



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday February 28, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
Councilmember Hamilton Boykin
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 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2023. Councilmember Hamilton Boykin abstained from voting due to his absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION –

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of February as Black History Month and the month of March 2023 as Women’s History Month. Those in attendance to receive the proclamations were Pauline Ruff, Gwen Shannon, Martha Robinson, Hessie Peterkin, and Romona Fletcher.

Consent Agenda-

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve property purchase and account amendment. FY 2023- purchase of rear property along Rutledge Street for additional parking.

Public Comment

Anthony Falzon of West Columbia spoke regarding a proposed offer to bring taxi service to City of Camden.

Jerry Price of Dillion Ln spoke regarding his concerns of employee retirement benefits.

Lenora G. Pearson of Roberts street spoke regarding her concerns of the city providing a covered heated pool for the citizens of Camden and proposed an idea that the city could/should raffle ticket for the Carolina Cup



Ordinance #2023-005 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the subdivision of certain property; approving the execution and delivery of a purchase agreement; approving the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement; approving the execution and delivery of a lease agreement; approving the execution and delivery of a repurchase agreement; and other matters relating thereto. (Discussion of Proposed Contractual Arrangements and proposed sale of property – Clocktower Development)

Ordinance #2023-006 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing certain economic development incentives; approving the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement; and other matters relating thereto. (1015 Broad Street)

Ordinance #2023-007 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain real property located in the City of Camden pursuant to Auction Bid. (412 King Street, 505 King Street, 607 Market Street, 307 York Street, 409 York Street, and 312 King Street).

Ordinance #2023-008 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the re-zoning of property located at 107A York Street.

Council/ Staff Topics

Councilmember Graham gave an update on the Santee Lynches Black River Road Project in being successful in getting back on the agenda as a transportation project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk