



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Stephen Smoak (absent)
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis (absent)
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

Mayor Pro Tem Graham opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously proclaim Friday, November 4, 2022, as Arbor Day. Liz Gilland, Urban Forester was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The following quarterly reports were presented and reviewed: Finance Report, Human Resources, Building Department, Fire Department, Downtown Redevelopment, Main Street Program, Planning Department, Police Department, Public Work (utilities), Revolutionary War Visitor Center, Tennis Center, and Tourism Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Brandenberger, resident of Hunter Hill Road, spoke regarding her concerns on the utilities and the utility contract with Tennergy Corporation and City of Camden.

Ella Williams, resident of Wilder Street, spoke regarding her concerns of the wheelchair lift. Stating that its needs to be in operation. Mrs. Williams ask if City Council meetings could be moved to the Robert Mills Courthouse to better serve citizens.



ORDINANCE #2022-023 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, followed by comments from Council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authoring the sale of certain real property located in the City of Camden pursuant to Auction Bid. The auction resulted in high bids for each property to be conveyed to the high bidder as follows: (1) 609 King Street \$19,200 to Wilkat, LLC (2) 902 Campbell Street \$53,500 to Wilkat, LLC (3) 910 Campbell Street \$18,100 to Wilkat, LLC (4) 707 York Street \$9,950 to Vastine C. Rabon.

ORDINANCE #2022-024 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authoring certain Economic Development Incentives; approving the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement; and other matters related thereto. (Redevelopment of building located at 1035 Broad Street – TMS C284-12-00-158)

Council/Staff Topics

City Manager Jon Rorie gave an update on the Utility Fund. For additional information please refer to PowerPoint presentation dated October 25, 2022.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:10 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk