



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

4:00 P.M.

MEETING-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
and interested citizens
Attorney Lawrence Flynn

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham gave the invocation

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 4:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021.

PUBLIC FORUM

Fred Meyers, Hunt Cup Lane - spoke regarding his concerns of a previous sale of land transaction for commercial development and the amount of water and sewer available for development in the area around 1-20 Exit 98.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Council recognized Michelle Torres– Equipment Operator with the City of Camden Streets Department upon her retirement by presenting her with a Certificate of Recognition and an engraved watch. Michelle Torres retired from the Camden City Hall, with 24 years of service

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of May 2021 as Foster Care Month. Lisa Franklin, foster care and adoptive parents and children from across the city and Kershaw County, as well as staff from the Kershaw County Department of Social Service and the S.C. Foster Parents Association were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 9th – May 15th, as National Nursing Home Week.



PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 9th – May 15th 2021 as Police Week.

ORDINANCE #2021-007 2nd READING

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt second reading of an ordinance amending certain sections of the Land Development Regulations of the City of Camden pertaining to requirements for streets; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2021-008 2nd READING

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt second reading of an ordinance amending certain provision of Title III, Chapter 30, Section 30.30 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to City Council meeting dates and times; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2021-009 1st READING

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from staff and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to adopt first reading of an ordinance approving the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTION #2021-004

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution recommending individuals in the city follow established guidelines concerning social distancing and face coverings; further recommending that individuals adhere to requirements adopted by retail, foodservice, other establishments; and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTION #2021-005

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Shagging at the Cup Dance.

RESOLUTION #2021-006

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease-purchase financing, and other matters relating thereto. (Two police vehicles, and one sanitation department truck)



EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:20 pm to discuss contractual matters related to economic development; negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property and to discuss matters relating to a personnel matter involving a release of an employee in the Police Department

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:30 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MATTERS RELATING TO A PERSONNEL INVOLVING A RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No action taken on both matters.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other Business from Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis