



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 23, 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 (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
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 Deborah H. Davis 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 November 9, 2021. Councilmember Debra Davis vote abstained due to her absence.

PUBLIC FORUM

Penny Pullum, Hampton Street spoke regarding her concerns of the city fixing pot holes and repairing sidewalks within the city limits so that mobilized devices could be used safely and sidewalks are walkable.

ORDINANCE #2021-025 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam, voted to approve first reading of an ordinance amending certain articles of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden; and other matters related thereto. (Amendments related to tiny houses). Those voting in favor of the ordinance were Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Smoak, Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham and Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Craig. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION #2021-026

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 Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Celebration.

RESOLUTION #2021-027

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase a portion,



0.05 acres, of real property located at 1035 Broad Street being identified as portion of Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-12-00-158, and other matters relating thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, entered into Executive Session at 4:20 pm to discuss a proposed contractual arrangement to receive legal advice on economic development strategy.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak seconded by Councilmember Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 4:40 pm.

NO ACTION TAKEN RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, entered into Executive Session at 4:41 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 5:15 pm.

NO ACTION TAKEN RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:17 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis