

DIGEST OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION

CITY OF LEXINGTON LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.

MARCH 28, 2011
CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Absent: Phyllis Penry

II. INVOCATION (Mayor John T. Walser)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. City Council Regular Meeting – March 14, 2011

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.

There were none.

VI. ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted agenda.

VII. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATION

1. Recognitions – Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce, Lexington City Schools and Uptown Lexington, Inc. Representative

Recognized Chamber President Burr Sullivan, representing Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce; School Board Member Tom Danze, representing Lexington City Schools; and Uptown President Michael Holshouser, representing Uptown Lexington, Inc.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing and Second Reading – Amendment to City Code of Ordinances – Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property – Ordinance No. 11-29 – Community Development Department
Held Public Hearing.

Speakers:

Michael Holshouser, President of Uptown Lexington, Inc. spoke in favor of the ordinance by stating that he supports allowing for the issuance of special permits. The BBQ Capital Cook-Off is a prime example of an event that could benefit from these changes as well as participating merchants and restaurants. This change brings the City more in line with surrounding communities that already permit alcohol at special events.

Jim Martin, event coordinator for the Piedmont Triad Omnium and Piedmont Charity Sports Promotions, spoke in favor of the ordinance by stating that he concurs with serving alcohol at special events like the cycling races that are held annually in Lexington.

Adopted Ordinance No. 11-29 to amend the City's Code of Ordinances in order to allow for the consumption of alcohol on public property at certain special events, upon issuance of a permit by the City Manager or his designee, and on public sidewalks at sidewalk cafes by making the following changes:

- **Delete (1)g under Chapter 7.5 Business, Article II, Sidewalk Cafes, Section 7.5-21 which prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages on public sidewalks.**
- **Delete in its entirety, Section 14-2, Consumption of Beer and Wine, under Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General which prohibits consumption of beer and wine on streets and sidewalks and replace with Section 14-2, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property.**

2. Public Hearing – City's Intent to Apply for Future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds – Community Development Department
Held Public Hearing.
There were no speakers.

IX. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Request to Close Certain Streets for Various Upcoming Events in Uptown Lexington – Public Works Department
Approved requests to close certain streets in Uptown Lexington for the following events:
 - A. BBQ Capital Cook-off – Various Streets in Uptown District – April 22, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. until April 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Approved closure of the following streets on Friday, April 22, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. until Saturday, April 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.:

- **East Second Avenue from North Salisbury Street to North Railroad Street**
- **East Third Avenue from Marble Alley to North Railroad Street**
- **Pugh Street from East Second Avenue to East Third Avenue**
- **North Railroad Street from the Railroad Tunnel to East First Avenue**

B. Lexington Farmer's Market – South Railroad Street between East 1st Avenue and East 2nd Avenue – Various Dates from May 7, 2011 through October 15, 2011 – Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Approved closure of South Railroad Street between East First Avenue and East Second Avenue on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3, 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 8, 15; and on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. from June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and September 7, 14.

2. Make Appointments to Lexington Appearance Commission for Unexpired Terms

Appointed Rick Green of 205 Dover Road to serve on the Lexington Appearance Commission representing Ward 3, to fill an unexpired three-year term scheduled to expire in December 2011.

Appointed Frances Sink of 4 Cedar Lane to serve on the Lexington Appearance Commission representing Ward 6, to fill an unexpired three-year term scheduled to expire in December 2011.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

1. Report on Crime Prevention Program and Crime Statistics for 2010 – Police Department

For information only.

2. Reminder – 2011 City Council Goal Setting Exercise – Tuesday, March 29, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – City Manager's Office

For information only.

3. Goodwill Industries 40th Anniversary – Customer Appreciation Event – Friday, April 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. – Goodwill Store, 251 Lowes Boulevard, Lexington
For information only.
4. Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Myers Park Walking Trail Improvements – Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. – Talbert Boulevard and Fairview Drive
For information only.
5. Reminder – NC League of Municipalities (NCLM) Regional Meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. – Archdale Public Library
For information only.
6. Annual 2011 Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Banquet – Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. – Richard Childress Racing Complex Banquet Hall
For information only.
7. Tees for Keys Golf Tournament – Thursday, April 21, 2011 – Luncheon at 12:00 noon – Lexington Municipal Club
For information only.
8. City Offices to Close for Good Friday Holiday – Friday, April 22, 2011
For information only.
9. BBQ Capital Cook-Off Opening Ceremonies – Saturday, April 23, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. – 207 East Third Avenue
For information only.
10. Reminder – City Council Budget Work Sessions – Tuesday, May 3; Thursday, May 5; and Friday, May 6, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – City Manager’s Conference Room
For information only.
11. Fifteenth Annual Multicultural Festival – Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. – Finch Park
For information only.

XI. **CLOSED SESSION**

In accordance with N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing matters relating to personnel.

Recessed into Closed Session.

XII. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**
Reconvened to Open Session.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**
Adjourned.

Anyone who needs an accommodation to participate in the meeting should notify the City Manager's Office at 336-248-3910 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting or call North Carolina Relay at 1-800-735-8262.