



City of Camden
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CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 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 April 9, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session.

**LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
2013- Pearson**

Council was presented with an update on the Local Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee. Katherine Brown resigned from the committee, as a result leaving one vacancy to be filled on the seven membership committee. Staff asked for recommendations from Council regarding the vacancy. Staff noted that the vacancy needed be fill by someone in the lodging industry.

During discussion, Councilman Polk recommended Bill Parks to serve on the ATAX committee. Councilmember Long recommended Vip Patel to serve on the ATAX committee.

There was general discussion and questions regarding this matter. Staff will research Council's concerns on each recommendation and bring this item for discussion at a later date.

REMINDER: STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION REPORTS

City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council that their statement of Economic Interest forms are due before April 15, 2013, to the State Ethics Commission.

REPORT ON CAROLINA CUP SECURITY

Chief Joseph Floyd, Camden Police Department presented Council with a report on the security at the March 2013 Carolina Cup. Chief Floyd reported that the security at the 81st



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Carolina Cup was a great success. Seventeen agencies partnered with the Camden Police Department through mutual aid agreements to increase security and presence of law enforcement officers at the event.

Council voiced some concerns/questions and later thanked Chief Floyd and his staff for representing the city well and professionally handing the security at the Carolina Cup. For additional information please refer information sheet **RE: 2013 Carolina Cup Horse Race - Law Enforcement contact compilation.**

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Pump Station

Deputy Director of Public Works, Sam Davis updated Council on the progress of the new pump station located on Hwy 521 South near Exit 98. Mr. Davis noted that the pump station should be completed by the end of the month and will serve Camden for the next 30 years.

Mr. Davis also updated Council on the progress of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. During Mr. Davis' lengthy presentation, he noted that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is on schedule and in budget. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to go online January 2014.

There was general discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter. Mr. Davis answered questions from Council regarding tours and greenspace at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Davis stated that staff is planning to create brochures and conduct future tours of the plant. He also noted city staff desires to transform the old Wastewater facility into an environmental education center to include a pavilion, picnic tables, wild life observation area and a walking trail.

City Manager Mel Pearson noted that grant efforts are being sought from several sources including federal funds to cover the cost of transforming the facility into a greenspace.

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

City Manager Mel Pearson opened discussion on the Local Source Revenue Expenditures. Mr. Pearson noted the changes in the balance of the fund and the withdrawal of the Camden Business Alliance community grant request.

During discussion, Council agreed to move forward with allocations for the Commerce Alley Improvements, Community Grants, Website Enhancements, Equine Foundation, Price House Enhancements, Camden Archives Programming, Historic Park Enhancements, City Master Marketing Plan and KC Tourism Partnership. Council also agreed by the suggestion of Councilmember Long to handle the following items by separate resolutions:



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Broad Street/Rutledge Street Park, FAC Marketing Program, Historic Camden Welcome Center, Historic McCaa Tavern and the Motorsports August Kart Series.

During further discussion, Council voiced some concerns and later directed staff to move forward with the remainder of the budget process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Drakeford noted that a meeting will be held on May 8, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in Kershaw County regarding drafting the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) for the coming year.

Councilmember Polk recommended modifying the Leaders Legacy Bench Program match contributions. Reducing the match of total funds from 50/50 to 25/75 (75 from city - 25 from contributor).

Councilmember Polk also requested an annual tree plan be presented to Council for approval.

Councilmember Long noted the need to develop a plan to give guidance on the removal of street trees that are causing blockage of business signage on Broad Street.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Scully adjourn the Work Session at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk