



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 25, 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

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 Polk, voted unanimously to adopt the November 11, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Collins Funeral Home in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. Collins Funeral Home owners, Roosevelt Osborne Sr. and Beverly J. Osborne were in attendance to receive the certificate of recognition.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kyle Kelly – Economic & Community Sustainability Director of Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments presented information on Camden becoming part of a new Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP). Mr. Kelly briefed City Council on the application process for the Neighborhood Initiative Program and its purpose which is to stabilize property values through removal of blighted property in strategically targeted areas. Mr. Kelly said “The goal of the program is to prevent further foreclosures for existing property owners and act as a catalyst to initiate redevelopment and revitalization in areas that are suffering from blight decline.”

The city of Camden could receive a maximum of \$35,000 per identified property out of a \$35 million allocation to South Carolina from the U.S. Department of Treasury to create the NIP. The funds are the result of a joint venture between the S.C. State Housing Authority and the State Housing Corporation. City Staff is in contact with Kershaw County staff to



work towards jointly applying for the funds given that there are blighted areas in the city overlapping with blighted county areas. The application process is open now through January 12, 2015, and is not expected to be repeated.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICED ELECTION RESULTS 2014

Mr. Bruce Little, Chairman, Camden Election Commission presented the 2014 official election results to council as follow:

City Council

*Deborah Hudson Davis	1,577
*Jeffrey R. Graham	1,513
Bob Williams	1,376
Write-ins:	22

2014 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT

Mary Ellen Green, CPA of Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP, presented the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 audit report. The City of Camden received an unqualified audit report. There were no restrictions on the scope of work done by Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP. Mrs. Green gave a detailed graphic overview of the General Funds, Proprietary Funds, Capital Project Funds and Hospitality Tax Fund. The primary purpose of Mrs. Green’s report to Council was to present the significant findings from the Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP audit.

There was general discussion including comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and questions from Council regarding this matter.

For additional information please refer to the Report to City Council for the Year Ended June 30, 2014 and the Financial Statements and Required Supplemental Information for the year ended June 30, 2014 informational packet provided by Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments

ORDINANCE #14-018 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve second 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 2nd Reading

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

RESOLUTION #14-014

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Polk, with comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution appointing U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent under the terms of the City's General Bond Ordinance dated June 24, 2014.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council recognized Councilmember Walter M. Long, Jr. for his eight years of service and X. Willard Polk for his four years of service. Councilmember Long and Councilmember Polk were presented decorative mantle clocks engraved with the city seal and their dates of service. Special recognition for Councilmember Long and Councilmember Polk were followed by comments from Council and remarks from both Mr. Long and Mr. Polk.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business from council.

**ADDITIONAL
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

The swearing-in ceremony for Councilmember-Elect Deborah Hudson Davis and Jeffrey R. Graham will be held on December 1, 2014 at the Camden City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk