



City of Camden
South Carolina

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, March 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 March 25, 2014, Camden City Council Work Session.

SC FEDERATION OF MUSEUMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SCFM) – Pearson

The SC Federation of Museums held its 2014 annual conference in Camden March 12-14. The SCFM conference was very successful and the SCFM was very impressed with the City of Camden hospitality.

MAIN STREET SC – Beppie LeGrand, Manager

Agenda item postponed due to upstate weather conditions. Presentation will be rescheduled tentatively on April 24, 2014.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT FUNDING REQUEST – Luther

Economic Development Director Wade Luther presented information on the tennis tournament funding request submitted by Kevin Jackson, Director of Tennis and Aquatics at Camden Country Club. Kevin Jackson is requesting \$7,500 in hospitality funds to assist in the running and execution of the City of Camden Junior Tennis championships. There was general discussion from Council regarding this matter. A consensus from Council was given for staff to proceed with the funding request.

For additional information please refer to documents dated March 17, 2014 provided by Kevin Jackson. (USTA Tournament Facts - Request for City of Camden - Economic Impact, etc.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Parks informed Council and the public that the Special Olympics will be held on April 11, 2014 – 11 a.m. at the Camden Military Academy.



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Councilmember Drakeford made a recommendation to fill the vacant member slot on the H-Tax Committee.

Councilmember Long recommended possible alternatives for the use of Rhame Arena to include contacting the president of the Kershaw County Farmers Market to convey the idea of using Rhame Arena as a year-round open air market. Councilmember Long also suggested Council pursue and/or develop renovation plans for Rhame Arena and bring back to Council for consideration.

Mayor Scully

ADDITIONAL – Historic Camden Sewer Project

Council was ask to give staff direction on a request from the Historic Camden Foundation Board to alter the sewer project due to concerns of the proposed path of a new force main being installed along Broad Street. Council spent a substantial amount of time discussing this matter. Historic Camden Foundation Chair Dr. Tray Dunaway was present during discussion and expressed his apologies for not realizing how things would work when he signed an easement agreement to trench and lay pipe along South Broad Street. After a lengthy discussion, Council along with Public Works Director Tom Couch, Deputy Public Works Director Sam Davis, Staff and Dr. Tray Dunaway; a consensus from Council was given for staff to proceed with the original plan designed in 2013 if a proposal Councilmember Polk suggested did not work. Councilmember Polk suggested the following proposal: continue with the original plan to bore the force main line under 521 at the south corner of Rhame Arena, but instead stopping at the west street line, continue until the boring meets an existing ditch in the middle of Historic Camden’s southwest property. The line would then follow the trench northwestward for a short distance before turning north to Bull Street, running across the street and on the target manhole. The City will also return to the original plan designed in 2013 if a new agreement could not be obtained with the Historic Camden board members, or if there were any engineering problems involving Councilmember Polk’s plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk