



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 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
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 Jeffrey R. Graham 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 April 9, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2024. Councilmember Boykin abstained from voting due to his absence at the March 26, 2024 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of April 2024 as National Volunteer Appreciation Month and the month of April 2024 as Adult Education Awareness Month. Julie Trott and members from Habitat for Humanity were in attendance to receive the National Volunteer Appreciation proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously approve Resolution #2024-006 authorizing consumption of beer and wine at the 24 Hours of Lemons Block Party

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda D. Kanatzar of Polo Lane spoke regarding during the public comment period and expressed that she was pleased to hear Councilmember Graham support for a joint



City/County Equine Committee. Mrs. Kanatzar also spoke about the history of battleship road.

Lynne Canto of Moultrie Lane spoke in support of developing an equine committee and why it was important for this committee to take form.

Ted D. Brunson of Marietta Lake Drive read a letter addressed to the Governor in reference to the Camden Training Center asking for the state and /or federal portion of our government to investigate an alternate outcome to the historic piece of CTC property.

Lisa Adams of Chesnut Street spoke regarding her concerns of rapid growth and protecting the character of the community by allowing less homes to be built in city/Kershaw County.

Phillis Dye of Doby Street spoke regarding her concerns of Item #12 on the agenda – the rezoning of property on located at 2300 Lyttleton Street, 324 Railroad Ave, 326 and 328 Railroad Avenue. Mrs. Dye was oppose to the proposed General Business District zoning.

Shelia Farrar of Tillman Street also spoke during the public comment period being oppose to the rezoning of property on Lyttleton and Railroad Avenue. Mrs. Farrar provided a 95 signature petition to the city clerk.

Ghuneem Wilson of Carlos Street also spoke regarding the rezoning and was oppose to the rezoning.

Ordinance 2024-007 1st Reading

Council to consider an ordinance to approving the annexation of certain real property known as the Camden Training Center into the City of Camden; and other matters related thereto. [Council took no action – applicant withdrew request]

Public Hearing - Council to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments regarding Development Agreement on property known as the Camden Training Center. [Council to took no action – applicant withdrew request]

Ordinance 2024-008 1st Reading Council to consider an ordinance (1) Assigning a zoning designation to certain property having been annexed into the city of Camden known as the Camden Training Center Property; (2) Authorizing and approving a development agreement with respect to such property; and (3) other matters related thereto. [Council to took no action – applicant withdrew request]



Ordinance 2004-009 1st Reading – (Ordinance sent back to Planning Commission)

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to send the ordinance approving the re-zoning request of Properties located at 2300 Lyttleton Street, 324 Railroad Avenue, 326 Railroad Avenue and 328 Railroad Avenue back to the Planning Commission

Ordinance 2004-010 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve ordinance approving an application for a special property tax assessment for a historic property; and other matters related thereto. 826 Broad Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to SC FOIA ACT Section 30-4-70 (a) (b) (1)

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:12pm to discuss a personnel matter involving employment in the Administrative Department.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:46 pm.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to appoint Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young as the Interim City Manager.

Council/Staff Topics - none

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:50pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk