



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

4:00 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 Tantum
and interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

WELCOME – City Manager Mel Pearson welcomed Council to the March 24, 2015, Camden City Council Work Session. Mr. Pearson briefed Council on the water line break on Chesnut and Broad Street and informed Council that staff was working to repair the problem.

RESPONSIVE WEBSITE LAUNCH – Corbett and Sale

The city of Camden launched its new website on March 23, 2015. Caitlin Corbett and Tourism Director Suzi Sale presented a brief demonstration of the new website noting website changes and new additions to the website.

RHAME ARENA UPDATE – Luther

Economic Development Director Wade Luther updated Council on the Rhame Arena Renovation project. The project is moving forward according to schedule, architectural plans are near completion and construction work is scheduled to begin as early as April 20, 2015. The Rhame Arena Renovation project is scheduled to be completed around mid-September.

For additional information regarding the Rhame Arena update please refer to memo dated March 19, 2015 **RE:** Rhame Arena Update.

BAILEY BILL BREIFING – Luther

City Council received updates on the Bailey Bill from Economic Development Director Wade Luther. The Bailey Bill is a state law that allows local governments to grant special tax assessments to rehabilitated historic properties and low-and moderate-income rental properties. City Council expressed some concern and comments regarding the Bailey Bill and will revisit this matter at an upcoming Work Session before considering an Ordinance.



POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2014- Floyd

Chief Joseph Floyd presented Council with the Camden Police Department 2014 statistical summary of police activities within city limits of Camden. Chief Floyd presentation to Council addressed the various types of criminal activity and offenses reported, a Traffic Accident yearly summary by day of week and time of day, Special Events coverage report, Use of Force reports summary, and the general daily duties of the Uniformed Patrol Division. There was general discussion regarding this matter.

Please refer to Camden Police Department 2014 Statistical Summary Report, for additional information.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business from Council.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk