



**AUGUST 13, 2019  
REGULAR SCHEDULED  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA**

**Town Council Work Session**

6:45 P.M. – 6:50 P.M. Review of Administrative Department Report

6:50 P.M. – 6:55 P.M. Review of Police Department Administrative Report

6:55 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Informational Council Discussion:

- a) Ordinance 2019-29 – Public Hearing & First Reading to be held September 10, 2019 on proposed amendments to Zoning & Land Development Ordinance, Article 10, Division 2, Section 1008.1, 1010.2, 1010.3 & 1010.4
- b) Ordinance 2019-30 – Public Hearing & First Reading to be held September 10, 2019 on proposed amendments to the Master Fee Schedule
- c) Ordinance 2019-32 – Public Hearing & First Reading to be held September 10, 2019 on proposed amendment to Business License Ordinance: Appendix B-Business License Schedule by NAICS code
- d) Midland Girls Softball-Sponsor plaques
- e) Midland Boys Baseball-Sponsor plaques

**7:00 P.M. - Town Council Meeting**

**Call to Order & Invocation**

**Freedom of Information Act Compliance**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. July 9, 2019 Regular Scheduled Council Meeting

**Old Business**

1. Estates at Indigo Bond Estimate to repair infrastructure
2. Indigo Place Bond Estimate to repair infrastructure
3. Courtyards at Rockford Place Bond Estimate to repair infrastructure
4. Town Hall/PD upfit: Council/Court Chamber Furniture - RFP19-03/Addendum #1
  - a) Property & Recreation Committee Recommendation
  - b) Council Vote
5. Lexington County FY19 “C” Fund
6. Back to School Drive 2019 - Update

**New Business**

1. Planning Commission Recommendation: Zoning & Land Development revision of:
  - a) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1008.1
  - b) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.2
  - c) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.3
  - d) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.4
2. Planning Commission Recommendation: Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the Division of One Lot into Two Parcels
3. Funding PRPD new hire at SCCJA for Class 1 Certification
4. PRPD Crime Watch meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
5. Donation of Ice Machine to LCLEOA

**Citizen's Comment Time**

**ADJOURN**

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Council present: Mayor Wells, Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Dinkins and Councilman Simms

Staff present: Town Administrator, Mrs. Miller, and Lieutenant Silano

**6:45 P.M. – 6:46 P.M. Review of Administrative Department Report**

Written Administrative Department reports were included in the Council packets. Mayor Wells stated that the Town Administrator had submitted her Administrative reports from April to July 2018 and asked Council if they had any questions. Mayor Wells stated he wanted to point out the tinted gray areas on the budget were items that would be adjusted by the Auditor for fiscal year end June 30, 2019. Mayor Wells added that the gas report for police vehicles was included for Council's information. Council did not have any questions for Mrs. Miller.

**6:46 P.M. – 6:54 P.M. Review of Police Department Administrative Report**

Lieutenant Silano updated Council on the monthly statistics:

21 calls for service	2 arrests
8 reports written	21 community contacts
12 uniform traffic tickets	74 property checks
5 warning tickets	10 assists to other law enforcement agencies

Lieutenant Silano updated Council:

- Crime Watch Meeting on 8/26 at 6:30pm with Sergeant Jeff Flanders with Lexington County
- Police Department Leadership of Chief Neeley and Lieutenant Silano asked Council to allow the hiring of non-certified Class 1 applicants. Lieutenant Silano stated that they have only received two applications over the last six months for the Patrolman position, which were received incomplete and will not be processed. However, the Lieutenant stated that Chief Neeley has been approached by at least five applicants that he has had to turn away since they were not certified. Lieutenant Silano stated that if Council approves the change, a greater pool of applicants will be available. Councilman Simms asked what the cost is to send an applicant to the Academy. Lieutenant Silano replied that it will cost the town the Applicant's salary for the twelve-week period which includes a four week online course. Mayor Wells asked if they will be at the office during those four weeks. Lieutenant Silano replied that at this time, the West Columbia Police Department is hosting the four-week online course. Mayor Wells asked what happens if they fail the test. Lieutenant Silano stated that they will have up to six months to retake the test. Mayor Wells asked what can Pine Ridge do with them while they wait to take the test. Lieutenant Silano stated that in the State of South Carolina, that they can be employed for up to a year before going to the Police Academy. That the candidate would not be able to patrol by themselves and could be certified with a firearm.

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During the six-month period they would work on having all the credentials except the Class 1 certification and if they did not pass the second time, they would have to wait a year to take the test again. Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that the Town would need to have a caveat policy in place to either retain or terminate the Officer after the six month or one-year period. Mayor Pro-tem Davis asked if it would be to our advantage to allow them to continue to work till that six-month period. Lieutenant Silano agreed. Council discussed shortages in law enforcement and sign up bonuses that encourage employment. Lieutenant Silano stated that is hard to compete with other agencies due to the range in pay scales. Mayor Wells asked Council if they had any further questions for Lieutenant Silano, but they did not.

**6:54 P.M. - 7:05 P.M. Informational Council Discussion**

Mayor Wells stated that this is typically where Council has the opportunity to make any announcements, advise Council of events they have represented the town at or any items Council would like to be considered at the next scheduled meeting. However, there are a few upcoming items that Mrs. Miller would like Council to be aware of.

- a) Ordinance 2019-29 – Public Hearing & First Reading to be held September 10, 2019 on proposed amendments to Zoning & Land Development Ordinance, Article 10, Division 2, Section 1008.1, 1010.2, 1010.3 & 1010.4

Mayor Wells asked Mrs. Miller to talk to Council on proposed Ordinance 2019-29. Mrs. Miller stated the following to Council:

During the review by Planning of the Zoning and Land Development Regulations, Minor Subdivision approvals were changed to be approved by the Planning Commission instead of the Planning Official. Everyone agreed that this would help the Planning Commission be aware of all development in town to help with the Comprehensive Plan revisions and would relieve some of the workload off the Planning Official. However, we did not realize that simple residential lot splits would be addressed under current Section 1010 for Minor subdivisions.

As with any new regulations, you don't realize the need for change until you run across a situation. The situation that presented itself once the moratorium ended is that residents who wish to split off a portion of their lot into another lot is actually covered under Section 1010 for Minor Subdivisions, which require the Planning Commission's approval.

I presented the Planning Commission at their July 23, 2019, meeting with a proposed correction so that the Planning Official is able to approve "Two Lot Minor Subdivisions". If the lot split requires an easement or flag lot, it will still come to the Planning Commission for approval. But if all regulations are met, then the Planning Official can approve. The Minor Subdivision will change to reflect three or more lots up until five which will continue to be approved by the Planning Commission.

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The Planning Commission agreed that it is not necessary for residents with a simple two lot minor subdivision to have to wait for a regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting for approval and has submitted their recommendation to Town Council under New Business Item #1 & 2.

Additionally, as a part of the change the Master Fee Schedule will reflect a lower price for “Two Lot Minor Subdivisions”. Due to public notice requirements, the public hearing and first reading cannot be held until September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Council had no questions or comments.

- b) Ordinance 2019-30 – Public Hearing & First Reading to be held September 10, 2019 on proposed amendments to the Master Fee Schedule

Mayor Wells asked Mrs. Miller to talk to Council on proposed Ordinance 2019-30. Mrs. Miller stated the following to Council:

During the July Town Council meeting Council approved Resolution 2019-27 for the Master Fee Schedule for the Budget Year 2019/2020. I recently learned that this could be done by Ordinance which relieves the annual Resolution and one less thing on my list every year. I am also proposing a change in fees relating to the changes proposed in Ordinance 2019-29 for Two Lot Minor Subdivisions. The fee should be more reasonable as the approval process will be simplified per the Planning Commission recommendation of the Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the Division of One Lot into Two Parcels which will be introduced formally to Town Council at the September meeting under Ordinance 2019-30.

Council had no questions or comments.

- c) Ordinance 2019-32 – Public Hearing & First Reading to be held September 10, 2019 on proposed amendment to Business License Ordinance: Appendix B-Business License Schedule by NAICS code

Mayor Wells asked Mrs. Miller to talk to Council on proposed Ordinance 2019-32. Mrs. Miller stated the following to Council:

Appendix B is an attachment to the Business License Ordinance. The Municipal Association released the 2019 Business License Class Schedule on July 16<sup>th</sup>. It replaced the 2016 class schedule that we currently have. The Municipal Association prepares this document which is based on the 2014 IRS financial data which was released the second week in July after a two-year delay which allowed the Municipal Association to finally calculate a new class schedule.

Council had no questions or comments.

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- d) Midland Girls Softball-Sponsor plaques – Mayor Wells pointed out the plaques received from the teams that the Town has sponsored. Mayor Wells also read aloud a Thank You note for continued support of the Midland Girls Softball.
- e) Midland Boys Baseball-Sponsor plaques – Mayor Wells pointed out the plaques received from the teams that the Town has sponsored.

Mayor Wells stated that he would like to read aloud a public notice about the upcoming General Election.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF PINE RIDGE GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a General Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for the purpose of electing (2) Council members:

Citizens desiring to be a candidate may file a Statement of Candidacy at the Pine Ridge Town Hall, located at 2757 Fish Hatchery Road. Filing will be open starting at 12 noon on August 16, 2019 and remain open during regular business hours until 12 noon on August 30, 2019. In order to qualify as a candidate for office and have his or her name placed on the ballot, one must be a resident of the Town of Pine Ridge, and be a qualified elector. The Filing Fee for Council is \$30.00

A Statement of Economic Interest form must also be completed on-line with the Ethics Commission and Campaign Disclosure submitted, both according the Ethics Commission directive.

This is a Non-Partisan election, and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

Town residents desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be registered by October 5, 2019. To register, update voter registration, or obtain information on absentee ballots, please contact the Lexington County Board of Voter Registration at 785-8361.

Polls shall open for the following Precincts at 7:00 am and remain open until 7:00 pm without intermission. Pine Ridge #1 and Pine Ridge #2 at Congaree Baptist Church located at 101 Pine Ridge Dr., West Columbia SC 29172.

At 9:00 am on said Election Day, the County Election Commission will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return at 605 W Main St. Ste C. Lexington SC.

On Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 9:00 am the Lexington County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of provisional ballots cast and to release the official election results. This hearing will be held at 605 W Main St., Ste C. Lexington.

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Mayor Wells stated that Mrs. Miller had shared an article with Council from Serve & Connect, about the Blessing Box and some of the town's employees. Mayor Wells added that town's employees went above and beyond to provide this family's children with all the school supplies so that they will have everything they need to start the school year off right. The Blessing Box has drawn a lot of attention and as he drove up for the meeting, someone was putting stuff in.

With nothing more to discuss, Mayor Wells closed the work session.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 7:05 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wells called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with Mayor Pro-tem Davis, Councilman Dinkins and Councilman Simms present.

Staff present: Town Administrator, Mrs. Miller and Lieutenant Silano

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro-tem Davis led those assembled in prayer.

**Freedom of Information Act Compliance** – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. July 9, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting

Mayor Pro-tem Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019, as submitted. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Estates at Indigo Bond Estimate to repair infrastructure

Mayor Wells stated that this project should be completed before 10/31/2019 per County Councilman Todd Cullum who is trying to include repairs to Vista View, while they are around the corner.

2. Indigo Place Bond Estimate to repair infrastructure

Mayor Wells stated that the County will begin to address this once the Oakhill Road project is completed.

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3. Courtyards at Rockford Place Bond Estimate to repair infrastructure

Mayor Wells stated that this item is currently in litigation.

4. Town Hall/PD Upfit: Council/Court Chamber Furniture – RFP19-03/Addendum #1

- a) Property & Recreation Committee Recommendation

Mayor Wells stated that the low bidder came by and taped off the lay out that they are proposing that will fit seven members, writing area and enough room to walk behind the chairs. There will be a small elevated platform in the middle to cover the microphone wires and that they can be replaced at a later time. Low bid was just under \$10k and high bid was over \$30k. The Town previously received a proposal for \$25k. Mayor Wells added that \$30k was allocated for this item in the 2019/2020 budget approved by Council on June 11, 2019. There are still remaining items to be done in the renovation budget for the Council room and other areas of the building and garage.

Property & Recreation Chairman Simms stated that the Property & Recreation Committee recommends the proposal submitted by MAR Construction out of Newberry, South Carolina, in the amount of \$9,979.00.

- b) Council Vote

Councilman Dinkins made a motion to accept the Property & Recreation Committee's recommendation as submitted. Mayor Pro-tem Davis seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. Lexington County FY19 "C" Fund

Mayor Wells stated that in April of last year the Town submitted "C" Fund request to Lexington County to install sidewalks to news sports complex at 900 Pine Ridge Drive. Traffic count and an estimate included for concrete for the sidewalks, crosswalk & paving markings for a total of \$56,400.00. It was noted that the request did not include grading, dirt fill, curb, gutter or easement acquirement. In April of this year, the Lexington County Transportation Committee (CTC) approved \$25k. Mayor Wells stated that he asked County Councilman Todd Cullum for help on this as the town needs to know the total cost of the project before the Town approves. Mayor Wells stated we are still waiting on a reply from Lexington County.

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6. Back to School Drive 2019 - Update

Mayor Wells stated that Chief Neeley was going to give an update on the Pine Ridge Police Department's Back to School Drive, but he is not in attendance. Mrs. Miller stated that the donations were really low this year but the items will be donated to the elementary school.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Planning Commission Recommendation: Zoning & Land Development revision of:
  - a) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1008.1
  - b) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.2
  - c) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.3
  - d) Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.4

Mayor Wells stated that the Planning Commission has submitted their recommendation for Town Council to approve the proposed revisions. This vote is only to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation as submitted to Town Council in the capacity of an advisory board. It does not mean Town Council is approving the proposed revisions that will be present for a public hearing and first reading at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

COMMUNICATION: PINE RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Planning Commission

DATE: July 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Review & Recommendation to Town Council:

- a) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1008.1
- b) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.2
- c) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.3
- d) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.4



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At its' regular meeting on July 23, 2019, the Planning Commission discussed and agreed upon the following recommendations:

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| a) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1008.1 |
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1008.1 Town of Pine Ridge Review by Type

- 1) The Planning Official shall review, and stamp for recording, plats for subdivisions meeting the exemption requirement and plats of re-surveys of previously recorded lots.
- 2) *The Planning Official shall review and stamp for recording, plats for Minor Subdivision of two lots.*
- 3) The Planning Commission shall review and approve Minor Subdivisions of more than two lots, Major Subdivisions, Group Developments, and Planned Development District (MPD) applications.
- 4) Town Council shall give final approval of MPD projects in its role in the zoning map amendment (re-zoning) process.

**b) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.2**

1010.2 Two Lot Minor Subdivision Submittal Requirements and Approval Process

*Minor subdivisions created by the division of one lot into two lots shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Official through the following process:*

- 1) *The Planning Official shall review and approve plats of two lot minor subdivisions prior to the recording of the plat with the Lexington County Register of Deeds. The purpose of this review is to assure that existing and proposed land parcels and structures are in compliance with all applicable zoning district regulations and regulations for the subdivision of land and the creation of lots of this Ordinance. Plats must display the correct Lexington County Tax Map Survey (TMS) number and shall be drawn to the requirements of the Minimum Standards Manual for the Practice of Land Surveying in South Carolina. Section 49-450 of the Minimum Standards Manual, states that plats must contain pertinent data and appropriate information. In addition to the information the*

  
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*Register of Deeds will require for recording a plat, plats submitted for approval shall contain enough pertinent data and appropriate information to make a determination of consistency with all applicable zoning and land development regulations. Plat approval is contingent upon this determination. The Planning Official shall create written guidelines that will assist and aide the applicant in submitting a plat with the pertinent information and data needed to make a determination of approval.*

- 2) *Within ten (10) working days of submission of the plat, the Planning Official shall determine that the proposed two lot minor subdivision conforms to applicable zoning district regulations of this Ordinance and shall approve, approve with changes, or reject the plat. If rejected, changes, additional analysis, or other information necessary to make an approval determination shall be identified and transmitted to the applicant.*
- 3) *Approved plats shall be given to the applicant for transmission to the Lexington County Register of Deeds for Recording.*

**c) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.3**

1010.3 Three Four, or Five Lot Minor Subdivision Submittal Requirements

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to add the following:

2) Site Information

- a) *Floodplain areas, wetlands, and storm drainage ditches*
- b)-a) *Location, names, and right-of way widths of existing streets within the subject track and existing and plotted streets adjacent to the subject tract.*
- c)-b) *Location and dimensions of all existing rights-of-way and easements.*
- d)-e) *Political lines, if applicable, and the position of the proposed development in relation to its surroundings indicating current land use (commercial, residential, vacant, etc.) and zoning designation of the subject site and adjacent property.*

  
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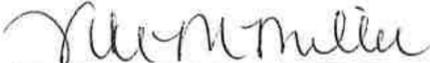


d) ZLDR Article 10, Division 2 Section 1010.4

1010.4 Three, Four, and Five Lot Minor Subdivision Approval Process

A motion was made by Commission Member Shealy to recommend to Town Council to adopt the revision of Sections 1008.1, 1010.2, 1010.3 and 1010.4, as submitted with the addition in Section 1010.3 (2)a to include Floodplain areas, wetlands, and storm drainage ditches. Commission Member Merchant seconded the motion. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to Town Council.

  
Chairman, Planning Commission

Attest:  
  
Viki M. Miller, Planning Official

  
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Councilman Dinkins made a motion to accept the Planning Commission Recommendation of the revision of Zoning & Land Development Ordinance Article 10, Division 2 Section 1008.1, 1010.2, 1010.3 and 1010.4. Councilman Simms seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2. Planning Commission Recommendation: Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the Division of One Lot into Two Parcels

Mayor Wells stated the Planning Commission has submitted their recommendation to approve the new guidelines to assist Residents in complying with the proposed revision of Section 1008.1, 1010.2, 1010.3 and 1010.4 in the Zoning and Land Development Ordinance. This vote is only to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation as submitted to Town council in the capacity of an advisory board. It does not mean Council is approving the new Guidelines that will presented at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Policies/Guidelines only need one reading/approval from Council to go into effect.

COMMUNICATION: PINE RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Planning Commission

DATE: July 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Review & Recommendation to Town Council:  
a) Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the  
Division of One Lot into Two Parcels



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At its' regular meeting on July 23, 2019, the Planning Commission discussed and agreed upon the following recommendations:

a) Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the Division of One Lot into Two Parcels

**REQUIRED DATA AND INFORMATION**

The following data and information is required to assist the Planning Official in reviewing and adjudicating the submitted minor subdivision plat in the most timely and efficient manner possible. Cooperation with these guidelines will expedite a determination of approval.

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Plat Sheets

Plat sheets should be sized appropriately to convey all required plat information, notations, and certifications with adequate space provided for plat approval and recording stamps such that the plat is not overcrowded and difficult to read. In general, plat sheets sized 11 x 17 or greater are preferred.

Parent Parcel

When a new parcel is created from a parent parcel, the Planning Official is required to review the remaining portion of the parent parcel to determine that it complies with the applicable zoning, subdivision, and land development regulations. Therefore, the relation of the divided lot(s) to the parent lot must be clearly shown on the plat. This does not require a resurvey of the entire parent parcel. The entire parent parcel and the proposed division must be shown on the plat when feasible. The previous survey must be referenced on the plat. When the parent parcel is of a size that it is not feasible to show the entire parcel on the plat to be recorded, the surveyor may present a compiled map drawn from previously recorded documents, photographic materials, or tax maps which represent the general configuration of the parcel where partial (the subject divisions) surveying has been performed by the land surveyor preparing the map. A compiled map, if needed, must be prepared by the surveyor. Although the Planning Official may reference available Lexington County on-line mapping and

  
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data to assist the applicant, it shall not be the responsibility of the Planning Official to perform research for the data necessary to make a determination about the parent lot.

*Existing Buildings*

Any existing buildings on the parcel to be subdivided (parent parcel) and on the parcel being created shall be located on the plat with setback distances from the new property lines shown to demonstrate compliance with zoning district building setback regulations. Alternately, aerial photography or other mapping services may be used to demonstrate setback compliances when the maps clearly and definitively demonstrate setback requirements will be met.

*Minimum Lot Size*

The acreage or square footage of both the new parcel and the remainder of the parent parcel shall be provided to demonstrate that both parcels meet minimum lot size of the zoning district.

*Road Frontage and Access*

Plats must clearly demonstrate that both parcels have the minimum 50 feet of public road frontage as required by the Town of Pine Ridge Zoning and Land Development Regulation (ZLDR) ordinance. Flag lots and access easement allowed under 1004.1 of the ZLDR to:

- A. to permit full use of a lot of record (existing lot) created and existing prior to the adoption of this Ordinance that does not meet the minimum 50-foot street frontage requirements.
- B. To allow access to a division of land by gift conveyed by deed from one (1) member to another member of the same immediate family i.e. (husband, wife, mother, father, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters).

Shall comply with the provisions of the Lexington County Planning Commission Access Policy.

  
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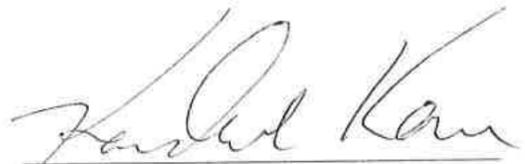
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Draft Plat

If there are any questions or concerns of a proposed lot split meeting the ZLDR requirements, the surveyor is encouraged to submit a draft plat of the proposed subdivision for review with the Planning Official. This will help streamline the process and save time and expense.

A motion was made by Commission Member Merchant to recommend to Town Council to adopt the Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the Division of One Lot into Two Parcels, which is required in the revised Zoning & Land Development Regulations, Section 1010.2, as submitted. Commission Member Shealy seconded the motion. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to Town Council.

  
Chairman, Planning Commission

Attest:

  
Viki M. Miller, Planning Official

  
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Mayor Pro-tem Davis made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of the Guidelines for Submitting Plats for the Division of One Lot into Two Parcels. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Funding PRPD new hire at SCCJA for Class 1 Certification

Mayor Wells stated Lieutenant Silano spoke about this during the work session and Council would need to vote if they wished to fund sending a new hire to the Criminal Justice Academy for certification.

Councilman Dinkins made a motion to allow funding for an applicant to attend the twelve-week course through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, in order to receive their Class 1 certification. Councilman Simms seconded the motion, which opened the item for discussion.

Councilman Dinkins asked if only hiring a Class 1 Certified Officer is based off an ordinance or policy. Mrs. Miller responded that it is a policy but explained that when that policy was put in place there was no requirement for that newly certified Officer to stay with our Police Department. Now there is a law stating that the Officer is required to stay with our Police Department a minimum of two years after receiving certification. Lieutenant Silano agreed and added that if the Officer leaves before that two-year period, that the agency that has hired them will be required to repay the Town for their training. Mayor Pro-tem Davis stated that we need to update the policy to state that if they should fail the training, that it will be at the Police Chief's discretion whether he wants to keep them as an employee.

Mayor Wells called for a vote. Council unanimously approved the funding for the Pine Ridge Police Department to send a newly hired employee to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy for Class 1 Certification.

4. PRPD Crime Watch meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Mayor Wells reminded everyone of the Crime Watch meeting that Lieutenant Silano talked about earlier.

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5. Donation of Ice Machine to LCLEOA

Mayor Wells stated that in 2015, the Pine Ridge Senior Center moved to their new location and left a commercial size ice machine. The machine quit working in April of 2018 and was repaired for about \$300.00. Once the Administrative offices moved to the same side of the building in July 2018, the ice machine was turned off as it produced a lot of noise and heat. A cheap small table top unit was purchased for employee use. The few events the town has participated since, we have purchased ice at the place on 321 near Waffle House. The Lexington County Law Enforcement Officers Association (LCLEOA) is in need of an ice machine. Our Police Chief, Lieutenant and Patrolman are members and even co-hosted the monthly dinner meeting last month with South Congaree. Former Police Chief Elizabeth Wright actively participates in this organization as well. If Council is willing to donate the machine, they will hire a professional company to come out and unhook it properly. The LCLEOA is not a 501 C-3 but they are registered with the Secretary of State as a nonprofit. The LCLEOA would like to know if Council would consider donating the ice machine to their organization.

Councilman Simms made a motion to donate the ice machine to the Lexington County Law Enforcement Officers Association. Councilman Dinkins seconded the motion. Mayor Wells asked if anyone had any questions or would like to discuss the item. No one did. Mayor Wells called for a vote. Council unanimously approved the donation of the ice machine to the Lexington County Law Enforcement Officer Association.

**Citizen's Comment Time**

Mr. Rock Lucas of Clubhouse Drive stated that he had respect for Lieutenant Silano and Patrolman Swanson as Charwood Golf Course sees them patrolling on a regular basis. In July a golf cart was stolen and his son made an appointment with Chief Neeley to file an incident report. As of today, Mr. Lucas has been unable to file an insurance claim because he is unable to obtain a police report from the County or Pine Ridge. Mr. Lucas wanted to make Council aware of the issues he has been having regarding his case.

Mayor Wells stated that he received a letter from Mr. Reid Smith of Myrtle Road and although Mr. Smith was in attendance, Mr. Smith asked Mayor Wells to read aloud his letter:

To the Town of Pine Ridge Council and Police Department,  
I would like to start off saying thank you to the Council and the Mayor for our service to our town. I would like to say an even bigger thank you to our town police department. You guys are overworked, underpaid, and certainly under appreciated. My family and I sincerely thank you. The issue I would like to bring before the council and police department is the heavy traffic and repeated speeding on Myrtle Road. The volume of traffic is astronomical for a residential street and most of the traffic is from non-residents. The other issue is the speed in which these non-residents drive. We repeatedly see vehicles who appear to be in excess of 55mph and the posted speed limit is 30mph. There are even some vehicles who appear to be far beyond 55mph. One particular vehicle who recently started

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traveling our road appears to be doing more like 80mph. I have gotten his tag number in hope this could be addressed. I bring these two issues because I fear someone will be killed one day just pulling out of their driveway or getting the mail. I have chosen Pine Ridge as my home and want to raise my family here. I just hate not being able to fully enjoy the community for fear of this traffic. In closing, I would like for an effort to be made from the Council with SCDOT to somehow limit the traffic. I would also ask Chief Neeley and his department to increase patrolling on Myrtle Road. I also understand that your department is understaffed, and would ask Council to request more assistance from the Lexington County Sheriff's department for patrolling in off hours. I want to be clear that I am not complaining, just bringing forth an issue of concern. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-tem Davis moved to adjourn, with a second by Councilman Dinkins. With the Council's unanimous approval, Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Viki M. Miller, Town Administrator

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Robert M. Wells, Jr., Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED 10/18/2019