



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, October 13, 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  
Chronicle-Independent Jim Tatum  
and interested citizens

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Deborah H. Davis 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 October 13, 2015.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Willard Polk** spoke during the public forum regarding the SAGE Nonprofit Consultant presentation included as an item on Council's agenda. Mr. Polk said he was pleased to see SAGE Nonprofit Consultants were making a presentation on the strategic plan for Historic Camden.

Mr. Polk also spoke regarding his concerns of the conditions of the city's urban parks; specifically dead wood and fallen/hanging limbs.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION – SAGE Nonprofit Consultants**

Joan Ustin, Anne Sinclair and Jessica Munday of SAGE Nonprofit Consultants were in attendance to present the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Historic Camden Foundation. The Five-Year Strategic Plan for Historic Camden Foundation (2016-2020) mission and vision statement is to protect, preserve and celebrate Camden's extraordinary Colonial and American Revolutionary War history and to become one of the country's premier community museums of national and international significance for Colonial and Revolutionary War history by forging a path forward to a greater appreciation of America's past through preservation, research, education and interactive experience.

The following topics were discussed during the SAGE Nonprofit Consultants presentation:  
Six Overall Strategic Goals to include Organizational Development, Financial Management,



Resource Development, Site Enhancement, Program Development and Marketing & Communications.

For additional information regarding the presentation, please refer to the document dated October 1, 2015: Five-Year Strategic Plan for Historic Camden Foundation presented by SAGE Nonprofit Consultants.

**PRESENTATION**

City Manager Mel Pearson briefed Council on an overview the City’s 2015 Financial Status: General Fund Revenue & Expenses and Utility Fund Revenue & Expenses. A brief update was also given on the schedule of the debt service that is anticipated for the electric, water and sewer rehab and improvement projects for 2015/2016.

City Manager Mel Pearson also briefed Council on the 2015 Flood Stage and the recovery process that’s ahead to repair the damages caused by the flood storm.

**ORDINANCE #2015-022 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to accept the second reading of an ordinance amending certain provisions of article VII of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to sign regulations; and other matters related thereto.

**ORDINANCE #2015-023 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to accept the second reading of an ordinance amending certain provisions of article III of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to permitted and conditionally permitted uses in the various Zoning Districts of the City; and other matters related thereto.

**RESOLUTION #2015-026**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to approve a resolution appropriating the expenditure of hospitality tax funds for the Classically Carolina Junior and Adult Tennis Championships.

**RESOLUTION #2015-027**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement agreement with Debruhl’s Market Street Café, LLC. (The driveway adjacent to Mad’s Restaurant).



**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mayor Pro Tem Graham**

Mayor Pro Tem Graham requested staff set-up a joint meeting with the county to discuss recreation and economic development plans.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter regarding real estate.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Parks, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 8:31 p.m. No action was taken during Executive 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 8:40 p.m.

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Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk