



MINUTES

CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Joanna B. Craig opened the council meeting with invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting minutes of August 10, 2021 as presented.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public Comments

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Tennis Center Director of Camden, Paola Maoli, presented to Council the USTA 2021 Outstanding Facility Award, Awarded to the Tennis Center of Camden. City Manager, Mel Pearson, acknowledged Maoli on her retirement and thanked her for her service to the City. Rick Martin was introduced as the new Tennis Center Director

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jeanne Millkin Bonds, Catherine Cantey, and Chris McKinney presented "Invest in Camden" information to Council concerning economic development and opportunity zones; Councilmembers Graham and Craig commented



ORDINANCE #2021-016 1st Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, with Councilmember Graham abstaining from discussion and vote, voted unanimously to approve a special tax assessment for a historic property at 1109 Broad Street.

ORDINANCE #2021-017 1st Reading

After discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an ordinance approving the execution and delivery of a fourth amendment to an option to purchase agreement; approving the execution and delivery approving the execution and delivery of a fourth amendment to the inducement agreement.

ORDINANCE #2021-018-EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

After discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an emergency ordinance to require face coverings in municipal facilities of the City of Camden, South Carolina.

RESOLUTION #2021-013

After discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, 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, and other establishments.

RESOLUTION #2021-014

After discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution committing the City of Camden to providing a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant and following its procurement policy when securing services and products with grant funds.

RESOLUTION #2021-015

After discussion, Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution pursuant to Section 4-1-170(c), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, consenting to the placement of certain property within the corporate limits of the City of Camden in a joint county industrial and business park of Kershaw and Sumter counties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, entered into Executive Session at 4:33 pm to discuss contractual matters related to economic development; negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.



REGUALR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:15 pm. No action was made relating to the discussion of contractual matters related to economic development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford thanked first responders for their service and observation of the anniversary of September 11, 2001.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:42 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk (absent)