



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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 (absent)
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Jonathan Rorie
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
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 as presented for January 9, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of December 12, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council presented a proclamation in honor of the late Edward J. "Mike" McClendon honoring his life and contributions to the City of Camden and its citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve resolution **#2024-001** authorizing the appointment of a City Prosecutor; and other matters related thereto. (Jason Stegner).

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the donation of a 1988 Ford Mini Pumper to Woolard Technology Center Fire Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynne C. Conto of Camden, spoke on general topics that he was concerned about. Some topics of her concerns were: oppose to the development of new housing changing the face of Camden, the Camden Training center, traffic, shortage of teacher in downtown area schools.



PUBLIC HEARING

After hearing comments and discussion from Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam regarding the adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan the following individuals spoke in opposition of the plan, specifically in regards to the equine industry; the future development of Camden Training Center property, its impact on the city and the world of horses and horse racing.

- Arch Kingsey, William Cook, Linda Franklin Moore and Randy Wilgis

ORDINANCE 2024-001 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance adopting the updated City of Camden 2028 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Camden, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE 2024-002 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Camden to update the Class Schedule as required by Act of 176 of 2020.

RESOLUTION #2024-002

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Camden to make an application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for a loan from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and other matters related thereto.

Council/Staff Topics

The history for utility bills are available online. The history was inadvertently omitted from last month utility bills.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:00pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk