



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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
Chronicle-Independent Jim Tatum
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey R. Graham 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 Davis, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adopt the Work Session Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015 and the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Lottie Jones, Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA) Director

Ms. Lottie Jones, Director of Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority, presentation to Council addressed the need for the city of Camden to contribute and share/split with Kershaw County local financial support to provide transportation services to the Camden and Kershaw County area. Ms. Jones stated that without the additional financial and local support - the SWRTA is unable to access available State and Federal Grant Funds to cover the costs of its transportation operation in the Camden/Kershaw County area. During Ms. Jones lengthy presentation, she requested that the city maintain the same level of support of \$12,500 as provided in FY 2014-2015, to meet requirements of Federal and State local fund match.

There was lengthy discussion and questions from Council regarding this matter. For additional information, please see handout provided by Ms. Jones **RE:** Santee Wateree RTA Presentation to Camden City Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments.



PUBLIC HEARING – Budget FY 2015-2016

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the adoption of the City of Camden’s proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

There being no public hearing comments, Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

For additional information, please refer to City of Camden Proposed Budget FY 2015-2016 Budget-In-Brief Handout.

PETITION FOR ANNEXING PROPERTIES NEAR CHESTNUT FERRY ROAD

City Manager Mel Pearson presented Council with a request for approval regarding annexation petitions for three properties located near Chestnut Ferry Road: 33 Chestnut Ferry Road (Cobblestone Apartments), 16 Chestnut Ferry Road, and 200 Lynwood Street.

Hearing no objections from Council; Staff will forward the proposed annexation petition requests on the above mentioned properties near Chestnut Ferry road to the Camden Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION #2015-007

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Jazz under the Stars.

RESOLUTION #2015-008

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to authorizing the construction and improvements of Ehrenclou Drive, Chestnut Ferry Road, York Street, Boykin Road and Rippondon Street in accordance with plans to be prepared by the SCDOT.

RESOLUTION #2015-009

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to a resolution to provide matching funds required for the Community Development Block Grant for the Riverdale Neighborhood and City of Camden.



RESOLUTION #2015-010

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of certain agreements with the South Carolina Department of Transportation and other matters related thereto.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Camden and Kershaw County for Community Development Block Grant Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council.

ADDITIONAL

City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council that the City of Camden was selected by the South Carolina Humanities Council to host the 2015 SC Humanities Festival April 30 through May 3, 2015.

Please refer to Letter from Mrs. Suzi Sale dated April 14, 2015 **RE:** 2015 South Carolina Humanities Festival.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor