



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, July 23, 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  
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 Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for July 23, 2024.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of June 25, 2024. Councilmember Smoke abstained from voting due to his absence at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Council recognized and presented a proclamation to Gregory “GG” Jackson II, a professional basketball player for the Memphis Grizzlies of the National Basketball Association whom played college basketball for the South Carolina Gamecock and was a former student of Camden Middle School. Gregory “GG” Jackson II will be hosting his first “Groom and Grind Day” on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson Teen Center aimed at ensuring that every child in Kershaw County is prepared for a successful first day of school.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted on the following consent items:

- 2024-2025 Accommodation Tax Committee recommendations
- Quarter 4 April – June quarterly reports



After hearing a brief presentation from Rickie Good and John Miller on ATAX recommendation and comments from Council and staff on both items, council unanimously voted to approve the ATAX recommendations and staff quarterly reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments.

**Council/Staff Topics** - City Manager Matt DeWitt updated council on the following items:

- DJJ Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of secure detention services with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice’s Detention Center for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- South Carolina Department of Environmental Service FY2025 Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$15,750.00.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:52 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk