings – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** Previously Councilmember Shevchik had recommended that Council Work Sessions be televised. Mayor Halfacre recommended that Council Work Sessions be eliminated and items be placed on an agenda to be voted on with a second reading the following month. He stated that it would streamline the process and citizens would get to see all the discussions that takes place prior to Council's decisions. He added that Public Hearings would still be held, first reading items would be presented by Department Heads, and some Special Meetings would still be required.

It was the consensus of Council to obtain more information and place the item on Council's February Work Session.

20. (Added) **Cities Mean Business – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** Mayor Halfacre recommended that Council approve a proclamation for "Cities Mean Business" at the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to place the proclamation on Council's February 4, 2008 agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

**FYI BUSINESS**

1. **Emergency Procurements – Finance Director Kathy Roberts:** A summary of emergency purchases made in the fourth quarter of 2007 was submitted as

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information. Council accepted them as information and directed that the summary be recorded in the minutes. (Copy attached.)

**2. Transportation Funding Options – Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole:** Planning Staff was requested to research methods of funding used for road improvements. Several possibilities are as follows:

- **COATS (TIP):** The Columbia Area Long Range Transportation Plan was formed to act as a planning origination for the metropolitan Columbia area. They authorize the expenditure of State and Federal transportation money and rank the overall value of projects.
- **Federal Earmarks and State Competitive Grants:** Funds are set aside by respective legislative bodies for specific projects and usually requires a local match of 20%.
- **TIF District:** A district in which a portion (determined by Council) of property taxes on improved properties are set aside to make improvements within the district. Without a tax increase in a district this option would funnel money from other government entities.
- **1% Local Option:** A 1% sales tax increase that could be used for specific capital improvements. Currently, this is not an option because the school district has it in place. It would also require County Council and a County wide Referendum to implement.
- **General Obligation Bonds:** Currently no capacity, but availability will grow over the coming years. Only small amounts available for a town our size.
- **South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank:** According to the 2007 State Audit, “The liabilities of the Bank exceeded the assets as of June 30, 2007 resulting in a deficiency of \$758.3 million”.
- **Development Agreements:** Allowed on property over 25 acres and function similar to Impact Fees.
- **Impact Fees:** Regimented fee structure for new development. Funds must be spent within three years of payment and requires a plan for expenditures before being in place.
- **Parking Fees:** Pubic owned parking could have a charge in use. Could not produce enough for even a small project, but could help as additional funds with other sources.
- **Voluntary Donations:** Could consist of right-of-way donations or monetary contributions.

Research documentation is available from staff for further review upon request and includes:

- **Revenue Sources:** Transportation Funding Options For Local Governments by Central Midlands COG, 2005.
- **Transportation Funding Options for the State of South Carolina 2003-2022,** by The Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs, 2003.

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- South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2007, by Office of the State Auditor, 2007.
- The South Carolina Local Government Funding System: Findings and Recommendations, a report to the General Assembly of South Carolina, 2000.

It was the consensus of Council to bring this item back to Council's February Work Session.

**3. Angel Gates Youth Foundation – Assistant Town Administrator Britt Poole:**

Ms. Doretha Gates-Crew of the Angel Gates Youth Foundation gave a presentation of the organization during the November 19, 2007 Council Work Session. The Grants Administrator and Mr. Poole have been in contact with Ms. Gates-Crew to determine how the Town can support the program and to help identify funding sources. Ms. Gates-Crew attended a KEYS Board meeting in an effort to collaborate in hopes of improving both the KEYS After School Program and the Angel Gates Youth Foundation. Ms. Gates-Crew indicated that the program needs a permanent meeting and classroom space, funding support and computer donations. The Town has computers available to donate to the foundation once they have a permanent meeting space.

Ms. Gates-Crew was present and thanked the Town for meeting with her. She was concerned that her program would be confused with the KEYS program. Her program meets on Sunday and the KEYS program meets three times a week during the school year. She stated that her program handles various situations and the KEYS program is an after school program. They currently meet at the Lexington Leisure Center and are charged \$35 per room per hour on a weekly basis. The children walk to the location and if they moved, they would need to arrange transportation. They host teen summits, modeling, dance, and adult classes for approximately 12 – 15 teens and 20 adults. Their program is advertised through local churches. Ms. Gates-Crew stated that they had approached the County for help, but she was advised that their rules had changed and you have to be a County organization to receive funding.

It was a consensus of Council for staff to continue to work with Ms. Gates-Crew to determine any other ways that the Town could assist. Councilmember Frazier agreed to contact Mr. Jay Criscione, Director of Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to see if the County could offer any assistance.

**STAFF/COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:** None present.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to adjourn Council's Work Session. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

The Council Work Session was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand,  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre  
Mayor