



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### 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

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2023. Councilmember Graham abstained from voting due to his absence at the March 28, 2023, meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION –

#### Historic Landmarks Commission Proclamation

Council on motion, by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of May 2023, as National Historic Preservation Month. Members of the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission were in attendance to receive the proclamation. William “Rusty” Major was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

#### Military Child Proclamation

Council on motion, by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of April 2023 the Month of the Military Child, and the date of April 19, 2023 as “Purple Up” Day. U.S. Army Maj. Samuel Arnett and his son Levi Arnett were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

**Consent Agenda-** Council on motion, by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution to authorize a Lease-Purchase Financing in an amount not exceeding Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000), and other matters relating thereto. (Seven (7) police vehicles and equipment and One (1) sanitation truck and equipment)



## **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

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

### **Public Comment**

**Mary Brandenberger** spoke regarding her concerns of an incident with a city police officer that she thought could have been handled better.

**Bill Dority** spoke regarding possible retirees' benefit cuts and expressed that when he was hired, they were promised lifetime insurance benefits for himself and his spouse.

**Jerry Price** also spoke expressing his concerns of possible retirees' benefit cuts and expressed that when he was hired, they were promised lifetime insurance benefits for himself and his spouse.

**Beverly L. Crane Jr.** also spoke expressing his concerns of possible retirees' benefit cuts and expressed that when he was hired, they were promised lifetime insurance benefits for himself and his spouse.

### **Ordinance #2023-011 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, 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.

### **Ordinance #2023-011 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving an application for a Special Property Tax Assessment for a Historic Property; and other matters related thereto. (1115 Broad Street)

### **Ordinance #2023-012 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – (failed)**

Hearing no motion, ordinance #2023-012 failed due to lack of motion from council on annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning an Interim Zoning Classification; and other matters related thereto at 1507 Hasty Road.

### **Council/ Staff Topics**

None



**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:20 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk