



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Deborah Hudson Davis
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
City Clerk Brenda Davis

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Work Session to order at 4:00 pm.

WELCOME

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford welcomed Council to the December 13, 2016, Camden City Council Work Session.

PROJECT UPDATES – Pearson and Staff

City Manager Mel Pearson and staff updated council on numerous projects that are ongoing, completed and/or expected to start in 2017, throughout the city. City project updates were as follow: Exit 98 Lights, SCDOT Truck Route, Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, Lyttleton Street Underground, Fair Street Underground, Project “Blackhawk”, Mill Street, Tennis Courts, South Camden Substation, Little and Walnut Street underground electric, Riverdale Subdivision, Beaufort Road Pump Station Upgrades, Kirkwood Pump station, Lagoon Environmental Campus project, Hazelwood Parking Lot, Signage/Wayfinding, GIS, Sweet Gum Trail, and the Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP).

For additional information and status on the above projects please refer to the “CITY PROJECTS UPDATE” document.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Davis voiced concerns regarding the petition method used to qualify candidates for city elections. Staff is currently working on this matter and will present their findings for Council’s consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Drakeford noted that she is in the process of developing an Economic Development Task Force group consisting of 10-12 members to work on economic development issues.



ADJOURN

The Work Session meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis