



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of September 26, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Manager Jon Rorie introduced Jack Thornsberry, incoming City of Camden Public Utilities Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve a proclamation proclaiming October 24th as World Polio day and a proclamation proclaiming the week of October 8-15 as Fire Prevention Week.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an Improvement Guarantee for Tier Homes, LLC for Phase 2 Meadow Springs Subdivision.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the following appointments and reappointments to the following commissions.



Reappointment of Kevin Flowers, Travis D. Kelly and James Witkowski to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals (Board of Construction Appeals) with term to expire on May 31, 2026

Appointment of Paul Sloan and Raymond Stevens to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals (Board of Construction Appeals) with terms to expire on May 31, 2026.

Appointment of William Wilkes to the Board of Zoning Appeals with term to expire on August 31, 2027.

Reappointment of Regina Ponds, Polly Lampshire and Sylvesta Robinson to the Price House Commission with terms to expire on July 31, 2026.

Appointment of Bryon J. Johnson, Pamela L. Jones, Robert Gibbs and Sharome D. Henry to the Price House Commission with term to expire on July 31, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Brandenburger spoke regarding her concerns of the increase water and sewer rates.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the adoption of South Carolina Impact Fees.

After hearing a brief presentation from Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam and discussion from City Council, Mayor Drakeford called for comments from the public.

There were no further comments from the public; Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to close the public hearing regarding adoption of Development Impact Fees.

ORDINANCE 2023-026 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property owned by the City of Camden to Jenna Ryhs Frost and Richard William Frost.

ORDINANCE 2023-027 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to amend the City of Camden Code of Ordinance Title IX, General Regulations, by establishing Chapter 104: Development Impact Fees.



COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

Chief Eddie Gardner – Outdoor Burning Code

Chief Gardner gave a brief presentation on the city’s outdoor burning code and made recommendations to bring the code in line with the International Code.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:10 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk