



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Attorney Lawrence Flynn
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

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham opened the council meeting with invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting minutes of October 12, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Graham abstained due to his absence.

PUBLIC FORUM

Hebert Cooke, Gate Street spoke regarding projects the community of Church Street would like for the city to work on; such as street lights, underground power lines, sidewalks, and other matters.

Coleman Brown, King Street spoke regarding concerns of the church street community also; mainly about the traffic and how fast cars travel in that area.

David Reuwer, thanked the council for honoring Arbor Day on November 5, and planting a Liberty Tree to play tribute to the creation of our country and the historic significance that Camden played in the birthing of our Liberties.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim Friday, November 5, 2021 as Arbor Day. Liz Gilland and David Reuwer were in attendance to accept the proclamation.



ORDINANCE #2021-021 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending and restating the Business License Ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina; to make certain other modifications to the City's Business License procedures; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2021-022 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending provisions to the City's Code of Ordinance pertaining to the City's Business License Program; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2021-023 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve the second reading of an ordinance approving the execution and delivery of a fifth amendment to an option to purchase agreement; approving the execution and delivery of a fifth amendment to the inducement agreement; and other matters relating thereto. For additional information please refer to Press Release dated October 26, 2021 – City of Camden Hotel Project Entering Final Preconstruction Planning Stage.

ORDINANCE #2021-024 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning an interim zoning classification of R-15; and other matters related thereto. Parcels to be annexed are: 1876 McRae Road, 1500 Bradley Road and 1528B Bradley Road.

RESOLUTION #2021-022

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the revision to the VisionKershaw 2030 Plan.

RESOLUTION #2021-023

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the United Way Chili Cook Off.

RESOLUTION #2021-024

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the Downtown Camden Free Concert.



RESOLUTION #2021-025

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by discussion from council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution to provide matching funds required for the Community Development Block Grant for Church Street Area Neighborhood Revitalization.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:35 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis