

2016 - 2017 City Council Goal Accomplishments

1. Create an environment that grows the economy, increases tax base and fosters entrepreneurial opportunities

Accomplishments:

- Application for Major Zoning Permit - Venture Properties VII LLC – Dollar General at 284 Winston Road (8/22/16)
- The Candy Factory featured article in *Our State* Magazine (8/1/2016)
- Lexington Barbecue featured in *Thrillist* Magazine – The Only Regional Guide You’ll Ever Need with BBQ sandwich photo included (8/11/16) (PR Firm)
- Lexington Barbecue featured in *Zagat* Magazine - American Regional Barbecue Ultimate Guide (8/4/16) (PR Firm)
- Expedia Chat Social Media promotes Lexington (9/12/16) (PR Firm)
- Lexington Barbecue and Barbecue Center Interview and video segment for *TravelBite* (9/12/16)
- Smiley’s Barbecue featured in *iExplore* Magazine, Culinary Section – Top 10 BBQ in USA w/BBQ Ribs on grill photo included (8/18/16)
- 25 Food and Drink Festivals to Taste This Fall, *USA Today*, reaching 22.6 million unique visitors per month. (9/12/16)
- Bull City Cider opens Bull City Restaurant in Uptown Lexington (8/1/16)
- Lexington chosen as “The Cutest Town in Every U.S. State” by *Purewow* Travel (9/6/16)
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- Partnering with Davidson County on Sewer Infrastructure Design; Appropriated Funds for Natural Gas Engineering and Design Costs for Infrastructure at Davidson County I-85/Belmont Road Industrial Park Mega Site (9/12/16)
- Approved Economic Development Incentive Grant for Project Combine III (9/26/16)
- Opening of new Texas Steak and Tap House (9/27/16)
- Opening of Red Donut Shop on East 1st Street (10/12/16)
- Opening of LaFesta Restaurant on North Main (10/31/16)

2. Continue to expand recreational opportunities for citizens

Accomplishments:

- Lighting improvements began and now virtually complete at Bingham Tennis Center (8/22/16)
- Bike Racks installed in Uptown Lexington by ULI (7/27/16)
- Washington Park Master Plan with Spray Ground under construction (10/31/16)
- Holt-Moffitt Field improvements under construction (10/31/16)
- Parks and Recreation offers new program - Adult Flag Football League (10/12/16)

3. Focus efforts on improving the City’s appearance

Accomplishments:

- Enforcement underway for Uptown good repair building ordinance (7/1/16)

Accomplishments July 2016 through June 2017

Updated 11/2/16

- Completion of Administrative Offices and Original Historic Barbecue Pit Renovations and hosted Open House (8/31/16)
- Sidewalks and Curb and Guttering Improvements to Fair Street for student and pedestrian crossing from 5th Street and MLK Jr. Blvd. (8/10/16)
- Pedestrian Wayfinding Signs installed in Uptown Lexington (10/10/16)
- Partnering with Uptown Lexington to Co-Host Seminar to discuss developing second story opportunities in Main Street buildings (10/28/16)
- Partnering with NCDOT on bridge, crosswalk and sidewalk designs for aesthetic appeal (10/31/16)

4. Develop Depot District including advocating for passenger railstop

Accomplishments:

- Demolition/removal of elevated passage on Railroad Street to insure safety and promote appearance in depot district (7/19/16)
- U.S. Congresswoman Alma Adams, D-12th, toured Bull City Ciderworks facility and reuse of manufacturing plant and redevelopment efforts in Depot District (8/16/16)
- Amtrak and BBQ Express continues to partner with BBQ festival to offer train stops on BBQ Festival day (8/16/16)
- Environmental Analysis (EAS) completed for Lexington Multimodal Transportation Station Project and presented for public review prior to approval by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) (9/23/16)
- Negotiated, executed and finalized Brownfield Agreement to aid redevelopment opportunities (10/31/16)

5. Support programs that will prepare students for good citizenship, successful future and jobs

Accomplishments:

- Held First Lexington Police Department Youth Camp in July, 2016 (7/11/16)
- Made appointments for Lexington City Government Youth Council for 2016-2017 School Year (7/11/16)
- City Public Safety Departments participation in Big Toy Day at Davidson County Airport for Communities in Schools (8/27/16)
- Lexington City Schools Elementary Murals display being created for City Hall (8/16/16)
- Young Marines attended City Council Meeting in honor of Red Ribbon Week (10/10/16)
- Fire Department developed “ride along” programs for students and seeking internships; Fire Prevention and Education Week (10/12/16)

6. Maintain City’s financial integrity while enhancing government services

Accomplishments:

- Received \$1,500 Donation from Point Security, Inc. for Lexington Police Youth Camp held in July 2016 (7/11/16)
- Redeemed 2006 Combined Enterprise System Natural Gas Revenue Bonds resulting in a net savings of \$85K (8/22/16)

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- Reimbursement of 100% received from FEMA resulting from the 2014 Storm Event (9/12/16)
- Applied for Grant Assistance from N.C. Department of Environmental Quality for Wastewater System Asset Management Plan (9/12/16)
- Applied for Grant Assistance for Skate Park; Recipient of NC PARTF Grant for \$250,000 for Tri-Distributors Building (10/5/16)

7. Partner with key stakeholders to expand cultural arts and entertainment options

Accomplishments:

- Construction began and now virtually complete on Amphitheater Project (8/8/16)
- Partnered with *MadeMan* series to promote historic barbecue pit restoration efforts (7/13/16)
- NCDOT agrees to complete project of Main Street repairs prior to 2016 BBQ Festival (8/16/16)
- Renewed contract with Lou Hammond Group for public relations professional services (10/24/16)

8. Support development of “green” initiatives

Accomplishments:

- Recycling rollouts ordered and delivery underway in preparation for Wednesday bi-weekly collection implementation (10/31/16)

9. Attract and retain a diverse and inclusive professional staff that is highly trained and skilled and reflects the community

Accomplishments:

- Reengineering recruitment efforts for additional outreach (7/1/16)
- Partnered with Lexington YMCA to offer employee membership options for healthier lifestyles (8/6/16)
- Employee participation in United Way Food Drive Campaign surpassing goal of 1,000 cans of food with a donation of 1,466 cans. (9/6/16)
- City Employee Diversity/Inclusion Committee formed by Human Resources Department with results steering citywide training initiatives (10/6/16)

10. Continue to address homeownership, housing options, blighted neighborhoods and neighborhood stabilization

Accomplishments:

- Authorized Public Finance Authority to Issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for The Club Apartments (8/22/16)
- Allocated funds from Neighborhood Revitalization Program Lexington Housing Community Development Corporation (LHCDC) for homeownership efforts and improvements (8/8/16)