



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

---

Tuesday, February 13, 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 (absent)  
Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)  
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn  
and interested citizens

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Joanna B. Craig 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 Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018.

### **PRESENTATION**

Lottie Jones, Executive Director of Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority presentation to Council addressed the need of building a strong relationship with both the County and City with hopes of developing a strong partnership through open dialogue to see what's best for the citizen we serve. Mrs. Jones also thanked Council for their past financial support for public transportation in the Camden area and then for Council's continued financial support.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Council recognized Miss Savannah Harvey, a freshman at the University of South Carolina Sumter for being crowned Miss Camden Teen. Miss Harvey plans to accomplish many goals as Miss Camden 2018 and further educate individuals about her platform- "Learning Disabilities – Learning to Rise Above" by supporting Children with learning disabilities and their families as an educator.

Council then recognized Miss Gracie Stockman, a Lugoff-Elgin High Schooler for being crowned Miss Camden Teen 2018. Miss Stockman plans to accomplish many goals as Miss Camden Teen 2018 and further educate individuals about her platform "Cancel out Cancer" by bringing awareness to her community.



**AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CENTER – Pearson**

The City of Camden will open the African American Cultural Center of Camden on February 24, 2018. The new tourism site will be located adjacent from the Price House in the two-room, turn-of-the century house located at 517 York Street. The New African American Cultural Center will operate under the umbrella of the Camden Archives & Museum system, and exhibits and programming will be curated and operated by the City’s archives and museum staff. The Center will be open to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of February 2018 as African American Culture Month.

**PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim February 18-25 as Camden Film Week.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public Comments.

**ORDINANCE #2018-001 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning an interim zoning classification; and other matters related thereto. (Annexation of property located at the corner of Sumter Hwy & I-20 – 559 Sumter Highway)

**RESOLUTION #2018-002**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the Boykin Spaniel Society National Meeting.

**RESOLUTION #2018-003**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the Equus Film Festival Tour Stop.

**RESOLUTION #2018-004**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the consumption of beer and wine at the Iris Fest of Camden.



**APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individual: Aaron Hough.

**TENNIS CENTER OPERATIONS INFORMATION – Pearson**

City Manager Mel Pearson presented the information related to the operation of the new Tennis and Pickleball Complex. The information included highlights on the following topics: 2018 Current Calendar of Events; Tennis Center Application for Family, Individual, Senior Membership; Membership Fees, Rental Fees, League Fees, and Lessons; Tennis Center Court Usage Contract and Adult League Rules. The grand opening of the Tennis Center will be held later in March.

For additional information, please refer to memo dated February 8, 2018 along with its attachments.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- No other business from Council
- Façade Grants Application approved on February 5, 2018 for Dr. Paul Joseph (Old ABC Store) 609 Rutledge Street.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

---

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor

Attest:

---

Brenda Davis, City Clerk