



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 28, 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 Stephen R. Smoak 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 November 14, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION - none

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to lower the Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) from 1.5 cents per kWh to 1.275 cents per kWh effective December 1, 2023. City staff will reevaluate the PPA March 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

ORDINANCE 2023-028 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, 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 Graham, 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 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, 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.

ORDINANCE 2023-031 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina, repealing and replacing sections 150.07 and 150.30 of Camden, South Carolina Code of Ordinances with the most recent edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, subject to certain amendments, and other matters related thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS – 2023 Year End Fiscal Analysis and Discussion

City Manager Jonathan Rorie gave a presentation on the 2023 Year End Fiscal Analysis and the Utility Fund Financial Report as follow:

2023 Year End Fiscal Analysis and Discussion (Rorie, Courtney)

- General Fund Financial Report
 - Re-organizations and rate structure changes to enhance financial stability for: Building Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department.

- Utility Fund Financial Report
 - Comprehensive Utility Rate Study and Financial Plan
 - Water Division Program Cost/Rates
 - Sewer Division Program Costs and Rates
 - Electrical Division Program Cost and Rates

For additional information please refer to the PowerPoint Presentation dated November 28, 2023 Year End Fiscal Analysis.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:30pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk