



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

4:00P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor ProTem 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 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 December 14, 2021.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – VisionKershaw 2030

Kershaw County Chairman Julian Burns brief presentation to city council was about the revised version of VisionKershaw 2030 plan. Mr. Burns describe the plan as a "collaborative roadmap" to guide Kershaw County government, leaders, educators, businesses, non-profits, and private citizens as they work together to build vibrant communities and VisionKershaw 2030 plan as "providing the impetus" -- a guide policy -- for how we can work together with public and private sectors, nonprofits, our school district, healthcare, law enforcement, the judicial system, the faith community, our neighborhoods and volunteers.

ORDINANCE #2022-001 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted to approve first reading of an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 1095 Ehrenclou Drive. Mayor ProTem Jeffrey R. Graham abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Ordinance #2022-001 was corrected in the second WHEREAS on 2/14/2022 – typo corrected from R-15 to GBD.



ORDINANCE #2022-002 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 1876 McRae Road, 1500 Bradley Road and 15288 Bradley Road.

ORDINANCE #2022-003 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending and restating Title III, Chapter 31, Section 31.109 and Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35.02 of the City's Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTION #2022-001

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted to approve a resolution to provide certification as provided by the South Carolina abandoned buildings revitalization act of 2013 (S.C. Code Section 12-67-109 ET SEQ.) for the building at 1105 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina. Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery R. Graham abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #2022-002

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the appointment of a City Prosecutor; and other matters related thereto. (Mr. H. Clay Carruth, III)

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously for the appointment and re-appointment for the following individuals on the Planning Commission with terms to expire on August 31, 2025: Connie Davis Rouse (appointment) and Charles Wood.

APPROVAL OF LEADER'S LEGACY RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a Leader's Legacy Recognition for the following individuals: Mr. Melvin "Mel" Pearson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, entered Into Executive Session at 4:18 pm to discuss potential real estate transaction negotiations involving a property in the downtown area.



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 POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING A PROPERTY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:45pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis