



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 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 (absent)

City Clerk Brenda Davis
City Manager Mel Pearson
Finance Director Debra Courtney
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 Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2015.

PUBLIC FORUM

Willard Polk, 521 Cooks Court spoke regarding his concerns on council's consideration of the purchasing of property located at 1300 Gardner Street and 1309 Lakeshore Drive from KershawHealth. Mr. Polk said he was pleased with the staff and council decision to consider purchasing the property. Mr. Polk also spoke regarding his concerns of dead wood oak trees on north Board Street - stating that they are a potential hazard to motorist and pedestrians.

ORDINANCE #2015-012 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading an ordinance authorizing the gift of real property located in the City of Camden to Habitat for Humanity for Kershaw County. The property is located at 810 18th Street.

ORDINANCE #2015-013 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 16 Chestnut Ferry Road.



ORDINANCE #2015-014 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 33 Chesnut Ferry Road.

ORDINANCE #2015-015 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 200 Lynwood Street.

ORDINANCE #2015-016 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to KershawHealth. The property being located at 1300 Gardner Street and 1309 Lakeshore Drive.

ORDINANCE #2015-017 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance authorizing and establishing a program to grant special property tax assessments to certain rehabilitated historic properties (the “Bailey Bill Program”); and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2015-018 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance to amend section 158.010 – “Creation” in the City of Camden, South Carolina, South Carolina Code of Ordinances, related to the Historic Landmarks Commission.

ORDINANCE #2015-019 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance repealing Section 32.80 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances, regarding the Kershaw County Special Services.

ORDINANCE #2015-020 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance repealing and readopting a new Planning Commission Ordinance for the City of Camden.



ORDINANCE #2015-021 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance to amend Section 32.15- “Functions; Duties” in the City of Camden, South Carolina Code of Ordinances, related to the Archives and Museum Commission.

RESOLUTION #2015-020

Council on motion, by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to accept a resolution adopting bylaws of the Archives and Museum Commission.

FAÇADE GRANT

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the Façade Grants Application in the amount of \$2,465.15 with a City match of \$1,232.57 for 2511 Broad Street – Markley Properties.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve the re-appointments of Mrs. Joanna Craig and Mr. David Brandon Moore to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on August 31, 2019.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the re-appointment of Mrs. Anne W. Carruth to the Board of Zoning Appeals with term to expire on August 31, 2019.

Historic Landmarks Commission

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve re-appointments to the Historic Landmarks Commission of the following members:

- Mary Foster Cox with term to expire on August 31, 2017
- Donna Freyer with term to expire on August 31, 2017
- William C. “Rusty” Major with term to expire on August 31, 2016
- Allen Roberts with term to expire on August 31, 2016
- Nancy C. Wylie with term to expire on August 31, 2016



OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Drakeford extended an invitation to Council and Staff to attend the Santee- Lynches Regional Council on Governments- Strategic Planning meeting to be held on Monday, October 5th, 2015. The time of the meeting and more details will be announced at a later date.

Councilmember Graham spoke on his concerns of the social media article rating City of Camden as being in the top list of cities with the highest crime rate. Council held discussion on this topic and staff will follow-up with the author of the article and media to correct the misleading information that was reported in the social media article.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Graham, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk