



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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 Jeffrey R. Graham 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 October 24, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION - none

CONSENT AGENDA

None

Presentations – Public Safety Strategic Plan – Fire and Police

Camden Fire Department 2023-2028 Strategic Plan by Chief Eddie Gardner. Mr. Gardner presented the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis completed by the strategic planning committee members consisting of Chris Tidwell, Jake Mertz, Khalique Cater and himself. This analysis was designed to candidly identify an organization's positive and less-than-desirable attributes.



City of Camden Police Department 2023-2028 Strategic Plan presented by Chief Jack Rushing. The plan was developed by members of the Camden police department staff, to give an evaluation of the police department's current state and what will be needed to prepare for challenges and demand that lie ahead for the City of Camden. The Camden Police Department Strategic Planning participants utilized the Strengths, Weaknesses, and Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) Analysis process to identify the organization's positive and negative attributes.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

ORDINANCE 2023-028 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina, amending sections 953.55, 95.96, and 95.58 of the Camden, South Carolina Code of Ordinances; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE 2023-029 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of Title IX, Chapter 97 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to Kendall Lake; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE 2023-030 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of Title IX, Chapter 93 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to Outdoor Burning; and other matters related thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS - International Property Code Adoption

City Manager Jon Rorie discussed and proposed the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). The International Property Maintenance Code is to establish minimum requirements for the maintenance of existing buildings through model code regulations that contain clear and specific property maintenance and property improvement provisions.



ADJOURN

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

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk