

DIGEST OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION

CITY OF LEXINGTON LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 10, 2008
CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER
Absent: None.
- II. INVOCATION (Councilor L. Wayne Alley)
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. City Council Regular Meeting – October 27, 2008 Approved.
- V. PETITIONS FROM CITIZENS - Members of the public may address the City Council on items not listed on the printed agenda. Please state your name and address and observe the three-minute time limit.
John Hamm, 111 Dellwood Drive, addressed City Council about the current financial crisis that a America is facing and encouraged City Council to cancel its annexation plans and to not spend a penny or waste tax dollars unless it is a life or death matter. He stated that common sense should be Council's number one priority and that annexation will solve nothing.
- VI. ADOPT AGENDA
Adopted.
- VII. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS
 1. Recognition – Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce and Lexington City Schools Representatives
Recognized Superintendent Becky Bloxam representing the Lexington City Schools. Board Member Greg Turlington representing the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce was absent.
 2. Recognition – Introduction of New Uptown Lexington, Inc. Executive Director – Jo Ellen Edwards
Recognized.

3. Proclamation – Home and Hospice Care Month – November 2008
Councilor Alley read the proclamation and presented it to Gary Drake, Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of Davidson County, and Christina Smith, Administrator of Piedmont Home Care.
4. Proclamation – Employ-A-Vet Week – November 10 – 16, 2008
Councilor McBride read the proclamation and presented it to Patricia Hilliard, Office Manager with Employment Security Commission.
5. Presentation – Crisis Ministry of Davidson County – Gayle Whitehead, Executive Director
For information only.

VIII. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Accept Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 – Martin Starnes and Associates, CPAs
Received presentation from Mr. Bryan Starnes of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs and accepted the CAFR for fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.
2. Adopt 2009 City Council Meeting Schedule
Adopted as follows:

City Council Meetings are held on the First and Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernon G. Price, Jr. City Council Chamber, City Hall, 28 West Center Street, Lexington, NC

FIRST MEETING

January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

SECOND MEETING

January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 26 (Tues.)**
June 22
No Meeting *
August 24
September 28
October 26
November 23
No Meeting *

* No second meetings to be held in July and December to avoid conflicts with summer vacations and Christmas holidays.

** Due to the observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2009, the second meeting in May will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

3. Adopt 2009 City Employee Holiday Schedule

Adopted as follows:

NEW YEAR'S DAY	Thursday, January 1, 2009
MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY	Monday, January 19, 2009
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday, April 10, 2009
MEMORIAL DAY	Monday, May 25, 2009
INDEPENDENCE DAY	Friday, July 3, 2009
LABOR DAY	Monday, September 7, 2009
VETERANS DAY	Wednesday, November 11, 2009
THANKSGIVING	Thursday, November 26, 2009
	Friday, November 27, 2009
CHRISTMAS	Thursday, December 24, 2009
	Friday, December 25, 2009

4. Appoint Additional Members to Lexington Homeownership Committee

New members were appointed as follows:

- Maria Garcia to fill the need for a Hispanic on the Committee.
- Hugo Hodgins representing the Lexington Housing Community Development Corporation
- Gail Fritz replacing Debbie Conrad as the new director of Habitat for Humanity.

IX. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items under the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by one vote.

1. Authorize Transfer of 1998 Chevrolet Truck (EL-11) from Electric Department to Warehouse Department to Replace a 1994 Chevrolet Truck (WH1) and Appropriate Funds for Personnel Change in Warehouse Position – Budget Ordinance No. 09-13 – Finance and Electric Departments

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 09-13 to amend the Warehouse Department budget to transfer a 1998 Chevrolet truck (EL-11) with a book value of \$2,184 from the Electric Department to the Warehouse Department and appropriate funds for a personnel change in the amount of \$6,287 from the Garage Department to the Warehouse Department for a total transfer from the Utility Administration fund of \$8,471.

2. Approve Addendum to Services Agreement Between Davidson County and City of Lexington for Wastewater Collection and Treatment Services to Accept Wastewater Flow for Churchland Elementary School – Public Works Department

Approved Addendum to Services Agreement between Davidson

County and City of Lexington for Wastewater Collection and Treatment Services to accept wastewater flow for Churchland Elementary School, subject to official request by Davidson County Board of Commissioners.

3. Ratify Execution of CSX Transportation, Inc. Facility Encroachment Agreements – Southmont Natural Gas Expansion Project Phase VII – Hunt Road (SR 2281) and Wafford Road (SR 2287) – Natural Gas Department
Ratified the execution of CSX Transportation, Inc. Facility Encroachment Agreements for the Southmont Natural Gas Expansion Project Phase VII at Hunt Road (SR 2281) and Wafford Road (SR 2287).
4. Discontinue Level 1 Voluntary Water Restrictions Effective November 17, 2008 – Public Works Department
Discontinued Level 1 voluntary water restrictions effective November 17, 2008.

X. CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS

1. Fire Department Annual Report for 2007
For information only.
2. Results of 2009 City United Way Campaign
This year’s employees/retirees and City Council members committed to support the United Way with \$67,261, surpassing the goal by \$7,261! There was total of 275 Caring Share Givers, 94% participation and 18 benefactors.
3. Reminder – City Offices to Close for Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2008
For information only.
4. Reminder – Veterans Day Parade – Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.
For information only.
5. Reminder – N.C. Department of Transportation Design Public Hearing for Proposed New Route from US 29-52-70 / I-85 Business to Fairview Drive (SR 2212) – Thursday, November 13, 2008 – Lexington Municipal Club
 - Local Officials Meeting – 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.
 - Informal Public Pre-Hearing – 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
 - Formal Public Hearing and Presentation – 7:00 p.m.

For information only.

6. First Annual Uptown Lexington Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, November 14, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – Historic Uptown Lexington

For information only.

7. Reminder – Recreation and Parks Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner – Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. – Lexington Municipal Club

For information only.

8. Reminder – Fifteenth Annual Uptown Christmas Open House – Sunday, November 23, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For information only.

9. City Offices to Close for Thanksgiving Holidays – Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2008

For information only.

10. County/City Employee Blood Drive – Monday, December 8, 2008, from 11:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. – Lexington Municipal Club

For information only.

11. Reminder – Appointments to Boards and Commissions – December 8, 2008, City Council Meeting

For information only.

12. Annual Christmas Luncheon for City Employees and City Retirees – Wednesday, December 17, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. – Lexington Municipal Club

For information only.

13. Set Date for Elected Officials Dinner Meeting in January 2009

Selected Thursday, January 22, 2008, as the date of the Elected Officials Dinner Meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Yarborough's Restaurant

XI. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of discussing matters relating to attorney-client privilege (*Coy Vance Biesecker, et. al. vs. City of Lexington, Case #8CVS03632; Ralph Ashley, et. al. vs. City of Lexington, Case #8CVS03633; Elaine Alexander, et. al. vs. City of Lexington, Case #8CVS03634; and Soy Khoun, et. al. vs. City of Lexington, Case*

#8CVS03635)

Recessed into Closed Session.

XII. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Reconvened to Open Session.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned.