



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 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 (absent)

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 May 13, 2014, Camden City Council Work Session.

FINE ARTS CENTER OF KERSHAW COUNTY – Kristin Cobb

Mrs. Kristin Cobb presented a lengthy presentation to Council requesting hospitality tax funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the city. The funds would be used to sponsor the Carolina Downhome Blues Festival. Mrs. Cobb presented data and information on the Carolina Downhome Blues Festival to include the history of the event, tourist attendance, 2014 marketing plan, Carolina Downhome Blues Festival proposed 2014 budget and the Carolina Downhome Blues Festival economic benefit to the community. Under this proposal, Mrs. Cobb requested that the City of Camden become the lead sponsor of the festival.

There was general discussion and comments from Council regarding this matter.

For additional information, please refer to documents provided by the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County RE: Carolina Downhome Blues Festival Sponsorship Proposal.

“RIGHT ALARM. RIGHT LOCATION. RIGHT ACTION” CAMPAIGN REPORT –Bowers
Chief John Bowers updated Council on the recent smoke detector project. The community outreach program was held in the Kirkwood area neighborhood in which the Camden Fire Department (CFD) installed 188 smoke alarms with 10-year lithium batteries, along with 30 carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Bowers noted that the program was a success and that the CFD will continue make contact with homes they were unable to reach on the smoke detector blitz day.



CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS (CCR) - Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson presented a brief report on the annual drinking water quality report.

There was brief discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter. Councilmember Long requested the report include a statement denoting that the “city’s drinking water is safe to drink”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Parks, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:34 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Parks inquired about the city’s branding. Ms. Parks asked Economic Development Director Wade Luther if the city’s branding is trademarked. Mr. Luther’s response was that the copyright has been transferred from Arnett Muldrow to the City but has not been trademarked but that staff is in the process of working on a trademark.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:36 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk