



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, December 8, 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 (absent)

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 Jeffery 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 Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2015.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

John Wilson of 805 Cureton Street spoke regarding his concerns on requesting the City to add stop signs (four-way stop signs) at the corner of Cureton, Kirkland, Elmore and Savage Streets to make the Edgewood neighborhood more friendly and safe.

### **2015 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT**

Rickie Tiller, CPA of Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP, presented the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 audit report. The City of Camden received an unqualified audit report. There were no restrictions on the scope of work done by Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP. Mr. Tiller gave a detailed graphic overview of the General Funds, Proprietary Funds, Capital Project Funds and Hospitality Tax Fund. The primary purpose of Mr. Tiller's report to Council was to present the significant findings from the Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP audit.

There was general discussion including comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and questions from Council regarding this matter.

For additional information please refer to booklets titled "Report to City Council" for the Year Ended June 30, 2015 and "Financial Statements and Required Supplemental



Information” for the year ended June 30, 2015, provided by Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Lois Edwards, Pee Dee Urban Forester of the South Carolina Forestry Commission presented City of Camden with the Tree City U.S.A. Award. The City of Camden received its 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive Tree City U.S.A. Award by meeting all four standards required to qualify for the award. Members of the Parks and Trees Commission were in attendance and received recognition for their dedication and hard work regarding the City of Camden Tree Program.

**2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION SCHEDULE**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, voted unanimously to approve the 2016 City Council Meeting/Work Session Schedule.

**2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve the 2016 City Holiday Schedule.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR YEAR 2015**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, made a motion to nominate Councilmember Drakeford as Mayor Pro-Tem for Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

**CANCELLATION – DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> COUNCIL MEETING**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to cancel the regular scheduled meeting on December 22, 2015.

**ORDINANCE #2015-024 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from Council, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing and establishing an Economic Development Incentive Program to encourage private investment in the incentive are of the City of Camden; and other matter related thereto.

**ORDINANCE #2015-025 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford, followed by comments from City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Combined Public Utility System Improvement Revenue Bonds to be designated Series 2016A, in the principal amount of not exceeding seven million eighty thousand dollars (\$7,080,000) of the City of



Camden, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto. Carter Bank & Trust will finance the bonds for 15 years at 2.4 percent.

**CONTRACT OF SALE**

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drakeford voted unanimously to approve the Contract for Sale for 818 Lyttleton Street. First reading of an ordinance providing for the Contract of Sale for 818 Lyttleton Street will be presented at the upcoming City Council meeting in January 2016.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Drakeford** inquired about the ribbon cutting ceremony at the train station. Staff is in the process of obtaining an agreement from CSX. Once all agreements are in, staff will purchase a plaque and hold a ribbon cutting ceremony.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk