CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 4:00 P.M. Council Chambers-City Hall**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford City Manager Jonathan Rorie

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young

Councilmember Stephen Smoak Finance Director Debra Courtney Councilmember Joanna B. Craig Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)

Councilmember Deborah H. Davis Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel

City Clerk Brenda Davis 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 Alfred Mae Drakeford opened the council meeting with invocation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting minutes of May 10, 2022.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Franklin B. Smith, resident of Lyttleton Street, spoke regarding his concerns of the church bell that rings at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church as a violation of city code.

Michael Garrett resident of Mill Street, spoke regarding his concerns of excessive speed along Mill Street.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 CAMDEN HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION PRESERVATION AWARDS**

## The Historic Landmarks Commission presented the following 2021 Camden Historic Landmarks Commission Preservation Awards:

## Renovation of a Non-Designated Historic Property

* Jay and Jennifer Stegner / 1517 Lyttleton Street

Renovation to a Downtown Historic Commercial Building

* Westley and Laurie Parks/ 1025 Broad Street

New Construction within a Local Historic Neighborhood District

* Richard and Kathleen Tiller / 1804-A Brevard Place

Adaptive Re-Use of a Historic Property

* Steve and Janet Ellerman / 104 Union Street

**PRESENTATION –** Kids to Parks Day

Liz Gilland, Urban Forester gave a presentation on Kids to Parks Day. The event was held on May 21, 2022 and was a success due to many different community partners and volunteers. Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford gave recognition to those that were involved by handing out mayor coins**.**

**ORDINANCE #2022-011 1st Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from staff, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to Davis Printing. (717-A Broad Street)

**ORDINANCE #2022-012 1st Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to John P. Smith. (717-B Broad Street and 708-B Church Street)

**ORDINANCE #2022-013 1st Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to Vastine C. Rabon, Jr. (705 Fair Street and 302 King Street)

**ORDINANCE #2022-014 1st Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from staff and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance approving the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and other matters related thereto.

**ORDINANCE #2022-015 1st Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, followed comments from staff, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the receipt of an easement on property owned by Kershaw County School District and Executive Construction Homes, LLC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:36 pm to discuss a personnel matter involving an employee in the Judicial Department.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 4:53 pm. No Action Taken.

**COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS**

None.

#### ADJOURN

#### There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:56 pm.

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 Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk