



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, July 23, 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 23, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session. The agenda was amended to move item number 11-Other Business for discussion before the Executive Session.

BELL TOWER RINGING–50th Anniversary of the speech “I Have a Dream” by Martin Luther King, Jr. - Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council of the 50th Anniversary of the speech “I have a Dream” by Martin Luther King, Jr. The city of Camden will honor this day by ringing the Bell Tower 50 times beginning at 3 p.m. on August 28. Local churches will also be asked to participate in this bell ringing event and celebration.

FIRE FEST BLOOD DRIVE/COMPETITION – Pearson

The Camden Fire Department will be hosting the annual Fire Fest at the City Arena on September 28, 2013. This year’s event will include a competition blood drive “Battle of the Badges” between the City of Camden Police Department and the Camden Fire Department.

CAROLINA BROTHERHOOD BIKE RIDE - Pearson

The Camden Fire Department will be hosting lunch for the Carolina Brotherhood cyclist and their support team on August 12, 2013. The Carolina Brotherhood is an annual cycling event made up of firefighters and police officers from the states of South Carolina and North Carolina. Starting on August 10, the team will leave Rocky Mount, North Carolina and travel approximately 700 miles through both states. The team will ride in honor of fallen firefighters and police officers. This year Carolina Brotherhood Bike Ride is dedicated to several fallen firefighters and police officers from the North Carolina and South Carolina



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area. For additional information on this event, please refer to memo dated July 17, 2013 RE: Carolina Brotherhood Bike ride.

UPDATE ON RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS –Pearson

Council was briefed on information regarding the recording of Council Meetings. Staff will present additional information at an upcoming Council meeting regarding media companies that are interested in this project.

DEMOLITION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY –Pearson

A brief update was presented on the demolition of residential properties in the City of Camden. Staff will present information regarding a demolition of commercial property grant program upon completion of their research of the potential grant program.

RFP FOR CAMDEN DESIGN GUIDELINES- Pearson

Council was informed that no request for proposals regarding the rewriting of the design guidelines had been received, as of July 16. The deadline for companies to submit proposals is July 26, 2013 at noon. There was general discussion regarding this matter. For additional information please refer to memo dated July 16, 2013 RE: RFP for Camden Design Guidelines.

ARNETT MULDROW – COMMITTEE LIST REVIEW – Luther

Following Council directions at the July 9th City Council meeting, staff revisited the committee and technical committee list and prepared a final list to present to Council for approval. The 13 member revised steering committee list was approved by Council with an amendment of two additional appointees. Council proceeded with discussion by nominating and appointing two members of Council to serve on the technical committee. Councilmember Parks nominated Mayor Scully. Councilmember Polk nominated Councilmember Parks. Council unanimously agreed to appoint Mayor Scully and Councilmember Parks to the technical committee of the Tourism and Marketing Services for Arnett Muldrow. For additional information please refer to Memo dated July 16, 2013 RE: Tourism and Marketing Services for Arnett Muldrow.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR SANTEE WATEREE – Pearson

After a lengthy discussion regarding funding for the Santee Waterree Regional Transportation Authority, Council unanimously agreed to contribute \$7,500 from the Contingency Fund to fund Santee Waterree RTA annual budget request.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Polk requested information on C fund allocation. Staff will provide a report regarding this issue at an upcoming Council meeting.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:42 p.m. to discuss contract negotiation for wholesale power.

WORK SESSION

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Work Session at 5:45 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Mayor Scully, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:46 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk