



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, July 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 Editor 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 July 9, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session.

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF MUSEUM’S 2014 CONFERENCE–Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council of the 2014 South Carolina Federation of Museum’s Conference to be held in Camden on March 12th through 14th.

CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENTN EXPLORERS – Fire Department Staff

The Camden Fire Department Explorers demonstrated their equipment-donning skills. The Explorers represented the City of Camden and the Camden Fire Department at the fifth annual explorer completion held at the South Carolina Firefighters Convention in Myrtle Beach.

The Camden Fire Department Explorers received the following awards in the recent competition:

First Place Quick Dress Male Division: Tyler Cox

First Place Quick Dress Female Division: Bayleigh Eubanks

Other Explorers competing included: Morgan Davis, Dusty Bussart, and Randy Rogers.

CITY OF CAMDEN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (2013/2014) - Pearson

Council was briefed on the Camden Police Department’s effort to oversee the School Resource Officer (SRO) positions at Camden High School, Camden Middle School and the Continuous Learning Center. City Manager Mel Pearson noted that three SROs should be trained and ready to work by August 12.



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MIDLANDS REALITY CHECK –Pearson

Council was briefed on information regarding the Midlands Reality Check program of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). The program's initiative is aimed at dealing with community growth that will develop over the next 30 years. The ULI is asking the City of Camden to join the program as an investor for \$5,000. There was general discussion regarding this matter. Council unanimously agreed to invest \$5,000 into the program. For additional information, please refer to document dated June 25, 2013 RE: Reality Check Midlands (ULI) for additional information.

ARNETT MULDROW – COMMITTEE LIST REVIEW –Luther

Camden Economic Development Director Wade Luther gave Council a brief update on the naming of members for a steering committee and members of a technical committee to assist in the development of the marketing and tourism planning project.

Staff recommended a list of potential candidate for the steering committee and technical committee. Council reviewed the listed and voiced their concerns on the recommended candidate list. Staff was directed to revisit the list to include an African-American representative and any potential candidates that are not currently serving on a committee. Council recommended sending a compiled nomination list to Councilmember Laurie Parks and City Manager Mel Pearson for review. For additional information, please refer to Memo dated July 2, 2013 RE: Tourism and Marketing Services for ArnettMuldrow.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Parks requested an update on the request for funds regarding the water loop project. Mel stated that the project was not funded but the City will reapply for funds in the future.

Councilmember Polk provided information on the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) proposed operating budget for FY 2013/2014 then suggested Council reconsider their position on funding RTA.

Councilmember Polk also recommended the City participate in joint training and/or planning on train (i.e. CSX) fires.

Councilmember Long requested staff research a potential Demo Grant program similar to the City of Camden's Façade Grant program.

Councilmember Long also requested staff to revisit and research the possibility of having the City of Camden's Council meeting recorded and placed on the website for public review.



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Councilmember Long next item for business included discussion on the McCaa Tavern Resolution. Councilmember Long voiced his questions and concerns regarding the Resolution and expressed his stance on the way he was voting on the item during the regular City Council meeting. There was lengthy discussion regarding this matter, Council will vote on the Resolution to grant \$60,000 (FY 2013/2014) of hospitality taxes to the Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site's McCaa Tavern project at the regular city council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Mayor Scully, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk