



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 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
Interim 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 Stephen R. Smoak opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for June 11, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to proclaim June 19, 2024 Juneteenth Day.

CONSENT AGENDA - none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Boykin Adams of Chesnut Street spoke regarding her concerns of the design guidelines related to Ordinance #2024-014 and made suggestions to change some of the design guidelines.

Lynne Conto of Sanders Creek spoke regarding 5 qualities of a great leader and made suggestions in reference to meeting minutes, hiring of new city manager, land



development changes and candidates of the new city manager and ask council to take into account the community input.

Joe Berry of Columbia SC, Attorney at Lewis Babcock Law Firm spoke regarding his client that he represents, Mr. Stuart Grant (Carlyle Development). Mr. Berry stated he objects to passing new zoning ordinance change, stated it is clearly targeted at his client, that it was unconstitutional and there will be legal ramifications if the ordinance is passed and enforced.

Ted Brunson, Marietta Lake Road spoke regarding the selection of a new city manager. Suggested more time be given to select a new city manager and also suggested City and County move forward with the selection of a joint committee. Mr. Brunson also spoke in reference to meeting minutes and council agenda packet.

Diane Dubose spoke regarding her concerns of the amount of traffic in Camden and on the interstate and suggested a moratorium on major developments until what she believes a traffic issue is resolved.

Ordinance 2024-012 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to repeal and replace the land development regulations of the City of Camden; and other matters related thereto.

Ordinance 2024-013 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve ordinance relating to the employment of the new city manager, and other matters relating thereto.

Ordinance 2024-014 1st Reading

Planning and Development Director Shawn Putnam presented a presentation on Ordinance 2024-014; the overlay districts, design standards, landscaping and Buffer requirements. During discussion Council along with staff suggested changes to the ordinance as presented. Staff will present changes on the 2nd reading of this ordinance. Hearing no further comments or discussion; Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve ordinance amending certain provision of the zoning ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to overlay districts,



designs standards, landscaping and buffer requirements; and other matters related thereto.

Council/Staff Topics - Councilmember Graham noted that the Black River Road is underway and moving forward.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:32 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk