CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 23, 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 Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2015.

PUBLIC FORUM
Willard Polk – 521 Cooks Court, spoke regarding his concerns on the condition of the tennis courts at Rectory Square and Scotts Park. Mr. Polk stated he was in disagreement with the city’s decision to deny the amount of requested funds by Kershaw County to rehabilitate the tennis courts.

Mr. Polk also spoke regarding his concerns of the City’s Boards and Commission and its membership guidelines stating that “members should be allowed join if they live outside the voting limits of city of Camden”.

Bruce Fields – Camden, SC spoke regarding his concerns of the zoning of the Pine Tree Hill Property. Mr. Fields spoke against the project and ask that the project be put on hold.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – Council recognized Lorraine Wilson for her 26 years of service to the City of Camden. Council along with City Manager Mel Pearson and on behalf of city staff, presented Lorraine Wilson with gifts for her years of service to the City of Camden.
RECOGNITION – CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT
Richard S. Campbell Award – For Excellence in Public Safety Education.
The Camden Fire Department received the Richard S. Campbell Award for excellence in Public Safety Education at the annual of South Carolina State Fire Chief Association Conference- Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Chief John Bowers shared brief remarks regarding the Camden Fire Department receiving the award.

ORDINANCE #2015-010 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning property located at 1300 Gardner Street, 1309 Lakeshore Drive and 1319 Lakeshore Drive from R-15 to OI.

ORDINANCE #2015-011 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Attorney Lawrence Flynn and additional comments from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of combined Public Utility System Revenue Bonds to be designated Series 2015, in the principal amount of not exceeding seven million dollars ($7,000,000) of the City of Camden, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto.

RESOLUTION #2015-017
Council on motion, by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution appropriating the expenditure of project improvement funds for the Meyer-Thiel Animal Adoption Center.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Maureen Renault to the Parks & Trees Commission with term to expire on May 31, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS
Councilmember Parks requested staff update Council on City of Camden’s Board and Commission vacancies at an upcoming Work Session.
ADJOURN
There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk