



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 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 (absent)
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

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 14, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION – none

Consent Agenda- Council on motion, by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution encouraging Equal Opportunity Housing and Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

Public Comment

Phil Elliott spoke regarding his concerns of retiree health benefits, thanking council and staff for looking for alternatives to cutting retiree benefits in order to balance FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Ordinance #2023-010 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, 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. (1105/1107 Broad Street)

Ordinance #2023-011 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Camden to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue



Services; to participate in one or more Local Revenue Service Programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto.

Council/ Staff Topics

Building and Permit Fee Schedule – Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam presented information to council concerning the need increase building permits and related fees to accurately reflect current construction cost and services. (For additional information, please refer to PowerPoint Presentation dated March 28, 2023)

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