



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### **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**

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak 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 23, 2021.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public Comments

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION** – Arts Center of Kershaw County – Dolly Patton, Director Dolly Patton, Director of the Arts Center of Kershaw County presented council with an update on the Arts Center events, performances, classes, programs and forthcoming financial needs.

### **ORDINANCE #2021-025 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam, voted unanimously to approve second 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).

### **2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, made a motion to approve the 2021 City Council Meeting Schedule. After discussion, Councilmember Smoak made a motion, second by Mayor Pro Tem Graham to eliminate December 27, 2022 meeting; Council then unanimously approved the 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule.

### **2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to adopt the 2021 City Holiday Schedule.



**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR YEAR 2022**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to elect Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham as Mayor Pro Tem for Year 2022.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, entered into Executive Session at 4:26 pm to discuss an employee in the Judicial Department and a personnel matter involving an employee in the Administrative Department.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak seconded by Councilmember Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:00 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION #2021-028**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted to approve a resolution authorizing the appointment of a Municipal Judge, and other matters related thereto. The council has determined to appoint Mr. Michael D. Wright as Municipal Judge. Councilmember Stephen R. Smoke abstained from voted due to conflict of interest.

**ADDITIONAL**

City Manager Melvin “Mel” Pearson announced his resignation effective February 28, 2022.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business from Council

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:20 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

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City Clerk Brenda Davis