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Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
Special Council Meeting

May 17, 2021

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Town Council held a Special Council meeting on May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. preceded by an Executive Session in the Eli Mack, Sr. Room located at 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, South Carolina and followed by Council's May Work Session. The meetings were attended by: Mayor Steve MacDougall, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Councilmembers Kathy Maness (excused following the Executive Session), 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, Transportation Director Randy Edwards, Police Chief Terrence Green, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson, Chief Building Inspector Brent Hawkins, Utilities and Engineering Director Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Pharr, Parks and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Assistant Parks and Sanitation Director Johnny Dillard, Communications Manager Laurin Barnes, Assistant Municipal Clerk Karen Hanner and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

There were approximately fifteen (15) citizens present and no members of the news media were present.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor MacDougall welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the meeting is not being broadcast but minutes would be taken and will be posted to the Town's website after approval. He called on Councilmember Carnes to give the invocation. Mayor MacDougall led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor MacDougall called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor MacDougall reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Lyle and seconded by Councilmember Williams to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried. Council adjourned from the *Executive Session* at 6:02 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Lyle. 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: three legal items regarding pending litigation, advice regarding agenda items and an existing ordinance; one contractual item regarding a downtown development issue; and no personnel matters. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by

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Councilmember Williams to ratify the Mayor's report. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

DELETIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **National Safe Boating Week Proclamation – Councilmember Ron Williams:** Councilmember Williams read a proclamation proclaiming May 22 – 28, 2021 as Safe Boating Week in the Town of Lexington in order to bring awareness to important life-savings tips for recreational boaters. On average, 600 people die each year in boating related accidents in the United States. Councilmember Williams and Mayor MacDougall presented the proclamation to members of the Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary including Public Affairs Officer Skip Hudson and Recreational Boating Safety District Staff Officer Barbara Burchfield. (Copy attached.)

Ms. Barbara Burchfield thanked the Mayor and Council and presented the Mayor with a Challenge Coin to recognize him for his many years of support to the Auxiliary.

2. **Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day Proclamation – Councilmember Steve Baker:** Councilmember Baker read a proclamation recognizing June 4, 2021 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in the Town of Lexington. Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day and often accompanied by mental health disorders. Councilmember Baker and Mayor MacDougall presented the proclamation to Mr. Joshua Jones. (Copy attached.)

Mr. Joshua Jones thanked the Mayor and Council and encouraged them to let other know about resources that are available through the Greater Carolina Tourette Group or the National Tourette Association of America, both of which can be found on the net.

PUBLIC HEARING

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 Authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach Police Department.

There being no public comments or questions from Council, Mayor MacDougall declared the Public Hearings closed.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. **Final Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach Police Department – Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston:** The Lexington Police Department is entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach Police Department. The agreement is for the 2021 Memorial Weekend/Atlantic Beach Bike Fest Event. (Copy of proposed agreement attached.)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Livingston and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach Police Department as stated. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further comments or questions, and without objection from Council, Mayor MacDougall adjourned the Council's Special meeting at 6:19 p.m. and remained for the May Council Work Session.

Respectfully submitted by:

APPROVED BY:

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC

Steve MacDougall
Mayor

FOIA COMPLIANCE – Public notification of this meeting was published, posted and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Lexington requirements.