



MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

Mayor Anthony P. Scully; Mayor Pro-Tem Laurel M. Parks; Councilmember Walter M. Long, Jr.; Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford and Councilmember X. Willard Polk; City Clerk Brenda Davis; City Manager Mel Pearson; Finance Director Debra Courtney; Chronicle-Independent news staff, Tenell Felder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Anthony P. Scully gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adopt the June 10, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes with a minor amendment and the June 10, 2014, Work Session Meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council recognized Mr. Pat Wylie with a certificate and a key to the City for his 34 years of outstanding service as a conductor of the Camden Community Concert Band.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – FY 2015 JAG GRANT AWARD

The City of Camden was awarded the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$8,696 with a city match of \$966.00 to purchase a body microphone for the Camden Police Narcotics Division.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – FY 2014/2015 SCPRT TAG GRANT AWARD AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Suzi Sale, Tourism Development Director presented an update on the FY 2014/2015 SCPRT Tag Grant and the Tourism Development Grant. The City of Camden was awarded the 2014/2015 Tourism Advertising (Destination) Grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) in the amount of \$37,350 with a City match of \$37,350. The “Destination” funding will be used to market and launch the “Classically Carolina” brand. The 2014/2015 Tourism Advertising (Attraction) Grant was



awarded to The Friends of the Archives from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism in the amount of \$20,000 with a city match of \$20,000. Funding for the “Attraction” grant will be used to promote the Ross Beard Gun Collection, the rotating exhibit schedule, and genealogical research.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

ORDINANCE #14-010 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted to accept the second reading of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds of the City of Camden, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

During discussion, Councilmember Polk expressed his concerns regarding his opposition to Ordinance #14-010.

After further discussion and comments from Council and remarks from City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, Mayor Scully called for question on the original motion. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Scully, Councilmember Long, Councilmember Parks and Councilmember Drakeford. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Polk.

ORDINANCE #14-011 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by comments from council, voted to accept the second reading of an Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) hospitality fee revenue bond (taxable), series 2014 of the City of Camden, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

During discussion and comments from Council and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, Councilmember Polk restated his reason for being opposed to the purchase of the Ross Beard Collection. Councilmember Polk stated he was opposed to the use of tax payer’s funds to acquire the personal collection of a private individual.

After further discussion and comments from Council and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, Mayor Scully called for question on the original motion. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Scully, Councilmember Long, Councilmember Parks and Councilmember Drakeford. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Polk.



ORDINANCE #14-012 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an employment agreement between the City of Camden and the City Manager.

ORDINANCE #14-013 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, followed by discussion from Council and comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the City of Camden to purchase that certain real property located at 950 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto. The purchase of that certain parcel of improved real property for \$200,000.00, located at 950 Broad Street is known as the King Haigler Tower.

FAÇADE GRANT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve the façade grants application in the amount of \$2,045.55 with a City match of \$1,022.77 for 818 Broad Street – Perry McCoy/Bob Snell.

FAÇADE GRANT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by discussion from council and comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve the façade grants application in the amount of \$18,900.00 with a City match of \$9,450.00 for 405 Rutledge Street - Orion Properties of SC, LLC (Ole Timey Meat Market of Camden).

APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by comments from Council, voted for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individual: F.N. McCorkle Jr., MD.

CANCELLATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted to approve the cancellation of the July 8, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Drakeford will prepare a presentation for Council’s July 22, 2014 Work Session to share information from a previous conference she attended.

CSX will attend Council’s July 22, 2014 meeting for a brief update on the improvement of the Amtrak Train Station.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:25 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk