



City of Camden  
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, May 28, 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

Councilmember Laurel M. Parks

City Manager Mel Pearson

City Clerk Brenda Davis

Chronicle-Independent Reporter Miciah Bennett  
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 28, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session.

**LEISURE LINES, INC.** (Camden Archives and Museum Customer Spotlight) - **Pearson** Council was informed of an advertisement/customer spotlight relating to the marketing and City of Camden purchase of a DuMor Bench from Leisure Lines, Inc. The DuMor Bench was used to honor and seat a bronze statue of financier Bernard Baruch along with honoring Baseball Hall of Famer Larry Doby at the Camden Archives and Museum on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The bronze statues were placed in a small garden in front of the Camden Archives and Museum.

**CAMDEN WATER LINE LOOP PROJECT FUNDING - Pearson**

Council was updated on the funding for the Water Line Loop Project. City Manager Mel Pearson noted that state appropriation of funding is available; however, the City of Camden did not qualify for funds from the Rural Infrastructure Authority but may qualify for funds in the future as the Rural Infrastructure Authority changes their criteria/requirements. City Manager Mel Pearson also noted that additional funds were available through the Senate Appropriation Capital Fund and an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to fund the Water Line Loop project.

**SANTEE-WATEREE RTA FY 2013-2014 BUDGET REQUEST- Pearson**

Interim Executive Director Lottie Jones on behalf of the Santee-Wateree Regional Transportation Authority requested funds in the amount to \$102,664.00 to support transit services. City Manager Mel Pearson noted that the City was not in a position to allocate funds to the RTA; however, the item was being presented to Council for funding recommendations.



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During discussion, council voiced some concerns on funding the RTA through the budget process or by increasing “some type” of city fees. City Manager Mel Pearson noted that Council could fund Santee Wateree by levying a millage request and opening the budget process back up or use capital project improvement funds.

During further discussion, Council expressed concerns regarding this matter but was not in favor of opening the budget process back up to fund RTA.

### **HISTORIC LANDMARKS ORDINANCE CHAPTER 158 (Proposed Changes)**

City Planner Shawn Putman presentation to Council addressed changes proposed in Chapter 158 as the result of meetings held by the subcommittee appointed by City Council. City Planner Putman reviewed with Council the changes and deletions to Chapter 158. Mr. Putman review with Council changes in Chapter 158 such as the pre-application review process for minor projects, the appeal procedure, section 158.131 - disclosure of historic designation required and Terms of Office. Council voiced some concerns regarding this matter and later directed staff to proceed with the drafting of Chapter 158 and prepare the Ordinance for City Council approval at the next regular City Council meeting.

### **LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION PROGRAM - Pearson**

City Manager Mel Pearson presented council with a revised copy of changes made to the Leader’s Legacy Recognition Program. Staff recommends deleting the Town Green as an option to place a Leader’s Legacy bench unless there is a special circumstance. Staff also recommends changing the language in the policy to clarify sponsorship. The new language reads as follow: “The City Sponsor is responsible for securing a minimum of half the expense of the total actual costs. This may be done by private donations from individuals or business. The City of Camden will match up to fifty percent of the total actual cost.”

### **ADDITIONAL**

Council was brief on information whereas the city of Camden will become responsible for School Resource Officers (SROs). City Manager Mel Pearson noted that the City of Camden will become responsible for three SROs at Camden High School, Camden Middle School and the Continuous Learning Center. City Manager Mel Pearson also noted that the Camden Police Department was responsible for city-based SROs in the past before Kershaw County Sheriff’s Office took responsibility. The cost to fund the SROs is being presented at Kershaw County Council meeting for approval to transfer funds from the Kershaw County Sheriff’s Office to Camden.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Drakeford** requested an item to be added to the June 11 agenda- a proclamation proclaiming June as Small Cities Month.



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**Councilmember Long** noted the need to address zoning ordinance issues regarding a small traveling zoo event held in Camden on May 22 through May 26, 2013. Staff will present recommendations and/or changes to the Zoning Ordinance at later date regarding this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Mayor Scully, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 4:45 p.m.

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Mayor Anthony P. Scully

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk