



MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Mayor Pro-Tem Laurel M. Parks

Councilmember Walter M. Long, Jr. (absent)

Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford

Councilmember X. Willard Polk

City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson

Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)

Chronicle-Independent Editor Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

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 September 9, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember X. Willard Polk abstained from voting due to his absence at the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of September 2014 as the 200th Anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to proclaim October 5-11, 2014, as Fire Prevention Week. Chief John Bowers was in attendance to receive the proclamation and shared brief remarks about The Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of October 2014, as Community Planning Month. City Planner Shawn Putnam was in attendance to receive the proclamation.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION – TREE CITY AWARD

Mrs. Lois Edwards, Pee Dee Urban Forester of the South Carolina Forestry Commission presented City of Camden with the Tree City U.S.A. Award. The City of Camden received its 27th consecutive Tree City U.S.A. Award by meeting all four standards required to qualify for the award. Members of the Parks and Trees Commission were in attendance and received recognition for their dedication and hard work regarding the City of Camden Tree Program.

PUBLIC FORUM

Linda Shaylor, President of Board of the Directors of the Fine Arts Center spoke during the public forum to express thanks to the City of Camden for sponsoring the 2014 Carolina Downhome Blues Festival.

ORDINANCE #14-015 2nd Reading

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

ORDINANCE #14-016 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion, voted to take from the table the motion relating to Ordinance #13-014 presented on June 11, 2013, amending and restating certain provision of the City of Camden Code of Ordinance through the enactment of Chapter 158 regarding the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission. The motion to take from the table Ordinance #13-014 carried unanimously with active Ordinance #14-016 in effect amending and restating certain provision of the City of Camden Code of Ordinance through the enactment of Chapter 158 regarding the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, followed by remarks from council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #14-016 amending and restating certain provisions of the City of Camden’s Code of Ordinances through the enactment of Chapter 158 regarding the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission.

RESOLUTION #14-012

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution declaring the intention of City of Camden, South Carolina to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by City of Camden, South Carolina.



RESOLUTION #14-013

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to approve a resolution approving financing terms for (4) Police Units and (1) Street Department Work Truck.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PRICE HOUSE COMMISSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by discussion, voted to take from the table the motion relating to the May 13, 2014 postponement of the appointment of Mrs. Jacqueline Greene-Stuckey to the Price House Commission. The motion to take from the table carried unanimously with active motion as follow:

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mrs. Jacqueline Greene-Stuckey to the Price House Commission with term to expire on July 31, 2017.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk