



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 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

Councilmember Hamilton Boykin opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the proposed agenda as presented for August 27, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve the following consent items.

- A **Proclamation** proclaiming September 16-20, 2024 as, Adult Education and Family Literacy week.
- Approval of 2024-2025 ATAX Committee. Council approved the following individuals for ATAX Committee beginning with the 2024-2025 term; Vip Patel, Deep Patel, John Miller (C), Hope Cooper, Dot Goodwin, Clayton Daniels, and Michael Mischner.
- A Resolution #2024-012 approving Municipal State Highway Project Agreement. Project is in reference to the proposed 1.7 mile widening project along Black River Road.
- A Resolution #2024-013 approving the execution and delivery of a right of first refusal agreement; and other matters relating thereto. 950 Broad Street.



PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

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

- Utilities automated Electric/Water metering project. Mr. DeWitt discusses the City's efforts to implement the Utilities Department's AMI project, and the path forward to making this project a reality.
- The SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) awarded the city a \$13,209 FY25 Historic Tourism Marketing Grant for the Revolutionary November campaign. The marketing campaign will focus on all activities taking place in Camden and Kershaw County November 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joanna Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 pm to discuss an employment appointment matter as it relates to the City Manager's office and discuss matters as it relates to moratorium on major subdivisions.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:46 pm.

No Action Taken on the discussion as it relates to an employment appointment matter as it relates to the City Manager's office

ORDINANCE #2024-016

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina imposing a moratorium on permits, approvals, or other authorizations for major subdivisions and multi-family developments within the city; and other matters relating thereto.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:42 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk