



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 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 (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

Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham opened the council meeting with the invocation.

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for June 25, 2024.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2024. Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford abstained from voting due to her absence at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Council on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve the following consent items:

- Authorize the appointment of a Designated Hearing Officer for business license disputes
- Improvement Guarantee – Oldfield Plantation Subdivision
- Resolution #2024-011 for abandon Building Tax Credit at 826 Broad Street

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ted Brunson**, Marietta Lake Road spoke regarding the comprehensive plan, stated it was instituted in 1996, suggest that it's a tool that needs to be followed to guide Camden being a success now and in the future.



**Mike Burkett** spoke of Sanders Creed Road gave brief comments regarding Camden's comprehensive plan.

**Andrew Whitaker** of Knights Hill road spoke regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> annual Carolina cup, 1000 acre historic property while referencing that he was against the development of the Camden Training Center.

**Elizabeth Hagins** of Rectory Square spoke regarding the damage and loss that's occurring and/or will occur to the trees and woods at the Camden Training Center property.

**Lynne Conto** of Moultrie Road spoke regarding her concerns of the city maintaining their Horse District as specified in the Comprehensive Plan.

**Kristy Ayers** of Carter Street spoke regarding Carter Street and inquired about a city limit sign she said is missing and questioned when was Carter Street annexed into the city limits. Her other concern was reconsideration of developing the Camden Training Center property.

**Angel Gonzalez Jr.** of Banyard Boykin Road spoke against the development of the Camden Training Center property.

#### **Executive Session**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:02 pm to discuss to receive legal advice related to development.

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:52 pm. No action taken.

#### **Ordinance 2024-014 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, 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.

#### **Ordinance 2024-015 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of the zoning ordinance



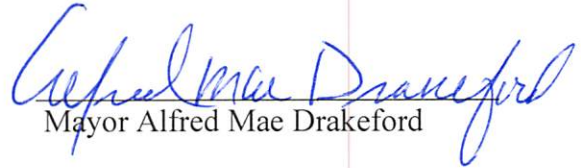
of the City of Camden pertaining to the certain uses of property within the R-15 zoning district; and other matters related thereto.

**Council/Staff Topics** - Councilmember Graham noted Charlotte Water is inviting stakeholders to provide comments on its proposed modification to the existing 2002 interbasin transfer certificate. Charlotte Water is hosting three upcoming public meetings to receive comments, one in which being held at our Revolutionary War Visitor Center tonight June 25<sup>th</sup>.

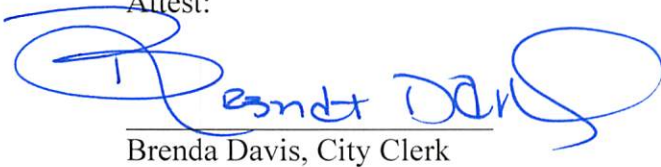
Councilmember Graham encouraged the public to attend.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:02 pm.

  
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

  
Brenda Davis, City Clerk