



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Mayor Pro-Tem X. Willard Polk

Councilmember Walter M. Long

Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford

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 26, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session.

COMMERCE ALLEY PAVING/ENHANCEMENT

Council was presented with an update on the Commerce Alley Paving/Enhancement project by Ernie Boughman of URS. Mr. Boughman updated council on the results of the public meetings held in regards to Commerce Alley. Based upon the outcome of the public meeting the stakeholders have reached a consensus on Concept B. For additional information please refer to the rendered concept sketch for Concept B along with a list of comments received from the public meetings **RE:** Record of Verbal Comments - dated March 14, 2013.

There was general discussion and questions regarding this matter. After discussion Council unanimously agreed to direct staff to move forward with Concept B design of Commerce Alley Paving/Enhancement project.

During further discussion, staff updated Council on the progress of the Gateway Enhancement project and recommended the project be postponed. Council unanimously agreed to suspend funding for the Gateway Enhancement project until further notice.

COATS MPO Update

As a result of the efforts of Council, staff and a legislative proposal the City of Camden is no longer considered an Urban Area. For transportation purposes and services the City of Camden will reside at Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government. City Manager Mel Pearson presented this item/update to Council.



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BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 (Local Source Revenue Expenditures)

City Manager opened the discussion regarding the 2013/2014 Budget. During discussion of 2013/2014 budget City Manager Pearson noted that the utility fund, general fund, paving fund and project were discussed in detail at the March 20, 2013 budget work session with minor or no changes however, council needed to discuss the local source revenue fund.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the local source revenue fund to include the Broad Street/ Rutledge Street Park, Commerce Alley Improvements, the Historic Camden Welcome Center, Historic Camden McCaa Tavern, and other requested items. Council will direct staff on the local source revenue fund items during their upcoming regular council meeting. During further discussion, Councilmember Long suggested council allocate portions of the local source revenue requests by resolution. Council voiced some concerns and questions and later agreed to allocate funds by resolution on the following items: Broad Street/Rutledge Street Park, KC Tourism Partnership, FAC Marketing Program, Historic Camden Welcome Center, Historic Camden McCaa Tavern and the Motorsports August Kart Series.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Long noted that a meeting will be held with the County Council to discuss a recreation partnership between the city and county.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Scully adjourn the Work Session at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk