



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig

Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham (zoom)

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak (zoom)

Councilmember Hamilton Boykin (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 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Membership Agreement between the City of Camden, South Carolina and the South Carolina Association of Municipal Powers Systems ("SCAMPS"); approving the execution and delivery of a service agreement between SCAMPS and the MASC; and other matters relating thereto.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.



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.

Ordinance 2023-019 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of certain real property located in the City of Camden pursuant to auction bid (1713 B Street and 1818 Gordon Street)

Ordinance 2023-020 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the re-zoning request of the properties located at 46 Beechwood Boulevard and 2615 Liberty Hill Road.

Ordinance 2023-021 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the re-zoning request of properties located at 1304 Kaybee Court, 1305 Kaybee Court, 616 Walnut Street and 1204 Highland Ave.

Ordinance 2023-022 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to amending certain provision of the zoning ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to permitted and conditionally permitted uses in various zoning districts of the city; and other matters related thereto.

Council/Staff Topics

- Archives and Museum Commission Presentation (Rorie)

City Manager Jonathan Rorie discussed the status of the Archives and Museum Commission in regards to its need and purpose. The Commission has seen no activity since 2016, all member terms are expired and the former chair recommends the commission be eliminated due to having the Friends of the Archives and Museum. Staff will follow with a repeal ordinance for Council consideration.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:55 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk