

2017 - 2018 Lexington City Council Goal Accomplishments

(Period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018)

Goal 1

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

- Grand Opening of Butcher's Block on July 7, 2017
- Adoption of Brunch Bill Ordinance to enable local businesses to generate additional revenues by alcohol sales on Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Major Zoning Permit for Barber Shop at 1224 South Salisbury Street
- Travels Unlimited locates at 207 South Main Street
- River House Emporium opens in former Catherine's Curtains at 120 South Main Street
- Bee's Knees opens at new location at 125 S. Main Street
- *Triad Business Journal* lists Lexington Barbecue restaurant as one of the most 'iconic' restaurants in USA
- Carolina Business Review episode on economy, education and infrastructure, featuring Mayor Clark as guest speaker on September 13, 2017, and February 16, 2018
- The Resource, a job placement agency, opens at 119 N. Talbert Boulevard
- "Bar-B-Q Center Makes a Name for Itself in Lexington" feature in *Our State* magazine
- The Candy Factory is featured in *USA Today* featuring fall fudge
- May Heavy Equipment expands with new facility headquartered at 215 Woodside Drive
- Grand Opening Celebration of Lidl Grocery Store on Fairview Drive on October 19, 2017
- Grand Opening of Chick-fil-A in Lexington on October 26, 2017
- WRAL's *Tar Heel Traveler* aired on November 14, 2017, featuring Beck's BBQ Pits located in City Hall
- FOX8 featured Piedmont Candy Company "Made in NC" and The Candy Factory "FOX8 Foodie"
- Lexington was featured in *The Charlotte Post* as being more than just great barbecue
- *Food & Wine* features Lexington BBQ in "Best Barbecue in Every State" article
- Eater.com features Lexington BBQ among 22 Must-Visit Restaurants Road-Tripping NC
- Entered into Interlocal Agreement with Davidson County for the I-85 Corporate Center natural gas line extension
- Entered into Memorandum of Agreement with Davidson County Airport for Fuel Rebate Program
- Planet Fitness opens in Lexington Plaza
- Coach's Restaurant opens in Lexington Plaza
- Grand Opening for Wenonah Mills Consignment Emporium at 100 E. Ninth Ave.
- MRI Hotels announce Hampton Inn as new hotel at Fritts Street and Fairview Drive
- Lexington ranks #24 in top 100 most popular small towns to relocate by moveBuddha.com
- Renewal of Lexington Municipal Service District

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- Halyard Health hosts a ‘Meet and Greet’ with local officials and staff in an effort to provide information on their commitment to safety in the production of a worldwide product
- *Upstate Today* features article on Lexington Golf Course
- *Carolina Country* magazine features article on Lexington “More Than BBQ”

Goal 2 Continue to expand recreational opportunities for citizens

- Inaugural summer for Washington Park Splash Pad
- Resurfaced eight (8) tennis courts at Lexington City Schools’ Bingham Tennis Center
- Replaced small play structure at Finch Park
- Skate/BMX Park Design Reveal held on October 25th for public input and design ideas and transferred funds from General Fund to establish project
- Offered fireworks exhibit in historic depot district for Lexington BBQ Festival
- Lexington Appearance Commission in partnership with Lexington Parks and Recreation Department hosts 2nd Annual Go Fly a Kite Day
- 22nd Annual Multicultural Festival held at Davidson County Fairgrounds and Naturalization Ceremony
- Installation of two new benches at Grimes Park with Council Neighborhood Funds

Goal 3 Focus efforts on improving the City’s appearance

- Implementation of non-containerized collection fee for chronic violators
- Approved supplemental grant for Edward C. Smith Civic Center to replace marquee and refurbish entrance in partnership with Uptown Lexington & Lexington Tourism
- ‘Que Up’ Sign makes front page of *DavidsonLiving* magazine
- Updating City vehicles and garbage/recycling rollout containers with new City logo and new ElectriCities Co-branding
- Installation of new LEXINGTON signs at all entranceways and main thoroughfares
- Installation of LNC logo in Vernon G. Price, Jr. Council Chamber
- Implementation of One-Side of Street Weekly Waste Collection for Glenwood Area only as a pilot program

Goal 4 Develop Depot District including advocating for passenger railstop

- Awarded CDBG Economic Grant for Goose and The Monkey Brewhouse Building Reuse Project and Amended Lease Agreement
- Entered into Lease Agreement with Three-Party Partnership (Azar, Tesh, Lynn) for development of the former NC Candy Factory within Depot District
- Submission of CDBG for Cider Brothers LLC d/b/a Bull City Ciderworks for Expansion of Manufacturing Facility at 599 South Railroad Street in Depot District
- *Salvage Dawgs*, a national television program, premiered in October 2017, originally filmed at LFI Plant #1 fall 2016
- PR Firm, Lou Hammond Group, landed Bull City Ciderworks in *USA Today*
- Lexington Furniture Industries, Inc. leases additional warehouse space at former LFI Plant #1 property
- Approve sell of City-owned property to Goose and The Monkey Brewhouse, LLC within Depot District for development

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

- Lexington Police holds 34th Annual National Night Out in Uptown Lexington
- Lexington Police holds 2nd Annual Police Youth Camp week of July 24-27, 2017
- Lexington City Government Youth Council appointed for School Year 2017-18
- Lexington Fire holds Fire Prevention Week at Station No. 1
- Davidson County Young Marines attend City Council meeting to accept proclamation for 'Red Ribbon Week' in the fight against drugs
- Human Relations Commission donates to Lexington Police Department for 2017 Police Youth Camp
- Lexington City Government Youth Council served as Que Crew at Barbecue Festival
- Water Resources hosts tour of water plant by Pilot Elementary school students
- Approved Ground Lease Agreement with Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. for Lexington Head Start Program at 300 West Ninth Avenue
- DCCC hosts EGGER Wood Products Apprenticeship Open House on May 15th – Tweet by Piedmont Triad, NC
- Water Resources staff discusses water filtration system to Pilot School Robotics Team, which finished 1st place and advanced to State competitions
- City Council funds \$1,000 from Neighborhood Funds to Jacket Academy Boosters Club for Lexington Senior High School
- Members of the Lexington Human Relations Commission attend South Lexington Elementary School and participate in Read Across America campaign
- Donation of out of date fire equipment to Lexington Senior High School for educational purposes

Goal 6 Maintain City's financial integrity while enhancing government services

- Utilizing tractor to assist knuckle-boom truck for year-round brush collection which saves fuel and manpower by reducing the need for an extra rear loader and two personnel
- Established interfund loan between Natural Gas Fund and Golf Fund for financing new golf carts
- Awarded 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (ARFG) for T-Pass Electronic Personal Alert Safety System for Fire Department personnel
- VIPER Radio Communications Equipment Purchase
- Received \$5,000 Grant from Electricities for system betterment to be used towards Hwy. 150 Substation Breaker Project
- Cayenta software upgrade to billing system successful, under budget and ahead of schedule
- Lexington Fire Department awarded improved Fire District Rating from 3 to 2 by NC Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal
- Information Technologies department received National publicity for participating in *ERepublic* webinar on mobile technology uses to enhance public safety August 2017
- City completes recodification of City's Code of Ordinances
- Lexington Utilities receives SOAR award for natural gas service
- Lexington Police Department receives donation from various sponsors for K9
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Davidson Council for emergency fuel

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- Lexington Fire Department receives donation from Humane Society of Davidson County for pet recovery masks
- Lexington Police Department receives grant from NC Governor's Crime Commission for Victim Advocate program to expand domestic violence initiatives
- Finance Department achieves Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017
- Lexington Police Department receives grant from 2018 N.C. Governor's Crime Commission for Body Worn Cameras to allow all officers to have cameras
- Expanded Natural Gas services to new Lexington Dialysis Center and Davidson Charter Academy
- Approved partnership agreement with Electricities of NC to manage electric distribution system effective June 30, 2018

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

- Partnered with Lexington Barbecue Festival to permit fireworks show for 34th Annual Lexington BBQ Festival and Que Up Brew Up at Breeden Insurance Amphitheater
- Visitors Center held 13 events at new Breeden Insurance Amphitheater from July - December, 2017
 - Installation of new Carolina Theatre marquee at Edward C. Smith Civic Center

Goal 8 Support development of "green" initiatives

- Expanded cardboard recycling to Lexington Utilities complex
- Expanded recycling rollouts to Breeden Insurance Amphitheater
 - Yard waste rollouts for Phase I delivered and service underway
 - Yard waste rollouts for Phase II to begin July 1, 2018

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

- Held annual benefits fair for all City employees at Police Academy in September which included active shooter training
- City Street crew members upgrade sidewalk entrances and installation of truncated domes along Main Street to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards
- City Employees donate 2,616 items for United Way Week of Caring in September, 2017
- City Police partners with Family Services of Davidson County to raise awareness of domestic violence by accepting a proclamation and holding a peace vigil
- Police Department hosts Litter Sweep on September 27, 2017 in Lexington
- Lexington chosen as one of "Triad's Healthiest Employers in 2017" by *Triad Business Journal*
- City Employees participate in United Way Campaign and exceeded goal of \$50K, with total contribution of \$50,523.22
- Held press conference for Lexington Furniture Industries catastrophic fire that occurred on December 21, 2017, with all involved exhibiting professionalism and well-trained staff during the catastrophic event

- City Clerk begins training to all City boards and commissions on parliamentary procedures and leading/participating in effective board meetings
- Lexington Fire Department receives Uptown Lexington 2018 Service Award for exceptional service in response to Dixie Plant Fire in December

Goal 10

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

- Close Portion of W. 7th Street Extension at NorLex Shopping Center for improved entrance/exit from US-8/Highway 52 (Winston Road)
- From January 2017 – January 2018, 26 demolition permits issued, 1,790 overgrown lots cases, 482 junk/debris cases, and 48 junk/nuisance vehicles removed
- Completed rehabilitation of apartment complex at 150 Martin Luther King Boulevard
- Received presentation from Lexington Housing Community Development Corporation (LHCDC) Executive Director on housing goals and objectives for Lexington
- Groundbreaking for historic renovation to Parkview Apartments renovation on West 3rd Avenue held on May 8, 2018 with \$2.5 million in updates are expected