



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Anthony P. Scully
Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Mae Drakeford
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Laurel M. Parks
Councilmember Deborah Hudson Davis
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Corbett
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 Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford and Councilmember Parks abstained from voting due to their absence at the March 8, 2016 meeting.

PRESENTATION

Assistant Chief Eddie Gardner updated Council on the recent smoke detector blitz project. The Camden Fire Department (CFD) along with the partnership of the American Red Cross targeted about 326 homes in area of DeKalb Street to Bull Street and Mill Street to Campbell Street. The community outreach program allowed the Camden Fire Department (CFD) to check and replace 110 detectors, install 52 smoke alarms with 10-year lithium batteries, along with 381 carbon monoxide detectors. Assistant Chief Gardner noted that the community outreach program was a success and that the CFD will continue make contact with homes they were unable to reach.

PRESENTATION

City Planner Shawn Putnam gave a brief presentation regarding the Kershaw County Bicycle Pedestrian Greenways Plan. A copy of the Kershaw County Pedestrian Greenway Plan can be found on the Eat Smart Move More Website.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, voted unanimously to proclaim April 3rd – 10th 2016, as Boykin Spaniel Week. Members of the Boykin Spaniel Society were in attendance to receive the proclamation.



PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim March 29, 2016, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran’s Day. The following members of the Hobkirk Hill Chapter of the South Carolina National Society Daughters of the American Revolution were in attendance: Ponza Vaughn, Patty Bell and Kathy Forrester.

PUBLIC FORUM

Blanche K. Scott, 120 York Street, spoke during the public forum regarding the City of Camden ordinances and rules pertaining to her property located at 804 Mill Street, 802 Mill Street and 120 York Street.

ORDINANCE #2016-004 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of donation of real property located at 529 East DeKalb Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-12-00-133 further identified as the Hazelwood Cleaners Building.

ORDINANCE #2016-005 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance to authorize the swap of real property located in the City of Camden with the School District of Kershaw County.

ORDINANCE #2016-006 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance and Contract of Sale authorizing the purchase of 533 East DeKalb Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-12-00-032 and ratification of actions by the City Manager in regards thereto. (Blessings Beauty Salon)

RESOLUTION #2016-008

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution encouraging equal opportunity housing and proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

RESOLUTION #2016-009

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the Town Green Finally Friday Concert.



RESOLUTION #2016-010

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and submission of the 2016 Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund Application.

RESOLUTION #2016-011

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and submission of the 2016 Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Application.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Graham recommended Council pass a resolution calling on the state of South Carolina to fully fund the local government fund.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

City Arena located on the corner of Broad and Bull - Address has been changed to 420 Broad Street.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Anthony P. Scully

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis