



MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 22, 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 Editor, Martin L. Cahn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember Laurel M. Parks 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 24, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Council recognized the Camden Fire Department Explorer Post 0911. Explorers representing the City of Camden and Camden Fire Department at the South Carolina Firefighters Convention in Myrtle Beach were Trey Brown, Christi Catoe, Bayleigh Eubanks, Matthew Gallahorn, Brianna Gainey, Price Peebles, and Randy Rodgers. Camden Fire Department Advisors were Chris Tidwell and Abram Johnson.

The Explorers received first place in the quick dress male and female division for the third year in a row. They placed first in the team gear donning with the fastest time of 3.52.48 minutes.

City Council applauded the Explorers for their hard work and continued accomplishments at the annual South Carolina Fire-Rescue Conference in Myrtle Beach.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kay Polk, 521 Cooks Court, spoke regarding her concerns of the Amtrak Station. Mrs. Polk stated she was extremely pleased to see that Amtrak was presenting plans for improvement to the station. For information regarding Mrs. Polk presentation please refer to document dated July 22, 2014 **RE:** "Architecture is music frozen in time!" (Goethe). (Document filed with bonded minutes).



ORDINANCE #14-013 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve second reading 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.

ORDINANCE #14-014 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, followed by comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance rezoning 906 Church Street, 910 Church Street and 618 Clyburn Lane from B3 to B1.

ORDINANCE #14-015 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance amending section 32.05 – “Qualification of Members” in the City of Camden, South Carolina Code of Ordinances.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Camden Historic Landmarks Commission

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted to table the re-appointments to the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission.

During discussion, Councilmember Parks stated that the re-appointments to the CHLC was premature at this time and that she would prefer revisiting the re-appointments once rewriting of the design guidelines and rewriting of Chapter 158 ordinance are complete.

Council unanimously agreed to table the re-appointments to the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission.

Camden Archives and Museum Commission

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve the re-appointments to the Camden Archives and Museum Commission for the following individuals: Cathy Nichols, Billie S. Jones with terms to expire on May 31, 2016; Frank D. Goodale, Jacquelyn M. Lovett and William D. Kelly, III with terms to expire on May 31, 2017; Hansel. E. Boykin and Carolyn J. Hampton with terms to expire on May 31, 2015.



The re-appointments to the Archives and Museum Commission with multiple term expiration dates are due to the Archives and Museum Commission being reconstituted after a number of years of inactivity.

SWRTA BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Polk nominated Councilmember Laurie Parks to the Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority Board (SWRTA).

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Laurie Parks to the SWRTA Board.

APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by comments from Council, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individual: W. Curtis Watkins, MD

ADDITIONAL

Councilmember Long suggested staff talk with CSX regarding using the Amtrak train station as an option to place Leader’s Legacy Recognition benches at their site. Staff will follow-up with CSX regarding this matter.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk