



**City of Camden**  
South Carolina

**CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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Tuesday, March 12, 2013

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Mayor Pro-Tem X. Willard Polk

Councilmember Walter M. Long

Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford (absent)

Councilmember Laurel M. Parks

City Manager Mel Pearson

City Clerk Brenda Davis

Chronicle-Independent Reporter Martin Cahn  
and interested Citizens

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

**WELCOME** –City Manager Mel Pearson welcomed Council to the March 12, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session and also shared with Council a thank you letter addressed to Tom Couch from the Governor of New York thanking staff for assisting in restoring electrical service to those areas in New York that were affected by Hurricane Sandy.

**Achievement Award (Larry Doby Exhibit)**

Archives and Museum Director, Katherine Richardson informed Council that the City of Camden will be receiving an award for achievement for the Larry Doby exhibit and associated programs. Mrs. Richardson will be on hand to receive the award.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

Chief Joseph Floyd presented Council with the 2012 statistical summary of police activities within city limits of Camden. Chief Floyd presentation to Council addressed the various types of criminal activity and offenses reported, a Traffic Accident yearly summary by day of week and time of day, Special Events coverage report, Use of Force reports summary, and the general daily duties of the Uniformed Patrol Division. There was general discussion regarding this matter. Please refer to Camden Police Department 2012 Statistical Summary Report.

**UNITED WAY – Donnie Supplee**

Donald P. Supplee, President of United Way of Kershaw County made a presentation to Council requesting City of Camden’s support for the United Way of Kershaw County Housing Initiative in the amount of \$15,000. There was general discussion and questions including comments from Council regarding this matter.



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**WHOLESALE POWER**

City Manager Mel Pearson presented Council with a brief update on city of Camden's current wholesale power contract with Progress Energy. The current contract with Progress Energy will expire at the end of December 2013. Staff along with the assistance of Ms. Sheree Brown of Utility Advisory Network, Inc is in the process of negotiating with potential wholesale power providers. The following companies listed have submitted proposals as potential providers: Duke/Progress Energy Carolinas; Santee Cooper; Southern Company; Electricities and PMPA. Staff will continue to progress through the remainder of the negotiating process and will bring forth a recommendation to Council at a later date. Please refer to memo dated March 7, 2013 **RE: Wholesale Power** for additional information.

There was general discussion regarding this matter.

**LEADER'S LEGACY RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

City Manger Mel Pearson gave a brief update on the Leader's Legacy Recognition Program. Mr. Pearson informed Council that five sponsored Leaders Legacy benches are currently being purchased and prepared to be installed around town. The estimated cost to install each bench is \$2,200.

**COATS MPO**

Economic Development Director Wade Luther made a lengthy presentation to Council on the transition to Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). On February 28, 2013 staff met with the MPO staff leadership and determined two issues needed to be negotiated between the City and COATS MPO; Representation and Fees for Membership. Refer to memo dated March 12, 2013 **RE: COATS MPO Transition** for additional information on the proposals for negotiations in regards to representation and fee for membership. Mr. Luther stated that all proposals are baseline for negotiations and recommends the next steps as follow:

- Staff recommends that Council appoint two members to a committee to engage in negotiations with COATS MPO and staff to negotiate representation and fees.
- Staff plans to meet and negotiate in between the next COATS Board Meeting on March 14, 2013 and the April COATS Board Meeting.

There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter. Council agreed to appoint Mayor Scully and Councilmember Drakeford to serve as committee members in regards to this matter. Councilmember Willard Polk will serve as an alternative.



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**SOUTH RUTLEDGE PARKING**

Economic Development Director Wade Luther gave a brief introduction to Council on the South Rutledge Parking project background information/timeline before introducing Mr. Trey Hodges, Project Manager with URS Corporation. Mr. Hodges made a brief presentation to Council explaining the two final concept plans of the South Rutledge Parking project. Mr. Hodges gave details of the technical merits of the parking lot design in regards to traffic circulation, placement of dumpsters and closures and parking spaces. There was general discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter. Council directed staff to move forward with the project plans as recommended by staff.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council of the status of applications received for openings on Camden's Boards and Commissions. An ad was placed in the local newspaper in February advertising Camden's Boards and Commission openings; no responses were received. Staff recommends crafting a press release as a front page article in the local newspaper. There was general discussion regarding this matter.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Long** suggested revisiting the entire process of Tourism Director's position funded by the City and County. Council will discuss this matter at their upcoming budget work session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Scully adjourn the Work Session at 6:15 p.m.

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Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk