



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, February 24, 2015

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### **PRESENT**

Mayor Anthony P. Scully  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey R. Graham  
Councilmember Alfred Mae Drakeford  
Councilmember Laurel M. Parks  
Councilmember Deborah Hudson Davis

City Clerk Brenda Davis  
City Manager Mel Pearson  
Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)  
Chronicle-Independent Jim Tatum  
and interested citizens

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Anthony P. Scully gave the invocation.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the Works Session Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015 and City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Tab Bullard of Zimmerman Properties SE, LLC presented information to council regarding a proposal to build a multi-family development in Camden. The 64- two and three bedroom garden apartments units will be located Mill Street between DeKalb and York Streets. The development will be built by a private company utilizing Federal Section 42 tax credits to create and provide affordable housing. Council expressed some concern regarding this matter and seemed pleased about the project and the opportunities the project would provide to the city of Camden.

Mayor Pro-Tem Graham recused himself from this discussion due to conflict of interest.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mark Richardson of Greenway Residential Properties presented information to Council, proposing a 60 apartment unit development on Campbell Street – the former Boylan-Haven Mather’s property. The development would be similar to Zimmerman Properties proposal – accommodating multi-families, including amenities such as a play area for children, fitness center, and business center. Council suggested the property have similar looks like the former Mather Academy. Council voiced some other concerns and seemed pleased with the proposal and the opportunities this project would also provide for the city of Camden.



**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Kristina Cobb of the Fine Arts Center spoke during the Council meeting requesting an additional \$8,000 in HTAX Funds to support two off campus events – March Finally Friday Concert and Jazz Under the Stars concert. The funds would help cover the cost of staging, talent fees and marketing.

**PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim its opposition to H3490, a house bill that would cap business license taxes at \$100 per business; cutting services to residents, businesses and visitors.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No public comments.

**ORDINANCE #2015-002 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an ordinance repealing and readopting a new Zoning Ordinance for the City of Camden.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

**ORDINANCE #2015-003 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by comments from City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance of the City Council of City of Camden, South Carolina authorizing the creation of a multi-county industrial and business park within the corporate limits of the city; authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental agreement by and between Kershaw County, South Carolina and the City of Camden, South Carolina; And other matters relating thereto.



**RESOLUTION #2015-004**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by remarks from City Attorney Lawrence Flynn and comments from City Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Camden Police Department and various law enforcement agencies and authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Camden and the City Manager of the City of Camden to execute all such Agreements.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business from Council.

**ADDITIONAL**

March 10, 2015 City Council Regular meeting cancelled; next meeting will be held March 24, 2015.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk