



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Tuesday, April 22, 2014

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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#### **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 April 22, 2014, Camden City Council Work Session and then introduced the new Director of Tourism for Camden – Kershaw County - Mrs. Suzi Sale.

#### **CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (CCTC) – Tim Hardee**

Mr. Tim Hardee presented a brief presentation on the concepts and plans for growth at Central Carolina Technical Economic Development Site. Mr. Hardee explained that the concepts and plans for CCTC includes an expansion of the Kershaw campus, building a program for students to complete an advance program in Kershaw County, opportunity to provide meeting space, and to provide an auditorium for cultural events for Kershaw County in conjunction with the County and the College to enhance the Community. Mr. Hardee noted that his presentation to City Council wasn't about asking for a financial commitment from the city but instead looking for city partnership.

#### **CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE – Vic Carpenter**

Mr. Vic Carpenter, County Administrator presented a brief presentation to Council in regards to County Council's vision toward the Central Carolina Technical College expansion project. The county is committed to proceeding with the campus expansion project. Mr. Carpenter expressed the county's commitment on the expansion of the campus and shared with the city their hope that others will join in making the project a success.

There was brief discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter.

**“RIGHT ALARM. RIGHT LOCATION. RIGHT ACTION” CAMPAIGN – Bowers**  
Chief Bowers presented information on a community outreach partnership program with the Camden Fire Department and the South Carolina State Fire Marshal's Office. The campaign



“Right Alarm. Right Location. Right Action” will install 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms in the Kirkwood area neighborhood, beginning at 9 a.m. on April 24, 2014. This community outreach program is sponsored through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

There was brief discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter.

#### **CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER’S SPECIAL AWARDS –Floyd**

Chief Floyd along with City Council recognized Sergeant Scott Smith and Sergeant James Steele for the following awards: April 1, 2014, Sergeant Scott Smith received the South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Team (SCAET) Recognition Award for innovation and perseverance in reducing underage drinking in South Carolina. On April 2, 2014, Sergeant James Steele received the South Carolina Department of Public “2013 Officer of the Year” Award for Category Three Departments (26-50 Officers) in South Carolina. Sergeant Scott Smith was absent during this presentation.

#### **FY 2014 PARD GRANT AWARD FOR EDGEWOOD PARK –Pearson**

City Manager Mel Pearson presented to Council the 2014 Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) Grant award the City of Camden received through the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT). The grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,910.80 with a city match requirement of \$477.70.

Please refer to Memo dated April 15, 2014 RE: FY 2014 Parks and Recreation Development (PARD) Grant Program: Edgewood Park - for additional information on how the funds will be used for the Edgewood Park projects.

#### **CAMDEN HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT- Roberts**

Camden Historic Landmarks Chairman Allen Roberts presented the 2014 Camden Historic Landmarks Commission (CHLC) 2014 Annual report. The report included information from the year of 2013 thru March 31, 2014, including the Commission’s accomplishments and progress, 2014 work plan and designations. After Mr. Roberts’ presentation of the annual report each Councilmember expressed his or her concern regarding the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission process and its direction on guidelines and decision making. There was lengthy discussion regarding this matter, during which time Councilmember Long read a letter from a concerned citizen expressing his concerns on a decision made by the CHLC in regards to a fence project. Councilmember Long suggested the Building Official should have the authority to make decisions in accordance with the city’s ordinance of landscaping and/or fencing of historical homes. Councilmember Parks and Councilmember Polk expressed their concerns and comments regarding Camden Historic Landmarks Commission process and decision making. After discussion, a point of order and each Councilmember expressing their concerns, Mayor Scully closed the discussion and asked that Council move on to other subjects.



**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mayor Scully** reminded Council and the public of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Mother's Day Parade.

**Councilmember Polk** announced his decision to not be a candidate for re-election this November.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:35 p.m.

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Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk