



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 13, 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 (absent)
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 (absent)

INVOCATION

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford 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 Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to adopt Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORERS

The Camden Fire Department along with City Council recognized Camden Explorer Post 0911 for representing the Camden Fire Department at the 2020 South Carolina Fire-Rescue Conference. The Explorers received first place in the team gear donning and second place in the team hose deployment. Explorers who excelled are as follow: Jacob Benton, Dakota Brown, Josh Carr, Grace Floyd, Nick Meuse, Brycen Moseley, and Brian Yancey.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Lois Edwards, Pee Dee Urban Forester of the South Carolina Forestry Commission presented City of Camden with the Tree City U.S.A. Award. The City of Camden received its 34th Anniversary Tree City USA Award by meeting all four standards required to qualify for the award. Members of the Parks and Trees Commission were in attendance and received recognition for their dedication and hard work regarding the City of Camden Tree Program.

ORDINANCE #2021-013 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to **un-table** ordinance #2021-014 approving the execution and delivery of a third amendment to an option to purchase agreement; approving the execution and delivery



of a third amendment to the inducement agreement; and other matters relating thereto. Clock tower building located at 950 Broad Street. There was no motion taken to approve the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE #2021-014 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning and Interim Zoning Classification; and other matters related thereto. Property located at 783 Kershaw Highway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:20 pm to discuss contractual matters related to economic development; negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 4:35 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY.

No action taken.

RESOLUTION #2021-009

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Camden, South Carolina acting through its City Manager to purchase 515 Rutledge Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-16-00-069 and ratification of actions by the City Manager in regards to. (“Nettles property”)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:40 pm to discuss a personnel matter involving an employee in the Administrative Department.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:10 pm.



ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED PERSONNEL MATTER INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT.

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other Business from Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis