



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham (absent)
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
Councilmember Hamilton Boykin
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager
Interim City Manager Caitlin Young
Attorney Lawrence Flynn
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 Alfred Mae Drakeford 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 August 13, 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 July 23, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Council recognized and presented a proclamation to Miss Camden 2025 Lilian Fogle and Miss Camden Teen Hailey Brook Scott.

CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Items

PRESENTATION

The Indigo Road Group presented a presentation on the proposed Haigler Hotel. Ben Zeiglar, Joe Riley of Kershaw Hospitality LLC, Philip Woolcott of JPC Development, Jay Ham, Construction Manager for Compass Rose Development and Indigo Road Hospitality Group Chief Operating Officer, Gabriel Perez were in attendance to present plans on the transformation of the City's Clock Tower Building into The Haigler Hotel. The Hotel is set to open mid-year of 2026. For additional information, please see a copy of the conceptual design plans presented at tonight's meeting.



PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

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

- Wastewater Plant re-rating. Richard Kirkland, Jamie Potteiger, Ty Smith Adam Watford and Tyler Marthers from the Wastewater plant were in attendance for recognition of their efforts for achieving this re-rating.
- The South Carolina Department of Archives and History awarded a 2024 Federal Historic Preservation Grant in amount of \$25,000 for the City of Camden National Register District Update Project.
- Charlotte Water Inter-basin Transfer – The city of Camden opposes the proposed increase in the inter-basin transfer of water from an already impaired system. Camden urges the review of alternative measures, including but not limited to construction of water facilities in the appropriate river basin and to include new water conservation measures.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:20 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk