



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 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 May 14, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH SCREENING - Pearson

Council was informed of the preventive health screening scheduled Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at City Hall. Employees and retirees will have the opportunity to receive a thorough health screening for a co-payment of \$15.

CAMDEN WATER LINE LOOP PROJECT FUNDING - Pearson

Council was updated on the funding for the Water Line Loop Project. Mr. Pearson noted that Economic Development Director Wade Luther and Ashley Hunter were seeking state funds in the amount of \$200,000 to be allocated as part of the budget to extend a water line loop from Hwy 1 to Hwy 34 through Precipice Hill Road area an eventually to the water tank at Steeplechase Industrial Site. This project will cost approximately one million dollars. The City's current funding is \$700,000. Other opportunities to seek funds are through the Rural Infrastructure Granting Process. The City is pursuing an EDA Economic Development Grant which the City hopes to obtain the residual amount necessary for the project.

TIGER GRANT OPPORTUNITY – Pearson/Luther

City Manager Mel Pearson opened discussion regarding the Tiger Grant Opportunity. The City is seeking approximately 10 million dollars to be used for the Truck Route Enhancement Project from the Federal Highway Administration. The grant application deadline for this Tiger Grant opportunity is June 3, 2013.



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ROAD DIET PRESENTATION- URS

Ernie Boughman, Planning Manager of URS updated Council on the Broad Street Road Diet Project. Mr. Boughman presentation included background information on the road diet proposal and the four construction stages it would take to complete the 18 month long project if Council decides to move forward with the proposed project plan.

There was general discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter. Council expressed concerns over the effects and impact this project would have on the downtown merchants. Mr. Boughman noted that he is scheduled to speak and present the road diet proposal to the Camden Business Alliance (CBA) at its June 5 meeting.

HANGING BASKETS/PLANTERS DOWNTOWN - Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson gave Council a brief update on the hanging basket/planters project. Mr. Pearson informed Council that the project is moving forward with encroachment permits applied for and awaiting approval.

REQUEST FOR HTAX FUNDS (Event at Carolina Motorsports Park)

City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council of the request for Hospitality Tax Funds (HTAX) in the amount of \$2,000 to fund the Carolina Motorsport Park Event to be held on June 29, 2013. Staff recommends an allocation of \$2,000 be made from the Hospitality Tax fund contingency to market the event. Council will vote to approve a resolution appropriating the expenditure of Hospitality Tax Funds for the event at their regular scheduled May 14, 2013 meeting. The appropriation sum of \$2,000 at the request of Mount Pleasant Velo, Inc. will cover the payment of the Double Down Challenge Circuit Race.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Long inquired about the appointment of members to the ATAX committee – one vacant seat. Council was informed that the vacancy seat on the ATAX committee was filled by lodging member, Vic Patel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Mayor Scully, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk