



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 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 (absent)

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 Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION –

Camden High School Basketball Recognition

Council on motion, by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously congratulate the Camden High School Girls Basketball team for being crowned State Champions for the 2022-2023 Season . Team Members of the Camden High School Girls Basketball team along with Head Coach Natalie Norris and others were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

Cleveland School Fire Proclamation

Council on motion, by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the May 17, 2023, as Cleveland School Fire Day, to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon. Those in attendance to receive the proclamation were Battalion Chris Jones (Lugoff Fire Department), Chief John Bowers and Eddie Gardner (Camden Fire Department), Carter Jones (SC Fire Fighters Association) and Will Glover (Kershaw County Fire Service Chief).

Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Council on motion, by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Hamilton, voted unanimously to proclaim May 20, 2023 as Kids to Parks Day.



Move with the Mayor Proclamation

Council on motion, by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to proclaim that the City of Camden supports the United States Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities through the "Move with the Mayor" initiative.

Consent Agenda- none

Public Comment

Jerry Price spoke expressing his concerns of possible retirees' benefit cuts and expressed his desire to keep his current insurance plans with no changes.

Bill Dority spoke regarding possible retirees' benefit cuts and shared why all retirees should keep their insurance plans.

Linda Truesdale, spoke regarding her concerns on retiree health benefits and spoke about the sacrifices her husband made to make sure she was covered with an insurance policy for life.

Ordinance #2023-011 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, 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 #2023-013 1st 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. (310 Hampton Park)

Council/ Staff Topics

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:15 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk