



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### **PRESENT**

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig

Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak (absent)

Councilmember Hamilton Boykin

City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager

Interim 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig opened the council meeting with the invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for May 14, 2024.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2024.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Council on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim May 20, 2024 as Kids to Parks Day and the month of May 2024 as Mental Health Month. Mental Health Staff members of Kershaw County were attendance to receive the proclamation.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously approve the following Consent agenda items:

- Resolution #2024-009 to express the intention of the City of Camden, South Carolina to cause the City to be reimbursed with the proceeds of Tax Exempt obligations.
- Resolution #2024-010 to amending and restating a resolution authorizing a lease-purchase financing in an amount not exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), and other matters relating thereto.
- Selling of police vehicles to Carolina Motorsports Park



- Authorizing purchase of 2 meter reading vehicles

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Edward Edgerton** of Marietta Lake Road spoke regarding his concerns city funds, what funds are spent on and funds related maintenance issues.

#### **Ordinance 2004-011 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; Authorizing and implementing a schedule of rates and charges, including the imposition of an electric system infrastructure fee; and other matters related thereto. (Lowering of PPA changed from 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:17pm to discuss contractual matters related to Real Estate for city owned property. (Robert Mills Courthouse)

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:36 pm. No action taken.

**Council/Staff Topics** - Temporary Signs (Putnam) Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam made a presentation on the temporary sign ordinance and expressed that the temporary sign ordinance was being enforced with the help of the police department and building inspectors. Councilmember Graham recommended staff reword the ordinance to make it more clear as to public right-of-way

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:45pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk