



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Patrick D. Partin
Councilmember Walter M. Long
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Mae Drakeford

City Manager W. Kevin Bronson
Assistant City Manager Mel Pearson
City Clerk Brenda Davis
Councilmember X. Willard Polk
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 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME – City Manager Kevin Bronson welcomed Council to the November 13, 2012 Camden City Council Work Session.

CITY MANAGER JOB POSTING

Council was presented with a briefing on the process of selecting a New City Manager. The process of selecting a new City Manager was recommended to Council as follow: The usage of the attached job description (see attach job description), selecting an advertising timeline – beginning the advertisement by the end of the month of November with a deadline for resume submittals by January 18, 2013, advertising the job description through the ICMA (International City/County Managers Association) at a 60-day rate of \$450 with an option to renew for additional 60 days at no cost, advertising the job description on the MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) website at no cost for as long as the position is open and advertising the job description on the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the Georgia Municipal Association website to regional potential candidates at nominal rates.

As noted during the presentation, additional items to consider after December 1, 2012 included the appointment of an Interim City Manager, to be effective January 4, 2013, partnering with MASC for candidate vetting and developing a timeline to include: Resume review, candidate vetting, interviews, candidate selection and New City Manager start date.



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There was general discussion from Council regarding the resume submittal deadline date, and the positions' salary range. After further discussion, Council agreed to move forward with the process as presented; staff will advertise the job description for the City Manager position before the end of the month. City Manager Kevin Bronson presented this item to Council. For additional information, please refer to Memo Dated November 13, 2012 **RE:** Selection of New City Manager Process – Job description attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:22 pm to discuss a personnel matter concerning the City Attorney.

Councilmember Long made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Partin to amend the Executive Session to include a discussion about a pending legal matter. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Drakeford, Councilmember Partin, Councilmember Long and Mayor Graham. Voting in opposition of the amended motion was Councilmember Polk.

REGULAR SESSION

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 4:44 pm. No action was taken during Executive Session; however City Manager Kevin Bronson read the following Statement regarding the status of the charges against the suspended City Attorney Charles Cushman: "On November 8, 2012 the suspended city attorney, Mr. Charles Cushman, pled guilty to the charge of being in contempt of court by an attorney. For this charge, the sentence rendered was credit for time served and payment of all court cost. The charge of misconduct in office was *nolle prossed* (dismissed) - meaning that it will not be further pursued.

"The city appreciates the time and effort from all parties to bring quick resolution to this matter. It is important that our government official be held accountable to the citizens of Camden. Accordingly, our next course of action will be to cooperate fully with the state Office of Disciplinary Action as they review the status of Mr. Cushman's law license"

The city will continue to keep everyone aware of all actions as it relates to this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Drakeford gave a report on several grants discussed at the Santee-Lynches Council of Government Board Meeting she attended- noting that the city could pursue a grant for infrastructure improvements-drainage, water, and sewer, a community development grant for "media centers" to include libraries and a grant for "shovel ready" projects.



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Councilmember Polk updated Council on Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority changes; noting that the Executive Director of Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority, Ms. Ann August, resigned to accept another position. Mr. Polk also noted that the SWRTA Medicaid transportation arrangement has been canceled due reimbursement services not covering cost.

Councilmember Long recommended Council revisit the Board of Architectural Review, noted a need for a new member appointment to the Historic Landmarks Commission after the resignation of Mrs. Laurie Parks due to her being elected as a Councilmember, and requested the discussion of the design guidelines be place on the December 11, 2012 City Council Agenda.

Mayor Graham asked that a resolution be drafted and placed on the December 11, 2012 Council agenda- recognizing the result of the voters' decision on the sports complex question and also noting councils' decision not to move forward with the project.

Mayor Graham requested staff complete a traffic study on Walnut Street due to neighbors' complaints of the one-way street.

Mayor Graham informed Council of a meeting scheduled with Amtrak on November 20, 2012 to discuss maintenance of its train station and asked that Mayor-elect Tony Scully attend the meeting.

Mayor Graham updated Council on the proposed location of Mr. Ross Beard collection. Mr. Beard met the staff of the Camden Archives and Museum, the archives commission and Friends of the Archives organization to discuss the possibility of the Archives being a host of the museum or possibly expanding the Archives to house his entire collection. Mr. Beard is currently working on a contract to have his collection placed at a permanent location in Camden.

Mayor Graham proposed to Council the following five names to be recognized as part of the Leaders Legacy Recognition Program: former Camden mayors Austin Sheheen, James L. Anderson, and Philip S. Minges, Jr.; Dr. Paul Joseph Sr. and Ruby Minton.



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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:10 pm.

Mayor Jeffrey R. Graham

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk