



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, October 27, 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**

Councilmember Laurel M. Parks 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**

No Public Comments

### **PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of October 25-31, 2015, as Environmental Systems Operators Week. Deputy Director of Public Works Ray Peterson and the City of Camden Water Plant Operators were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to proclaim Thursday, November 5, 2015, as Arbor Day. Urban Forester Liz Gilland was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of November 2015, as National Hospice Palliative Care Month. Mary Kay Olive of Agape Senior along with Brandi Grubb and Jeff Grubbs of Embrace Hospice were in attendance to receive the proclamation.



**PRESENTATION – Suzi Sale**

Tourism Director Suzi Sale presented a tourism development update of the ongoing activity for the first-two quarters of the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year: Ongoing tourism activity for the fiscal year included the following projects: marketing promotions and the creation of the tourism website. Suzi Sale provided information on the projects to include brand advertising, publicity and promotion - to building in-market traffic and in-market spending. Ms. Sale also provided an update on the tourism website that will be simple and mobile-user friendly.

**PRESENTATION**

Archives and Museum Director Katherine Richardson presented an update on the upcoming activities and exhibits at the Archives and Museum. The next exhibit will feature “Camden’s Moment in NASCAR History: The Bondy Long Story.” The exhibit will open on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, with processional of Ned Jarrett’s #11 Bondy Long Ford -10:00 to 10:30 a.m. leaving from City Hall to Camden Archives & Museum followed by a private luncheon on Archives & Museum grounds from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**ORDINANCE FOR DISCUSSION**

City Attorney Lawrence Flynn led the discussion of an ordinance authorizing and establishing an Economic Development Incentive Program to encourage private investment in the incentive area of the city of Camden; and other matters related thereto. Council held a lengthy discussion regarding this matter; after several questions directed to and answered by City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, council decided to take this matter up at an upcoming Work Session for further discussion of the ordinance.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mayor Pro Tem Graham**

Mayor Pro Tem Graham requested staff check into a citizen complaint concerning the lack of streets lights along Black River Road.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk

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Anthony P. Scully, Mayor