



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, October 11, 2022

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 Jonathan Rorie  
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 Deborah H. Davis opened the council meeting with the invocation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2022.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- City Council unanimously voted to approve a Leader's Legacy Recognition for Bishop Thomas C. Bell.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Boards and Commission

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda item #1 reappointing John Miller and Terri Geddings to the Board of Zoning Appeals with term set to expire on August 31, 2026.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Brandenberger, resident of Hunter Hill Road, spoke regarding her concerns on her research she has done in reference to utilities and Morgan Stanley. She would like to meet with City Council and/or the City Manager to discuss her research and findings.

Bobby Atkinson, resident of Mill Street, request the City hold a town hall meeting to answer citizens questions in regarding utilities. MR. Atkinson also request the time of City Council meetings change from 4pm to 6pm and stated that that citizens shouldn't be paying a cut off fee for utilities.



**ORDINANCE #2022-022 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authoring the sale and conveyance of five parcels of real property to Habitat for Humanity of Kershaw County; authorizing a Memorandum Of Understanding between the City of Camden and Habitat for Humanity of Kershaw County; and other matters relating thereto.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. to discuss a potential real estate transaction.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 4:50 a.m.

**ACTION RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.**

No Action Taken

**Council/Staff Topics**

Mayor Pro Tem Graham gave an update on Black River Road Project. A project to improve Black River Road between U.S. 521 and Steeplechase Industrial Boulevard.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:51 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk