



City of Camden
South Carolina

MINUTES
CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

Mayor Anthony P. Scully; Mayor Pro-Tem X. Willard Polk; Councilmember Walter M. Long, Jr., Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford and Councilmember Laurel M. Parks; City Clerk Brenda Davis; City Manager Mel Pearson; Chronicle-Independent Reporter Martin Cahn and interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember Walter M. Long, Jr. gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adopt the April 23, 2013, City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes and the April 23, 2013, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

Council on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month. Interim Chairman Rick Trott of the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to proclaim May 22, 2013 as Free Clinic Awareness Day. Executive Director Susan Witkowski and Board Member Steve Van Horn were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 12th - May 18th, 2013 as National Nursing Home Week. Pat Jenkins of Springdale Health Care was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.



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ORDINANCE #13-010 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an Ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina authorizing the establishment of outdoor cafes through the addition of Title XI, Chapter 122, entitled “Outdoor Cafes” to the City’s Code of Ordinances; and further authorizing certain amendments to other provisions of the City’s Code of Ordinances so as to authorize and provide for the implementation of Chapter 122; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #13-011 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the receipt of easement on property on Haigler Lane. The purchases of said easements are with Danielle N. Goodson, Amanda K. Sheheen, J. Henry Walker, III, John A. Thompson, Jr., Houde Family Properties, LLC and Sandra B. Smith.

ORDINANCE #13-012 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an Ordinance adopting the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina Fiscal Year July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

RESOLUTION #13-015

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve a Resolution ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between City of Camden and the Lexington County Sheriff’s Department and the Irmo Police Department.

RESOLUTION #13-016

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to affirm Council’s position on safety for employees, property and the public.

RESOLUTION #13-017

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to approve a Resolution appropriating the expenditure of Hospitality Tax Funds to Mount Pleasant Velo, Inc in the amount of \$2,000 for the payment of the Double Down Challenge Circuit Race.



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ATAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2013-2014

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the ATAX Committee recommendations for the disbursement of the City's ATAX funds.

APPROVAL OF LEADER'S LEGACY RECOGNITIONS

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted to approve a motion for the City to fund the total cost of two Leader's Legacy Recognition Benches honoring former Mayors – Mary Y. Clark and Henry Benthall (Bennie) Marshall, Jr. The amount would total approximately \$4,400.

During a lengthy discussion regarding the policy and funding of the Leader's Legacy Recognition benches, Councilmember Long made a motion to amend the policy process for the nominator to assume at least some of the cost, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford. Those voting in favor of the amendment were Councilmember Long and Councilmember Drakeford. Voting in opposition of the motion were Councilmember Polk, Councilmember Parks and Mayor Scully. The motion to amend the policy failed. Councilmember Long and Councilmember Drakeford were in support of both nominations and offered to help raise funds to cover at least some of the cost.

After discussion and questions from Council regarding the policy and funding, Mayor Scully called for question on the original motion to have the City fund the total cost for both Legacy Benches. Those voting in favor of the motion were Councilmember Polk, Councilmember Parks and Mayor Scully. Voting in opposition of the motion were Councilmember Long and Councilmember Drakeford.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Albert Reed to the City of Camden Parks and Trees Commission with term to expire on May 31, 2016.

FAÇADE GRANT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve the façade grant application in the amount of \$64,000 with a City match of \$15,000 for 1000 Broad Street – Kimbrell's.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Park, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter and a real estate matter.



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REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Polk, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:16 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk