



MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 28, 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.
Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford
Councilmember X. Willard Polk (absent)

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 Pro-Tem 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 September 23, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Walter M. Long Jr. abstained from voting due to his absence at the September 23, 2014 Regular Meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Historic Camden Foundation Board Member Bob Giangiorgi and Archaeologist/NEPA Coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Chad Long presented the results of the archaeological dig conducted at the Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site during the month of April 2014. Chad Long along with many volunteers were able to recover more than 2,311 artifacts while conducting the archaeological dig. Mr. Long suggested the city of Camden adopt a preservation plan to allow decisions to be made about resources.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kristin Cobb, Executive Director of the Kershaw County Fine Arts Center made a brief presentation to express thanks to the City of Camden for sponsoring the 2014 Carolina Downhome Blues Festival.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dennis Stuber made a brief presentation on supporting the Kershaw School District Bond Referendum.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The City of Camden Water Department was recognized for receiving the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control’s Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for 2013.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to proclaim the October 26 – November 1, 2014, as Environmental Systems Operators Week. Deputy Public Works Director Sam Davis and staff members of the Public Works Department was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to proclaim Friday, November 7, 2014, as Arbor Day.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding “An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding four million dollars (\$4,000,000) Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2015 of the City of Camden, South Carolina, and other matters relation thereto.”

After brief remarks from City Manager Mel Pearson and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, and there being no public hearing comments, Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #14-017 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by brief remarks from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance repealing ordinance No. 10-008, codified at section 71.18 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances, regarding the operation of motor vehicles while using a mobile device.

FAÇADE GRANT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to approve the Façade Grants Application in the amount of \$3,406.93 with a City match of \$1,500.00 for 1026 Broad Street, Camden, SC – Nicholas Caraminas.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk