

MINUTES
Town of Lexington
Executive Session and
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2011

Town Council held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Council Meeting on February 22, 2011 at 6:00 which was followed by the February Council Work Session. The meetings were attended by Mayor Randy Halfacre, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall, Council Members Richard Thompson, Kathy Maness, Ted Stambolitis, Danny Frazier and Todd Shevchik.

The Regular Council meeting was also attended by Town Administrator Britt Poole, Assistant Town Administrator Stuart Ford, Municipal Attorney Brad Cunningham, Police Chief Terrence Green, Community and Economic Catalyst Johnny Jeffcoat, Director of Utilities and Engineering Allen Lutz, Finance Director Kathy Roberts, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, and Municipal Clerk Becky Hildebrand.

One member of the news media was present and approximately twenty (20) citizens and students were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mayor Halfacre reported that the *Executive Session* was called to order at 5:18 p.m. after a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis to go into *Executive Session*. The motion was unanimously carried by all those present. Council Members Maness and Shevchik were not present for the vote. Council adjourned from *Executive Session* at 6:20 p.m. after a motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Stambolitis. The motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Halfacre reported that Council met in *Executive Session* to discuss: five legal issues related to a condemnation and several contracts. No vote was taken. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to ratify the Mayor's *Executive Session* report. The motion was unanimously carried.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Halfacre introduced the Council Members and welcomed everyone to the Council meeting including several students from Lexington High School's Government class and Boys Scouts from Troops 425 and 26.

Councilmember Thompson gave the invocation. Councilmember Stambolitis led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Halfacre called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS – None.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2011 Council Work Session. The motion was unanimously carried.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall thanked all the various Town, County and State Departments for their assistance today after the gas tanker truck overturned at Highway 378 and Highway 6.

Mayor Halfacre also thanked all the agencies and several Town Departments for what turned out to be a long day in directing traffic around the accident. He understood that some citizens were upset with the delay, but he was very appreciative of all the agencies working together to keep everyone safe and to clear the accident without any injuries.

Town Administrator Poole stated that the incident happened around 7:30 a.m.; he was called around 7:41 a.m.; and, when he arrived on the scene at approximately 7:50 a.m. the Police Department and Lexington County Fire Department already had the parameter set up. He commended the Police Department, Parks, Streets and Sanitation Department, the Utilities Department, the Lexington County Sheriff's Department, DHEC and all the agencies for doing a phenomenal job.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Tyndall and seconded by Councilmember Shevchik to approve **Final Reading approval of an Ordinance to Issue Combined Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds.** The motion was unanimously carried. (Copy of Ordinance attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rental Room Fee Waiver for Relay for Life – Lexington:** Ms. Jessica Kub, Chair of Relay for Life – Lexington requested the fee for the Conference Center be waived for their Cancer Survivor Dinner on March 24, 2011. (Copy of letter attached.) Following is the value of the request: Conference Center Rental Fee \$1,000; Deposit of \$250 still required.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Frazier to approve a room rental waiver in the amount of \$1,000 for Lexington's Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Dinner on March 24, 2011 in the Lexington Municipal Complex Conference Center. Councilmember Maness confirmed that the \$250 refundable deposit is still required. The motion was unanimously carried.

COMMENTS

Mayor Randy Halfacre requested to hold announcing February birthdays until the March meeting. He congratulated Rev. Dr. Charles Jackson, Sr. for celebrating his 40th Anniversary as the Pastor for Brookland Baptist Church. Mayor Halfacre announced that he would deliver the State of the Town Address at Council's March 7, 2011 meeting. He asked if anyone had a particular item that they would like to include, to please contact him. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Greater Lexington Clean Up on March 26, 2011 from 8:00 to 12:00. Mayor Halfacre reminded everyone of the Race Against Hunger this Saturday and it would be his first time to participate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Tyndall announced that Lexington's 2nd Annual Wine Walk would be held on May 7, 2011 on Main Street. She added that the event cleared \$40,000 last year and they are already encouraged by all the response on the Wine Walk's website. The committee already has 15 of 30 vendors signed up.

Councilmember Richard Thompson: No comments.

Councilmember Kathy Maness welcomed everyone to participate in the Greater Lexington Clean Up on Saturday March 26, 2011. She encouraged Council Members to participate as well as many of the clubs from Lexington High School.

Councilmember Ted Stambolitis congratulated the Parks, Police and Utilities Departments for a job well done during the accident today in Lexington. He was certain they had saved lives today by helping direct traffic around the overturned tanker truck.

Councilmember Danny Frazier agreed with Council Member Stambolitis' comments. He added that there were many quick and correct decisions made during the handling of the wreck. He encouraged everyone to come to the Wine Walk in May.

Councilmember Todd Shevchik commended the students that were present for selecting to attend one of the shortest Council meetings all year. He thanked the Finance Department for doing a great job in refinancing Bonds for the Town. He wished a belated Happy Valentine's Day to everyone and a Happy Anniversary to the Mayor and his wife.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halfacre thanked the Council Members, citizens and students for attending the meeting tonight.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shevchik and seconded by Councilmember Maness to adjourn the Council Meeting and reconvene in five minutes to Council's February Work Session. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky P. Hildebrand, CMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

T. Randall Halfacre
Mayor