



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

4:00 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 Manager Mel Pearson

City Clerk Brenda Davis

Chronicle-Independent Editor Martin Cahn
and interested Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME – City Manager Mel Pearson welcomed Council to the February 25, 2014, Camden City Council Work Session.

INVITATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT/COUNTY MEETING – Dr. Frank Morgan

Dr. Frank Morgan, Superintendent Kershaw County School District spoke regarding an invitation to City Council for a Joint School District/County Meeting. Dr. Morgan noted that a concept has been proposed in public to build a joint economic development campus at I-20 where Central Carolina Technical College is currently located. The concept would include a joint ATEC, Adult Ed, expanded Central Carolina presence, Economic Development Office and a business incubator. The School Board along with County Council will present this concept along with the projected cost at a meeting on Tuesday March 4, 2014 - 6 p.m. at Camden High School. The School Board is inviting City Council along with the Committee of 100, Chamber of Commerce, Vocational Educational Foundation, Historic Camden and others. Additional meetings will follow if boards are interested in the concept.

SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION FOUNDATION – Laura Theil Shull

Laura T. Shull, Chair of the South Carolina Equine Promotion Foundation (SCEPF) gave an update on the South Carolina Equine Park and its essential impact on tourism for Camden-Kershaw area.

John Cushman, Vice Chair of the SCEPF also presented information regarding the master plan for a cover arena for the South Carolina Equine Park and funding for this project.

For additional information please refer to the Report to City Council dated February 25, 2014 presented by Laura T. Shull.



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AFRICAN AMERICAN TOUR AND BROCHURE- Katherine Richardson

Director of the Camden Archives and Museum, Katherine Richardson gave a summary update on the African American Tour and Brochure project. Mrs. Richardson noted that the African American History Committee is composed of Mr. Clifton W. Anderson, Dr. Ernestyne Adams, and Katherine H. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson progress report on the African American Tour/Brochure included a project summary to date and several probing questions the committee has asked in which she is researching.

For additional information on the progress report on the African American Tour/Brochure, please refer to the memo dated February 17, 2014 **RE:** Progress Report on the African American Tour/Brochure by Katherine Richardson.

CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2013 – Chief Floyd

Chief Joseph Floyd presented Council with the 2013 statistical summary of police activities within city limits of Camden. Chief Floyd presentation to Council addressed the various types of criminal activity and offenses reported, a Traffic Accident yearly summary by day of week and time of day, Special Events coverage report, Use of Force reports summary, and the general daily duties of the Uniformed Patrol Division. There was general discussion regarding this matter.

Please refer to Camden Police Department 2013 Statistical Summary Report, for additional information.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM – Shelley Salmond

Sanitation and Recycling Supervisor, Shelley Salmond gave a brief update on the progress of the residential recycling pilot program. Mr. Salmond reported that the program is a success and that he looks forward to replacing all the standard 18-gallon bins with the 65-gallon wheelers along with educating the citizens on more recycling participation.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LAGOON CLOSURE UPDATE – Sam Davis

Deputy Public Works Director, Sam Davis presented Council with information regarding the closure plan approval of the Camden Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Closure Plan for the Lagoon #1 at the Camden WWTP submitted by URS Corporation dated December 2013 has been reviewed and is approved with comments by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

For additional information regarding the comments on the closure plan for the Lagoon #1, please refer to memo dated February 10, 2014 **RE:** Closure Plan Approval Camden WWTP – Lagoon #1 Closure.



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OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Long requested an annual report presentation from the Chairman of the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission at an upcoming Council meeting.

Councilmember Polk requested Council revisit Ordinance 90.29 regarding performing animal exhibitions within the City to prevent a similar situation that occurred in the City last year. Councilmember Polk also requested information regarding - litter control “what kind of debris is placed on the street and for how many days”. City Manager Mel Person explained that Sanitation Supervisor Shelley Salmond is working on this issue, in addition to collection issues and certain items that are put out onto the streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Polk, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:29 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk