



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 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 Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson

Finance Director Debra Courtney

Chronicle-Independent news staff, Haley Atkinson
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 27, 2014, Camden City Council Work Session.

UNITED WAY OF KERSHAW COUNTY AWARD – Supplee

Donnie Supplee, United Way of Kershaw County President presented the Sistercare's volunteer of the year award to Camden Police Department Victims Advocate Dena Horton.

CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S SPECIAL AWARDS – Floyd

Special recognition was given to the following individuals for receiving awards in 2014:

Sergeant Scott Smith – the South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Team (SCAET) Recognition Award for innovation and perseverance in reducing underage drinking in South Carolina.

Sergeant James Heming and SC Constable Earl Berry for 1st Place at the 2014 Palmetto State Police Pistol Combat Regional Competition. Sergeant James Heming for 1st place overall in 2014 National Police Week Pistol Match and SC Constable Earl Berry for 1st Place in Civilian Law Enforcement Category.

MAXWAY PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Luther

Economic Development Director Wade Luther presented a brief update regarding the MaxWay Property Committee meetings. The committee is expected to finalize a draft of recommendations and present to council on June 10, 2014. Final recommendations from the MaxWay Property Committee will be presented to council at an upcoming work session by committee chairman, Jon Fike.



ROSS E. BEARD, Jr. COLLECTION – Pearson/Flynn

City Manager Mel Pearson and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn presented information on the purchase of the Ross Beard Gun Collection. City Attorney Lawrence presented details on a proposal that would generate a hospitality fee revenue bond to pay for the Ross Beard Gun Collection. The financial cost for the city to obtain the collection is \$700,000. If council approves, the transaction would officially transfer to the city on July 1; the transaction would meet Mr. Beard's desire to be paid \$100,000 during each of the next seven years. There was lengthy discussion from council and staff regarding this matter. Public Hearing and 1st reading on this matter will be held at Council's June 10, 2014 meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL**

During other business, staff requested Council's direction on the Fine Arts Center (FAC) additional funding request for the Blues Festival. The FAC request the city appropriate additional funding from the city's hospitality tax fund account in the amount of \$50,000; making the entire event free to the public. After comments from staff, council voiced their concerns regarding this matter and agreed to fund an additional \$12,200 to the Fine Arts Center.

MAYOR SCULLY requested information on the review/rewrite of Chapter 32: Boards, Commission and Departments ordinance. Per staff the process is ongoing.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKEFORD requested information on the status of Smyrl Circle annexation. Per staff the residents have received the petitions and the process is ongoing.

COUNCILMEMBER POLK requested staff check with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on paving the streets in Kirkover Hills.

COUNCILMEMBER LONG noted that CSX has made an investment in renovating the CSX train station. Staff will invite CSX representatives to an upcoming work session to present information regarding this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Long, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Long, seconded by Councilmember Parks, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:45 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Polk, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 5:46 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk