



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 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
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 Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for March 26, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously approve Resolution #2024-005 encouraging Equal Opportunity Housing and Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda D. Kanatzar of Polo Lane spoke regarding her concern in oppose to annexing and developing the Camden Training Center into a residential development. She stated that a group has been formed called the Citizens Electing Responsible Government to give voice and advice on making decisions in the community.

Ted D. Brunson of Marietta Lake Drive spoke regarding his concerns of the development of the Camden Training Center property and suggested putting a halt on any residential development in Kershaw County for two years.



Dave Washer of Pine Road spoke regarding his concerns of the Camden Training Center property. Mr. Washer was oppose to the idea of developing and annexing the property.

Lynne Canto of Moultrie Lane spoke regarding her concerns of the Camden Training Center property and was also oppose to the annexation and development of the property and suggested using the property as a multi-use facility.

Alexis Winnings of Kentucky also spoke during the public comment period stating she was an out-of-towner but brings her horses here to train during the winter months therefore was oppose to the annexation and development of the Camden Training Center property.

ORDINANCE 2024-006 2nd 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 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 - Councilmember Smoak suggested adding the City Manager search to April 9th agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Graham suggested forming a joint-equine committee with the county and others.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk