



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
and interested citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2017. Councilmember Davis abstained from voting due to her absence at the December 12, 2017 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

2017 HISTORIC CAMDEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS – Halie Brazier

Executive Director Halie Brazier of Historic Camden updated Council on the 2016-17 successes of Historic Camden to include adopting a 2016-2020 strategic plan, Hired a new Executive Director, New Board Leadership, \$250,000 grant from SCPRT for deferred maintenance; renovation projects at Kershaw-Cornwallis House, Garden and Gift shop, More ATAX, HTAX, and private grants awarded, New website, New engaging programs and events, Increased & diverse marketing, and Acquisition of the Camden Battlefield in April 2017. Other Ideas and Considerations for the future of Historic Camden include; Build a structure as a meeting spot/rain protection, Restrooms and maintenance, Transportation from Broad St. Site, Interpretive signage and new tours for history and longleaf pine, Maintenance of grounds, Maps and wayfinding and Marketing. For additional information contact halie@historicc Camden.org.

RESOLUTION #2018-001

Council on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to accept a resolution supporting the Municipal Association of South Carolina's 2018 Advocacy Initiatives.



APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individual: William L. Owen, III.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor Pro Tem Graham updated council on items discussed at the ADHOC committee meeting. Items discussed were school resource Officers, funding, and growth.
- City Manager Mel Pearson informed Council that their 2018 Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) reports are due before March 30, 2018 to the States Ethics Commission. Mayor and Councilmembers received a handout in referenced to this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:31 pm to discuss a legal matter involving a potential lawsuit.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to re-enter Regular Session at 6:45 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND A LEGAL MATTER INVOLVING A POTENTIAL LAWSUIT.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk