



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, September 10, 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 (absent)  
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak  
Councilmember Hamilton Boykin  
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Matt DeWitt  
Interim City Manager Caitlin Young (absent)  
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 Stephen R. Smoak 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 September 10, 2024.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of August 27, 2024.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig voted unanimously to proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2024, as Constitution week. Council also voted unanimously to recognize Mrs. Janet Collier Durgin as a Military Women's Memorial Living Legend.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Resolution #2024-014** approving the execution and delivery of agreements for in-contact utility relocation; and other matters relating thereto
- **Boards and Commission**  
Reappoint Robert "Bob" M Williams, Barbara Willens and Rickey Macklin to the Parks and Trees Commission with term set to expire on May 31, 2027.



Council also appointed Barbara Cantey to the Parks and Trees Commission with term set to expire on May 31, 2027.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Vanessa Adams** of Campbell Street spoke regarding her concerns of community output for those that care and ask council to keep in mind when there are talks about the history of Camden to include the African American contributions.

**Lynne Conto** of Moultrie Road spoke regarding her support of the proposed hate crime ordinance that council is considering and also said she was excited for the appointment of the Park and Trees Members.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding imposing a moratorium on permits, approvals, or other authorizations for major subdivisions and multi-family developments within the city.

**Lynn Conto** of Moultrie Road spoke in support of the moratorium ordinance.

**Linda D. Kanatzar** of polo lane spoke regarding the her support of the planning commission decision to deny the development at Carter Street – Camden Training Center development and the Hermitage Lake Development.

**Andrea C. King** of Aiken spoke regarding her support of the moratorium ordinance and support the idea of keeping traffic low and keeping Camden as an area for more horse training.

**Linda C. Truesdale** of Sinclair Lane spoke on wild life at Hermitage Lake and spoke in support of the moratorium ordinance. Mrs. Truesdale provided a document that relates to the history of hermitage.

**Sheila VanVLake** of Hermitage Pond road spoke in support of the moratorium ordinance and was against the idea of a subdivision in the area due to the cost of maintaining the lake and dam in that area.

**Josh Rabon** - Engineer with CDC spoke regarding his request for procedures conditions in on the way the moratorium ordinance is written, asking Council to consider a moratorium



on variances / re-zoning to current code and at a minimum changing the vested rights to sketch plan approval.

After hearing discussion from staff, and another call for public comments; Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 6:10 pm

**ORDINANCE #2024-016 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

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

**ORDINANCE #2024-017 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Boykin, made a motion to amend Ordinance #2024-017 to eliminate Section 2 (b) wording. Motion passed to amend the ordinance. Council then voted unanimously on the ordinance in its entirety.

**Council/Staff Topics**

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford presented City Manager Matt DeWitt, Councilmember Smoak and Councilmember Boykin with city pin.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk