

**MINUTES**  
*Town of Lexington*  
*Executive Session and*  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 6, 2009**

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Town Council met in a Regular Council Meeting on April 6, 2009 at 7:00 following an Executive Session attended by Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall, Council Members Richard Thompson, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier and Todd Shevchik. Councilmember Maness was absent from the Executive Session and joined the Regular Council meeting during Presentations. The Executive Session was also attended by Town Administrator Jim Duckett, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Assistant Town Administrators Britt Poole and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand. Also attending the Regular Council meeting was: Police Chief Terrence Green, Director of Utilities and Engineering Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Parks Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Events and Media Coordinator Laura McMickens and Grants Administrator Wesley Crosby.

Two members of the news media were present and approximately twenty-five (25) citizens and students.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mayor Halfacre reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 6:00 p.m. after a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:52 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Frazier. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Halfacre reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: four pending legal matters; two contractual issues regarding economic development; and one contractual issue related to the expansion of the City of Cayce sewer plant. No vote 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 by all those present.

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Halfacre introduced the Council Members and welcomed everyone to the Council meeting. He introduced his grandson along with other Council members and their children who were present to announce Kids Day. He called on Councilmember Thompson for the invocation. Councilmember Shevchik led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Halfacre called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council's Work Session on March 16, 2009. Councilmember Shevchik seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Kid's Day Proclamation – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** Mayor Halfacre read a proclamation declaring April 25, 2009 as Kid's Day in Lexington and honoring Dr. Jud Heldreth and Dr. Jason Yoder, owners of Palmetto Chiropractics, who founded Kid's Day nine years ago. (Copy attached.)
2. **Junior Tennis League Proclamation – Mayor Randy Halfacre:** Mayor Halfacre read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Jerry Smith, Founding Member of the Junior Tennis League and other volunteers who were present. (Copy attached.)
3. **Lake Murray Elementary School Proclamation – Councilmember Shevchik:** Councilmember Shevchik read a proclamation honoring Lake Murray Elementary School for celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He presented the proclamation to Principal Lynn Boyleston. (Copy attached.)
4. **Census 2010 – Ms. Doris B. Jones, Partnership Specialist:** Ms. Jones gave an overview of the United States 2010 Census and explained the importance of citizen participation to complete the short form when it is received. She stated that more than \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to communities based on census data. She stated that South Carolina ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in “not completed Census forms” during the last census and she hopes to improve that number during the 2010 Census. She added that Lexington was selected to house a Census office which will bring jobs to the area. (Presentation copies attached.)
5. **Energy Plan – Don Horton, Advisory Committee and Assistant Town Administrator Poole:** Mr. Horton thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the Advisory Committee to draft an Energy Plan for Council consideration. Mr. Poole gave the details of the plan including the three major goals: improve quality of life; reduce consumption of nonrenewable resources and attempt to make Lexington more sustainable. (Details of the plan are attached.)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Halfacre called the Public Hearing to order and requested that those wishing to speak limit their comments to five minutes.

1. An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance Section Dealing with Mobile Storage Units. No public comment.

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**2. An Ordinance Increasing Water and Sewer Recurring Base and Volume Charges.**

Ms. Constance Flemming, 604 Hendrix Street, stated that she opposed the water and sewer rate increase. She added that she spoke for a number of citizens and it is not a good time to increase rates due to the current economic constraints, cash flow and job status. She also questioned what the increase was based on since citizens are billed on 32 to 37 days in a billing cycle. She suggested that the days in a cycle be consistent. Citizens are also concerned about growth issues, but the greater concern is having their interests being taken into consideration in the decision process. She urged Council to not forget those that they currently serve. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak because the general idea is that Council fails to listen unless citizens agree and this is formality. She asked Council to do what was best for the Town and not to add to the worries of the citizens.

**3. An Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2009 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. No public comment.**

**4. An Ordinance to Adopt Alternate Election Years.**

Ms. Constance Flemming, 604 Hendrix Street, spoke in favor of the moving elections to the alternate election year. She stated that as a poll worker, she thought it would be a very positive move. She added that the Town has experienced many changes in voting and the Town can continue to share polling places with the County. Poll workers find that they cannot serve everyone adequately during a general election.

**5. An Ordinance Approving a Wastewater Treatment Contract with the City of Cayce. No public comment.**

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 including: (1) The traffic counts that the Town contracted are complete and SCDOT is currently in the process of resynchronizing the 21 studied signals. She confirmed that the signal at Hardees on Highway 378 is in Town but was not included in the study. This will not be a cure-all for the Town's over capacity traffic signals, but it will allow them to function at the highest level possible. (2) The County is currently working with SCDOT to take the rails for Black Avenue. Once the County has inspected the rails they will notify the Town of a date for construction. (3) The widening of Old Cherokee from US 378 to SC6 is under way. Drivers need to be aware of the lower speed limits during construction and proceed slowly to keep the workers

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safe while they resolve one of the Town's traffic issues. (4) The trail paving project in Gibson Pond Park is complete. (5) The COATS Board voted unanimously to fund Phase I of the Traffic Plan with \$8 million of Guide Share money freed up by stimulus money. The Town is currently working on finding matching monies for the previously awarded earmarks. When the matching money is found Phase I of the Traffic Plan will be fully funded. The Town would like to extend a special thank you to Highway Commissioner Henry Taylor for his efforts. (6) Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall requested that a resolution be sent to SCDOT to install a left turn signal in front of Home Depot. Many businesses have been added to the area and it is hard to see oncoming cars when turning left into the Tractor Supply side. There being no objections from Council, staff was requested to prepare a resolution.

Mayor Halfacre stated that he hoped the additional traffic funding would be available in May at which time the Town would conduct a news conference.

**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 Section Dealing with Mobile Storage Units**. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Increasing Water and Sewer Recurring Base and Volume Charges**. Mayor Halfacre wished to comment regarding Ms. Flemming's concerns. He agreed that it is not a good time to make an increase and the Council has had to address this very difficult decision, not only for the present, but for the future of Lexington County as the 208 sewer provider. He stated that since he was elected the Town has been fortunate to hold rate increases to zero. He understood that everyone's cost of living has increased and the proposed 3% increase averaged to approximately ½% per year. He stated that he supported the 3% increase for this year and following years would be addressed at that time. He commended Councilmember Frazier for being proactive with annexations, which has helped hold rates down while the sewer needed to grow. He added that even though we live in challenging times, businesses are still coming to Lexington which benefits our citizens. The motion was carried with five (5) in favor (Frazier, Halfacre, Shevchik, Stambolitis, Thompson) and two (2) opposed (Maness, Tyndall).
3. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2009 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment**. The motion was unanimously carried.
4. A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to **approve Final Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Alternate Election Years**. The motion was unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **First Reading of an Ordinance Annexing 206 Industrial Drive:** Vin Yang of CSP Distributors, LLC, petitioned for annexation of 206 Industrial Drive. A warehouse currently sits on the 1.94-acre parcel. Mr. Yang requested zoning of IND (Industrial) with the Railroad Industrial Special Overlay District. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation about the zoning district and road classification associated with the request on April 22, 2009. An ordinance will be prepared for final reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to approve First Reading. Councilmember Stambolitis confirmed that the business would be a tobacco distributor. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **First Reading of an Ordinance Creating a Planned Development Special Overlay District on 101 West Main Street, 103 – 105 West Main Street, and 111 South Church Street:** Connelly Development, LLC, would like to develop 101 West Main Street, 103 – 105 West Main Street and 111 South Church Street with a mix of retail/offices and approximately 44 senior residences. A mixed-use facility of this nature constitutes a Planned Development. As such, David Christmas of Connelly Development requested a rezoning of the property from General Commercial with the Downtown and Commercial Corridors Special Overlay Districts to General Commercial with the Planned Development Special Overlay District. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation about rezoning and will review the site plan for the project on April 22, 2009. An ordinance will be prepared for Final Reading. (Supplemental information attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis for First Reading approval. Councilmember Stambolitis thanked the members of Connelly Development for their vision and for adding such a great asset to downtown. Councilmember Frazier confirmed that the project totaled 9,000 square feet. Mayor Halfacre stated that this was the first major venture for downtown revitalization. He added that the convention center was on the back burner but would soon be back on track along with some other downtown projects. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. **Amendment to the West Columbia Water Contract:** Council was provided a copy of the 2009 Amendment to the water contract between the Town of Lexington and the City of West Columbia. (Copy attached.) The Town is exercising its option to purchase an additional 1 (one) MGD (million gallons per day) of capacity. The purchase price is \$2,330,000 or \$2.33 per gallon of capacity. The amendment is structured so that one future additional purchase of capacity shall not be at a price greater than \$2.33 per gallon. Payment of \$2.33 million will come from the Enterprise Fund.

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve the amendment to the West Columbia Water Contract. Mayor Halfacre thanked Town Administrator Duckett for working with the City of West Columbia in order to provide future clean water for the Town's citizens. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. **Lexington FunFest Relocation:** Council requested that staff meet with the Funfest Committee and determine the cost of moving FunFest from the soccer fields to the Town Hall. There are some infrastructure opportunities that need to be addressed. The need for electricity is the most difficult. A transformer and electrical outlet boxes will need to be added. This will require that the Town either bore or trench the parking lot. Water outlets will also be needed which can be accomplished for the vendors by completing a manifold on the existing outlets. (Estimates attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the relocation of the Lexington FunFest as stated. Mayor Halfacre stated that this was another good partnership. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. **Accommodations Tax Award Recommendations:** The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (Don Layden, Chairman) met on March 3, 2009 to review and make recommendations regarding the allocation of FY 2009 – 2010 Town of Lexington Accommodations Tax funding. A copy of the spreadsheet listing the applicants, the Accommodations Tax Committee's recommendations and Council's recommendations was provided to Council for approval. (Copy attached.) Awards equal the remaining \$35,536 from the 65% accommodations tax funds available for distribution.

Project	Organization	Amount Recommended by Council	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended by Committee
RTB Marketing/Visitors Center	Capital City Lake Murray Country	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$2,500
Fox House Restoration	Lex County Museum	\$2,536	\$7,000	\$7,000
Tourism Arts Advertising	Cultural Council of Richland & Lexington	0	\$5,000	0
Lex FunFest	Lex Festivals, Inc.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,036
Lex Invitational	Lex Dixie Baseball	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$2,500
Red Bank Invitation	White Knoll	\$1,000	\$4,000	0
Topspin Adult Classic	Topspin Racquet Club	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500
Topspin Junior Classic	Topspin Racquet Club	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
Visitor Center Operations	Lex Chamber	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Statewide Recognition	Lex Co Arts Asso.	\$3,500	\$7,500	\$3,500
Total		\$35,536	\$57,500	\$35,356

Mayor Halfacre recused himself from the discussion or vote on the item due to his position at the Lexington Chamber. A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to approve all amounts recommended by Council. Councilmember Frazier

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wished to amend the motion to decrease the Fox House Restoration to \$1,536 and increase the Lexington Chamber amount to \$10,000. The amended motion failed due to lack of a second. The original motion was reintroduced for a vote. The original motion was carried with a vote of five (5) in favor, one (1) opposed (Frazier) and one (1) recused (Halfacre).

6. **Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes:** The Town is in the process of implementing the financing plan for the purchase of additional sewer treatment capacity at the Cayce Treatment plant. The anticipated cost of the project is approximately \$33 Million. The purchase of additional capacity is one element of an overall capital improvement plan (the "Plan") designed to provide the needs of the Town's service area for the next decade and beyond. The total estimated cost of the Plan through 2018 is approximately \$91 Million. Town Council authorized by ordinance on September 2, 2008, the issuance of \$25,250,000 of Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") to secure funding for the initial phases of the Plan, including the capacity expansion at Cayce. One of the previously issued BANs will mature on April 15, 2009. The attached resolution authorizes the issuance of a BAN to refund the maturing note totaling \$9,800,000 and to increase the amount of funds available for projects by approximately \$5,450,000 for a total current issuance of \$15,250,000. The total of BANs issued after this transaction will be \$25,250,000 as previously authorized. The issuance of this series of BAN is part of the overall financing plan approved by Council for the expansion of capacity at Cayce. (Copy of resolution attached.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to approve the resolution authorizing issuance of \$15,250,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes. The motion was unanimously approved. Town Administrator Duckett stated that he was notified today by the Town's financial advisors that the notes would be sold on April 15, 2009 at 1 ¼ %.

7. **Red Flag Compliance:** The Federal Trade Commission issued regulations that require creditors that hold consumer accounts to develop and implement a written identify theft prevention program. Also, the State of South Carolina passed legislation related to consumer identity theft protection (SC Act 190). The Town of Lexington holds consumer accounts of this nature and therefore must abide by these regulations. A copy of the resolution was provided to Council for their approval. (Copy attached.) The Identity Theft Prevention Policy identified the following:

- (1) Possible warning signs of identity theft (Red Flags).
- (2) Where a Red Flag might take place.
- (3) How the Town might prevent a Red Flag event.
- (4) Town responses in the event of a Red Flag.
- (5) Who the Town should notify if a Red Flag event does occur.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Frazier and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to adopt the attached resolution and approve the Identity Theft Prevention Policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. **“After the Prom 2009”:** Council received a request from After the Prom Project, Inc. requesting financial support for their annual event. Since the proms do not fall on the same night, the committee plans to have three similar “After the Prom 2009” events on April 18<sup>th</sup> for White Knoll High School; April 25<sup>th</sup> for Pelion High School and Gilbert High School; and May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Lexington High School. “After the Prom 2009” will be held immediately after all the proms at the PLEX Indoor Sports and Ice in Irmo, S.C. (Letter of request attached.) At the March 16, 2009 work session, Council recommended contributing \$500.00 to “After the Prom 2009”. Balance remaining in Council’s Contribution Budget is \$850.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve a contribution in the amount of \$500.00 to “After the Prom 2009”. The motion was unanimously carried.

9. **Sponsorship of Wounded Warriors Event:** The Lexington Wildlife Chapter requested Council’s consideration of a \$100 contribution to its Wounded Warriors event on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wildlife Lake. The event is an outing for soldiers who are recovering from war injuries at the Dorn VA Hospital. The contribution will help fund accommodations and meals for the event. (Letter of request attached.)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Maness to approve a contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to sponsor the Wounded Warriors Event. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. **Wholesale Sewer Service for Midlands Utilities:** Midlands Utilities is the sewer provider for the area of Sunset Boulevard and Leaphart Road across I-20 from the Town of Lexington’s service area. Midlands Utilities would like to become a wholesale sewer customer and could possibly be annexed into the Town to generate business license and property tax. Midlands Utilities is also requesting that the Town install the taps and pump station. The total cost will be approximately \$50,000 for installation. Midlands Utilities will reimburse the Town with their taps and the Town will collect from each of their customers a tap fee of \$4,000 per CCF.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve the installation of the taps and pump stations and Midlands Utilities will reimburse the Town with their tap fees. The motion was unanimously approved.

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11. **Report on Landfill:** The final report from Force and Associates on the landfill issue was completed. The report was submitted to DHEC on March 9, 2009 for their approval in approximately 30 to 60 days. It is the Town's intention to be released from the Hollis Road contamination list based on information provided by the report. It was the consensus of Council to request that the Municipal Attorney research forming a citizen's committee to determine the uses for the property and bring their recommendations back to Council. Councilmember Stambolitis would serve as Council Liaison to the committee. (Copy of report summary and conclusions attached. A complete copy of the report will be included in the minutes.) The final bill was \$24,596 and the Finance Department will determine the source of funding.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to approve the final report from Force and Associates in the amount of \$24,596. Councilmember Stambolitis thanked all the staff members who helped behind the scenes on this project. The motion was unanimously carried.

12. **Donation/Lease of Property at Lexington Leisure Center:** The Council on Aging asked the Town to consider a donation of property to allow for the expansion of the Senior Center on Park Road. Council discussed the matter at its work session and placed it on the Council Agenda for April 6, 2009. Since that time, Town staff has learned from the Council on Aging that a long-term lease would suffice for their needs. Staff, therefore, recommended that the Town lease the parcel of land in question (approximately .39 acres) on the same terms as the current lease of property to the Recreation Commission. The Council on Aging had a time-sensitive application for a pending grant and the availability of the land was a key component of the grant application. Therefore, due to time issues and the emergency nature of the grant application, a telephone poll vote was conducted with Town Council and the long-term lease gained Council's approval. Council is now being asked to ratify the telephone vote. The matter will not require passage of an ordinance as it will be an amendment to an existing lease contract, as opposed to a new lease contract or outright donation of land.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stambolitis and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to ratify the telephone vote in favor of a long-term lease and to direct the Municipal Attorney to draft an amendment to the existing lease to include the additional parcel of land and authority for the Mayor to sign such an amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

**COMMENTS**

**Mayor Randy Halfacre** welcomed the Mayor of Chapin, Stan Shealy, to the Council meeting. He wished a Happy Birthday to all Town employees celebrating birthdays in April including Councilmember Maness who just returned from her birthday trip to Disney World. He also wished a Happy Birthday to Les Hite, Donnie Myers and Harry

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Harman. He expressed condolences to Councilmember Maness in the recent loss of her mother-in-law. He also read a thank you card from their family thanking the Town for the flowers. Mayor Halfacre expressed condolences to the family of Reverend Bill Green who was an Associate Pastor at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church. He read a thank you letter from County Councilmember Bobby Keisler thanking the Town for providing the Color Guard at the funeral of his friend, Mr. Sam Riley. Mayor Halfacre encouraged everyone to come out on April 18, 2009 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean-Up Day from 8:00 – 12:00 at Town Hall. He expressed very best wishes to Darrell and Christy Pritchard who were married at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute on April 4, 2009. He congratulated Stuart and Heather Ford on the birth of their second daughter today, named Sara Abigail Ford. Mayor Halfacre reminded everyone of NEAT Neighborhood at Woodside Farms on April 23, 2009 and Kid's Day on April 25, 2009. He wished everyone a Happy Easter in celebration of the resurrection of Christ. He later stated that in October the Town enacted another way to keep Lexington clean by adopting the smoking ban. He encouraged everyone to contact Lexington County Council and ask them to adopt a county wide smoking ban in order for bars and restaurants to become competitive.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall** encouraged everyone to come out to Kid's Day. She and her granddaughter had a great time last year and she is looking forward to it again this year. She wished a Happy Birthday to Councilmember Maness. She congratulated Stuart and Heather Ford on the birth of their new baby girl today. Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall stated that everyone heard the Mayor's comments regarding the water and sewer rate increase and she understands his points. She stated that she understands about protecting the future, but she did not feel in her heart and mind that she could do it this time for the citizens and she hopes her fellow Council members can respect her point of view. She thanked Dan Walker, Britt Poole, and the Garden Club for all their hard work at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute because it is beautiful with all the flowers in bloom. She understands that Caractor Park is also making progress. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**Councilmember Richard Thompson** wished all the citizens a Happy Easter and a happy rest of the year.

**Councilmember Kathy Maness** thanked the Council and staff for all the cards, calls and prayers during the recent loss of her mother-in-law. She welcomed Ms. Parks and the Boy Scouts to the meeting tonight. Councilmember Maness encouraged all the Council members and citizens to come out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean-Up Day on April 18, 2009. The event is hosted by the Town's Advisory Committee and she thanked them for all their hard work and she is proud to serve as the Council Liaison. The Town will provide bags and gloves to help keep Lexington "clean and green". She stated that the Town's Parks, Streets and Sanitation Department does a great job keeping the Town clean and this is just a little extra help. She also thanked the Advisory Committee for presenting the proposed Energy Plan and she hopes Council will review it for implementation. She stated that she attended Lexington Intermediate School's 80<sup>th</sup>

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birthday and the staff did a great job hosting the event. She wished everyone a Happy Easter and to watch out for the children who are out on spring break.

**Councilmember Ted Stambolitis** expressed condolences to his family in the recent death of his uncle who had a positive impact on his life. He stated that he was proud and jealous of his son who is working at the Masters Golf Tournament this year. He wished Councilmember Maness a Happy Birthday. He wished everyone a Happy Easter celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Councilmember Danny Frazier** encouraged everyone to come out to Kid's Day and to the Kid's Day pancake supper. He thanked Karson Corley in advance for helping him cook hotdogs and pancakes for the events. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**Councilmember Todd Shevchik** congratulated Mayor Halfacre on the upcoming wedding of his daughter. He encouraged everyone to come to Kid's Day for a great event. He thanked the Connelly Group for their proposed project on Main Street. He was very impressed with the project and thanked them for investing in the Town of Lexington. Councilmember Shevchik expressed condolences to the family of Steve Border in the recent loss of his father. He was very proud to announce that his son got his first hit in baseball recently. He added that as a father and a minor league player it was a toss-up as to who was more excited. He thanked the citizens for watching on Channel 2 and for caring about Lexington. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**Town Administrator Jim Duckett** stated that all Council meetings are important and the meeting tonight had several important topics. The final reading for the mid-year budget was approved and the Town is only five weeks from presenting next year's budget. He reminded Council that May 11<sup>th</sup> was proposed as the date to hold the budget meeting for Council if it met everyone's approval. He also wished to advise the press of the date.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA**

Mr. Tim Flach, The State newspaper, confirmed that Council's budget meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> would be at 6:00.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Halfacre thanked the citizens and students for attending the meeting and for those at home for watching the Council meeting on Channel 2. A

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motion was made by Councilmember Maness and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to adjourn the Council Meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre  
Mayor