



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 26, 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 (absent)

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 August 26, 2014, Camden City Council Work Session.

CATAWBA-WATEREE RIVER BASIN WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN – Kevin Mosteller, Vice President HDR, Inc. and Barry Gullet, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Director

Kevin Mosteller and Barry Gullet were in attendance at the Camden City Council work session to make a presentation on the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Master Plan. Mr. Gullet first spoke during Council's work session giving an overview of the Water Management Group and the projects the Water Management Group take on to make the river more usable. After Mr. Gullet asked the city for its support on the Catawba-Wateree Water River Basin Water Supply Master Plan, Kevin Mosteller came forward and made a lengthy presentation on the technical part of the Plan. Mr. Mosteller presentation included information on the background of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin, Elements of the Master Plan, Water Use Projections, Population and Climate Change, Key Recommendations, and Projected Results; along with additional key information.

Mr. Mosteller said the Catawba-Wateree River Basin is 4,750 square miles and supports nearly two million people with water for drinking, power generation, industrial processes, crop and livestock production, recreation, irrigation and more. A 2006 Water Supply Study found maximum capacity of Catawba River Basin for water supply could be reached mid-century and the purpose of the Master Plan is to find ways to extend the time before the capacity of the basin is reached.



Council voiced some concerns on the plan's concrete steps to accomplish its goals and regulatory component that may come into play.

Mosteller said the master plan's steps are simple: conserve water, manage resources, plan and work together. Gullet said he hopes the plan will avoid the need for regulation.

For additional information, please refer to the letter dated May 13, 2014 and presentation slides dated August 6, 2014 **RE:** The Water Supply Master Plan for the Catawba-Wateree River.

The complete plan is available at www.catawbawatereewmg.org.

LIVE WELL KERSHAW – Joseph Bruce and Whitney Hinson

Joseph Bruce, KershawHealth Vice President for Marketing and Community Development presented updated information on the Live Well Kershaw program. The Live Well Kershaw program started about two and a half years and its purpose is to build a healthy community. Live Well Kershaw program along with the Department of Health and Human Services has identified North Central High School area as a target model area of opportunity to work on the barriers of healthy eating and living. Council voiced some concerns and then praised the Live Well Kershaw members for working to make Kershaw County the healthiest in South Carolina.

CLASSICALLY CAROLINA TENNIS TOURNAMENT–Joe DeLoach and Kevin Jackson

Joe DeLoach and Kevin Jackson were in attendance to present council with an official request for funds to assist in the running and execution of the City of Camden Junior Tennis championships and Camden Adult Tennis championships. Mr. Jackson is requesting funds in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the Junior Tennis tournament which will be held May 2015 and the Adult Tennis tournament which will be held October 2015.

For additional information on the request, please refer to letter dated August 19, 2014 from KJ, Director of Tennis and Aquatics Camden Country Club and Memorandum dated August 20, 2014 **RE:** 2014 Classically Carolina Junior Tennis Tournament Revenues and Expenses.

KING HAIGLER CLOCK TOWER COMMITTEE – Mel Pearson

Council held discussion on the formation of a King Haigler Clock Tower Committee however after a brief discussion on the proposed property uses and the utilization of the space, Council decided to postpone creating a King Haigler Clock Tower Committee. Staff will provide Council with research, input and recommendations from a professional stance at a future work session.

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE PROJECT UPDATE – Mel Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson updated council on plans to expand the Central Carolina Technical College's I-20 campus at exit 98. Council received a document with detail "talking points" in



reference to the project and was reminded that there will be a funding request for this project. Mr. Pearson stated that the project is “on-going” and staff will present more details on the project as it becomes available.

RHAME ARENA UPDATE – Mel Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson updated council on the plans to renovate Rhame Arena. The project is on-going and staff will present plans and design options at an upcoming work session.

OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER PARKS suggested that the city join the Municipal Association of South Carolina’s “Cities Mean Business” program.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk