



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford (absent)
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
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Hamilton Boykin opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for March 12, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of April 2024 as Military Child/ "Purple Up" Month.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Morton "Jay" Hudson to the Planning Commission with a term expiring August 31, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Franklin B. Smith of Lyttleton Street spoke regarding his concerns of the enforcement of the noise ordinance related to the ringing of the bell at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.



William Browning of Lyttleton Street spoke regarding the recent proposed litter ordinance and was in favor of the changes to the ordinance because of his concerns of trash in the Dusty Bend area. Mr. Browning also spoke briefly about the proposed annexation of Camden Training Center and suggested the city hire a third-party appraiser to determine the best use for the property.

Lynne Conto of Moultrie Road spoke regarding Women’s History Month. Mrs. Conto gave a brief introduction of several women in Camden whom she considered notable – Joyce Edwards, former S.C. First Lady Lois West, Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford and others; listing their success, awards and contributions to Camden. She also noted Marion du Pont Scott, who originated the Carolina Cup and its associated properties. Leading her to speak about the Camden Training Center; suggesting that the owner Stuart Grant use the property for equestrian-related events and not develop the property for any other use.

ORDINANCE 2024-005 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provision of Title III, Chapter 32 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinance pertaining to the Kershaw County Clean Community Commission; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE 2024-006 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending and restating certain sections of the zoning ordinance of the City of Camden setting forth procedures for consideration and approval of development agreements; and other matters related thereto.

Council/Staff Topics - None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:00pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk