



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Mayor Pro-Tem X. Willard Polk (absent)

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 August 27, 2013 Camden City Council Work Session.

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

City Manager Mel Pearson gave Council a brief update on the Bell Tower Ringing for 50th Anniversary of the speech “I have a Dream” by Martin Luther King, Jr.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN – Pearson

Council was briefed on the United Way campaign. United Way campaign meetings will be held at City Hall on Monday, September 9th at 1 p.m. and Tuesday September 10th at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. For additional information, please refer to memo dated August 22, 2013 **RE:** United Way.

HISTORIC CAMDEN SEWER PUMP STATION - Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson presented Council with an update on the Historic Camden Sewer Pump Station. The pump station is being proposed to be placed on the south end of the Historic Camden’s property fronting Broad Street instead of being constructed 400 ft. from the existing Historic Camden Pump Station. The estimated cost to construct the pump station at the alternate site will increase the cost from \$700,000 to \$864,479. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter. For additional information please refer to Memo dated August 12, 2013 **RE:** Historic Camden Sewer Pump Station.



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SOUTH CAROLINA PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM'S –TOURISM ADVERTISING GRANT (SCPRT-TAG) –Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson gave an overview of the grant award the City of Camden received from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism's (SCPRT) Tourism Advertising Grant (TAG) program. The award in the amount of \$10,086 requires matching funds from the City in the amount of \$10,086 and will be used for promoting the Ross E. Beard, Jr. Collection at the Camden Archives and Museum. City Manager Mel Pearson explained that the total advertising budget is \$20,172. City staff has developed an action plan to utilize the funding from the grant in an advertising campaign to promote the Ross E. Beard, Jr. Collection beginning February 2014. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter. For additional information on the advertising plan for the Ross E. Beard, Jr. Collection please refer to the memo dated August 22, 2013 **RE:** SCPRT TAG Grant Update.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

ENTRY WAY AT CSX AMTRAK STATION – Gilland

Urban Forester Liz Gilland presented information on the entry way project at the CSX Amtrak Station. Funds from the FY 2013/2014 budget will be utilized to begin the removal of four live oaks and one Bradford Pear tree at the entry way of the CSX Amtrak station as early as August 28, 2013. Urban Forester Liz Gilland explained that she recommended the removal of the trees due to upcoming major renovations of the roadway. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter.

CAMDEN IN THE CIVIL WAR – Richardson

Camden Archives and Museum Director Katherine Richardson presented information in regards to the Camden Archives and Museum past and upcoming exhibits. Mrs. Richardson lengthy presentation included information on the opening of a temporary exhibit honoring the 105th Anniversary of American Civil War (1861-1865). The exhibit will be called "Camden in the Civil War: the Home Front" which will open on September 6, 2013.

CAMDEN ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM UPDATE – Richardson

Camden Archives and Museum Director Katherine Richardson presented Council with a progress report on the Camden Archives and Museum. Mrs. Richardson presented statistics on the record number of visitors whom visited the Camden Archives and Museum during city of Camden FY 2012/2013, the creation of two new positions: a curator of collections and a cataloguing and reference archivist, programming & planning exhibit schedules, the construction of new exhibit cases, and the purchase of acid free boxes to properly store data. Mrs. Richardson also reported that the Archives will continue to improve the Camden Archives and Museum by completing the following items: formalizing the Archives and Museum policies and procedures, forming a committee to take a look at an African



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American tour at the request of Councilmember Drakeford and reforming and reorganizing the Archives Commission. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter.

ARNETT MULDROW –Luther

Council received a brief report from Economic Development Director Wade Luther on the progress of the Arnett Muldrow project. Mr. Luther noted the dates and times of the upcoming scheduled events and technical committee meetings for the Tourism and Marketing Services of Arnett Muldrow. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Scully requested information on Lyttleton Street intersection railroad closure. City Manager Mel Pearson noted that Lyttleton Street intersection was closed on August 27, 2013, with work to be completed within two days or less.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss a contract matter.

WORK SESSION

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Work Session at 5:35 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Mayor Scully, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:36 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk