



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Anthony P. Scully
Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Mae Drakeford
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Laurel M. Parks
Councilmember Deborah Hudson Davis
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Corbett
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Jim Tatum
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Mae Drakeford gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony P. Scully called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2016.

PRESENTATION – VisionKershaw2030

Kyle Kelly, ECS Director of Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments and Michael Conley, Kershaw County Planner presented information to council regarding visionkershaw2030 – A community-Wide Vision project. The presentation included an overview of the “final draft of visionkershaw 2030” report. Mr. Kelly summary of the report included information on topics such as: What is this, Why a vision, Where are we in the process, public input, who is this for, and what are the next steps for the Vision.

Mr. Michael Conley brief presentation explained the goals and objectives of the vision project; including a summary of information on the following topics: Economic Growth, Land Use, County service excellence, Infrastructure and Transportation, Education, Health, Culture, and Recreation.

For additional information on the visionkershaw2030 report and presentation please refer to the final (live) draft visionkershaw 2030 report the Power Point presentation dated February 9, 2016.

PRESENTATION – Camden Archives & Museum

Katherine Richardson, Director Camden Archives & Museum presented information on “The Campbell Street Story: Camden’s African American Tour Premier” New Exhibit at



Camden Archives & Museum. Mrs. Richardson introduced the committee that was formed to help assist in project: Dr. Ernestine Adams, Mary Francis Harper-Adams, Vanessa Adams and Clifton Harryton Anderson. The small committee was formed at the request of City Council person Alfred Mae Drakeford under the auspices of the Camden Archives and Museum. The Campbell Street Corridor project grew out of a desire that the story of the African American people of Camden be preserve for future generations. During Mrs. Richardson presentation, she read the text panel that introduces the exhibit which will be displayed with the exhibit at the Camden Archives and Museum and she encouraged everyone to visit.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of February as Black History Month.

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council recognized the 150th Anniversary of Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Members of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church were in attendance to receive the proclamation and to offer words of thanks for the acknowledgement.

PRESENTATION- Historic Camden Update

Dr. Tray Dunaway, Historic Camden Foundation Chairman and Amy Sheheen, Interim Director presented Council with an update on the Historic Camden Transformation Plan – the October Strategic Plan Initiatives. Some of the topics discussed as immediate strategic plan actions were as follow: Gift Shop Re-make, Rental Venue Development, McCaa Tavern, Tour Development, Volunteer Development and an all new website construction. Dr. Dunaway and Mrs. Sheheen update on the Historic Camden Strategic Plan Initiatives included no request for funds from the City at this time but noted that Historic Camden will submit a specific list of things needed for funding in the future to help accelerate the project.

For additional information on the Historic Camden Transformation Plan please refer to document titled “Historic Camden Transformation Plan” for 2016.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

RESOLUTION #2016-003

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease-purchase financing, and other matters related thereto. The lease purchase includes the following budgeted items: Three (3) Police Units, One (1) Sanitation Knuckle Loader Truck and One (1) Fire Pumper Truck.



OTHER BUSINESS

No other business for Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Anthony P. Scully, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk