



**CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

4:00 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 (absent)
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Person
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Corbett
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Jim Tatum
and interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Mayor Anthony P. Scully welcomed Council to the September 13, 2016, Camden City Council Work Session.

SAFER GRANT – Assistant Fire Chief Eddie Gardner

The Camden Fire Department was awarded a Safer Grant. The four year Safer Grant allows the Camden Fire Department to hire a Recruitment and Retention Officer. The amount of the Grant is \$294,754.00, with no matching funds involved.

UNITED WAY AND MDA – Assistant Fire Chief Eddie Gardner

Assistant Fire Chief Gardner gave a brief report on the recent annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) “fill the boot” campaign. Thanks to the community, Camden Fire Department raised more than \$15,593.83 for MDA.

The City’s United Way Employee Campaign raised \$20,171.24.

WATER, TASTE AND ORDOR – Tom Couch and Mel Person

City Council was briefed on information regarding the “Water, Taste, & Order.” Some City of Camden customers are experiencing taste and odor difference from their drinking water taps. A public service announcement was sent out for immediate release to inform all customers should they have any questions about the taste and odor, they may contact the water plant manager or lab supervisor.



TENNIS COURT PROJECTS – TOM COUCH AND PEARSON

City Council along with Ken Simmons, John Powell and staff held another roundtable discussion on the Camden Tennis Court project like the previous one at the August 9, 2016 Work Session. Vetting out details to form a contract along with additional estimated cost. Ken Simmons and John Powell guided everyone through the project as council made some additional changes to the project’s design package. Staff will present a proposal for Council consideration at an upcoming meeting. After Council’s consideration and approval the project will begin and is expected to be completed within a 12 month period.

WASTEWATER LAGOON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – Shawn Putnam and Josh Moore (National Park Service)

Shawn Putnam and Josh Moore presented information to Council in regards to results of the public process for the Wastewater Lagoon Redevelopment Project. Three public meetings were held in regards to the Camden Lagoon project and the majority of those individuals involved were in favor of the project. All the results and input from the meeting were compiled and Josh Moore of the National Park Service briefly explained each of the top priorities from the publics input. Some of the top priorities included: Vehicular Parking, Kayak Launch, Trail Network, Wildlife Viewing Area/Wetlands Restoration, Council Ring, River Overlooks, Pavilions and also the possibility of a Pavilion to be used as economic benefits.

For additional information on the priorities please refer to report dated 09.07.16 - Camden Lagoon Park Public Meeting Summary Report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING COMPLETE STREETS – Shawn Putnam

City Planner Shawn Putnam briefed council on a summary of changes to the Land Development Regulation regarding Complete Streets based on recommendations from a review completed as part of the Kershaw Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway plan. A public hearing will be held at Council September 13, 2016 City Council meeting.

For review of a summary of the changes please refer to memo dated September 6, 2016 **RE:** Planning Services Agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Scully inquired about placing speed bumps on certain streets to deter speeding. Staff will convey information to the Camden Police Department to increase enforcement and monitor those areas of concern.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk