



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, July 26, 2016

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### 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 Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016. Councilmember Parks vote was withheld due to her absence at the June 28, 2016 meeting.

### PUBLIC FORUM

**Willard Polk**, 521 Cooks Court, Camden SC spoke during the public forum regarding his concerns of the petition method used to qualify candidates for city elections. Mr. Polk suggest the City of Camden change the process to allow candidates to file by Statement of Intention of Candidacy.

**Phyllis Dye**, 208 Doby Street, Camden, SC spoke regarding her concerns on the request to re-zone property located at 600 Firetower Road. Mrs. Dye spoke against the project and ask that the property remain a residential use area and not be re-zoned to a General Business District.

**Terry Robinson**, 1905 Medfield Drive, Camden, SC spoke regarding her concerns on the request to re-zone property located at 600 Firetower Road. Mrs. Robinson also spoke against the project and ask that the property remain a residential use area and not be re-zoned to a General Business District.

**Fred Myers**, City of Camden property owner, spoke regarding his concern of a proposed change for intersection improvement at Road/Route US 521 at Century Boulevard.



Mr. Myers spoke against the project and suggested the project be put on hold to allow the affected landowners and business owners' time to look into this matter.

**A. Lytease Barksdale**, 1419 Campbell Street, Camden, SC spoke regarding her concerns on the request to re-zone property located at 600 Firetower Road. Mrs. Barksdale also spoke against the project and ask that the property remain a residential use area and not be re-zoned to a General Business District.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to proclaim September 12, 2016 as, Senior Service Day: Honoring our Elderly Population. Kesha Hayes along with family and friends of the community were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

### **ORDINANCE #2016-010 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Graham, followed discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance denying the re-zoning request of the property located at 600 Firetower Road and the zoning classification for said property shall remain R-15.

### **ORDINANCE #2016-011 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Parks, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving the re-zoning request of the property located at 209 Broad Street and 213 Broad Street. The zoning classification for said property shall be rezoned from R-15 to General Business District.

### **RESOLUTION #2016-016**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted to table the resolution adopting a Municipal State Highway Project Agreement for Road/Route US 521 (Sumter Highway) at Century Boulevard for intersection improvement.

Council unanimously agreed to table resolution #2016-016.

### **FAÇADE GRANT**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously approve a Façade Grant Application in the amount of \$2,200.00 with a city match of \$1,100.00 for 930 Broad Street – Artist Attic (Sandra Smith).



**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Vernon Tucker to the Price House Commission with term to expire on July 31, 2018.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Drakeford, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 pm. to discuss matters relating to the purchase of property.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Parks, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 8:30 pm.

**ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Parks, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to allow City Manager Mel Pearson to negotiate certain properties discussed in Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Parks, voted unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:30 pm.

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Mayor Anthony P. Scully

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City Clerk Brenda Davis