



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

4:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Patrick D. Partin
Councilmember Walter M. Long (absent)
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Mae Drakeford
Councilmember X. Willard Polk

City Manager W. Kevin Bronson
Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson
City Clerk Brenda Davis
City Attorney Charles Cushman (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Reporter Martin Cahn
and interested Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 4:30 p.m.

WELCOME –City Manager Kevin Bronson welcomed Council to the July 24, 2012 City Council Work Session.

CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY MEETINGS REPORT

Seven community meetings were conducted by the Camden Police Department during the month of May 2012. The community meetings were held for residents to gain a better understanding of the agency's policies, procedures, and Mission Statement and to also listen to each community concerns, questions, and requests. All questions and concerns were addressed and some request was immediately put into effect. The community meetings were labeled as a "success" and it is the Camden Police Department intention to revisit this project annually, or more frequently as events dictate.

Chief Floyd presented this item to Council. For additional information please refer to Memo dated June 25, 2012, **RE:** Community Meeting.

COMMUNITY SURVEY as Part of the Strategic Planning Process

As a part the city of Camden's Annual Strategic Planning Process Council requested staff to evaluate the usage of a community survey to aid in Council's decision making for current and future projects, programs and expenditures. The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research at the University of South Carolina (institute) were recognized as point of contacts to conduct a community survey for the City of Camden. Expenses for conducting a public survey range in the amount of \$10,000 - \$15,000. The FY 2012/2013 budget does not include funds for this activity. Council voiced some concerns and decided to postpone the project until the next budget cycle.



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City Manager Kevin Bronson presented the item to the City Council. For additional information, please refer to memo dated July 19, 2012 **RE:** City's Annual Strategic Planning Process – Community Survey Prepared by City Manager W. Kevin Bronson.

ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND PROJECTS UPDATE- Bronson

A three year overview/update of the Electric Underground Project was presented to Council. All localized underground replacement and enhancement projects for FY 2010/11 and FY 2011/12 were completed on time and on budget. Localized Underground Replacement and Enhancement projects for FY 2012/13 to include ATEC School, Kershaw County School Office, Kershaw County Pool and Peckwood Road totaling \$249,645 are expected to begin September 2012. Electric Projects for FY 2012/13 to include Town Green Alley Service Upgrade - \$142,000, Broad Street Underground - \$691,000, DeKalb Street Underground- \$227,000, Market Street Underground - \$102,500 and Commerce Alley Underground \$205,000 are expected to start in September/October 2012.

There was general discussion and questions regarding this matter. Council thanked staff for their effort in doing an outstanding job while planning and executing the Electric Underground projects.

City Manager Kevin Bronson presented the item to Council.

For additional information please refer to the Electric Utility Projects PowerPoint presentation @ <http://www.cityofcamden.org>.

OTHER BUSINESS – Council

Councilmember Partin requested staff investigate standards that apply to cul de sacs as addressed in the Zoning Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor, Jeffrey R. Graham

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk