



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 11, 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

City Clerk Brenda Davis
City Manager Mel Pearson
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Editor Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember X. Willard Polk 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 October 28, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember X. Willard Polk abstained from voting due to his absence at the October 28, 2014 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Katherine Brown 1707 Lyttleton Street, spoke regarding her concerns on the Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2015 in the amount of four million dollars - regarding the lack of transparency and “why the rush to borrow that amount?” Mrs. Brown also spoke on her concern of City of Camden using hospitality taxes to help assist Kershaw County in constructing a building on the Central Carolina Technical College campus for the purposes of economic development.

DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS (DEP) ACQUISITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, followed by brief remarks from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve contract modifications to the Duke Energy Progress Wholesale Power Contract.

Please refer to Memo dated November 5, 2014 **RE: Duke Energy Progress (DEP) Acquisition – Wholesale Power Contractual Change** for additional information.



ORDINANCE #14-016 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted to approve second reading of an ordinance 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.

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

ORDINANCE #14-017 2nd Reading

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

ORDINANCE #14-018 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by remarks from City Manager Mel Pearson and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, voted unanimously to approve first reading of 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 relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #14-019 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Polk, followed by remarks from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City of Camden, South Carolina to amend and reissue its combined Public Utility System Improvements Revenue Bond, Series 2010; and other matters related thereto.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business from council.

ADDITIONAL

City Manager Mel Person noted a financial issue with local option sales tax (LOST). Due systematic mistakes on part of the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) and from local retailers over a number of years the South Carolina Department of Revenue will reimburse the City an unknown amount of local option sales taxes (LOST). Staff from the Kershaw County and the City Finance Department are investigating this matter. As the investigation into this matter completes, the City will take part in reimbursing money to its taxpayers based on SCDOR decision.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk