



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 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
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 pm.

WELCOME

Mayor Anthony P. Scully welcomed Council to the October 25, 2016, Camden City Council Work Session.

2016 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT – Mary Ellen Green, CPA –Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP

Mary Ellen Green, CPA of Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP, presented the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 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. Mrs. Green gave a detailed graphic overview of the General Funds, Proprietary Funds, Capital Project Funds and Hospitality Tax Fund. The primary purpose of Mrs. Green'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 comments from Council regarding this matter.

For additional information please refer to booklets titled "Report to City Council" for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and "Financial Statements and Required Supplemental Information" for the year ended June 30, 2016, provided by Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP.



HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION UPDATE – Shawn Putnam

City Planner Shawn Putnam briefed council on the review progress of the Historic Landmarks Commission. Mr. Putnam reported that the current process seems to be working well. Mr. Putnam stated that from June of 2015 to June 2016, forty-one applications were submitted, twenty-two were approved by staff and nineteen were approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

There were general discussion and comments from Council regarding this matter. Council voiced some concerns about receiving complaints from citizens in reference to the timeframe it takes for major applications to be approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Staff will work on the issues presented by to seek a better solution on approving major Certificate of Appropriateness Applications in a timely matter; specifically when a meeting is cancelled due to lack of quorum.

TOUR OF NEW FIRE TRUCK- John Bowers

City Council, staff and interested citizens toured the new Fire service truck recently purchased at \$230,000 to help serve the Camden community for the next 20 years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council requested a presentation from the developers/investors of the Cedarbrook Apartments at an upcoming meeting to receive general information in reference to what it will cost a citizens to rent a unit and/or units based on his/her income.

The City applied for a \$25,000 Economic Development Grant through the Municipal Association of South Carolina, but was denied. After brief discussion from staff and Council, City Council agreed to have staff move forward with finding the \$25,000 to fund this project to build a welcome/downtown information center.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourn at 5:45 pm.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk