



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 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

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford 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 Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018. Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford abstained from voting due to her absence at the March 13, 2018, Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Blanche Scott, 802 Mill Street spoke regarding her concerns on right-of-way property located on York Street and the Quit Claim Deed that was a part of the Agreement for Settlement for property located on York Street.

PRESENTATION – All-American City (ACC) Award

Laurey Carpenter, Executive Director of the PLAY Foundation, informed Council that due to the submission of an application for an All-America City Award named by the National Civic League; Kershaw County/City of Camden was selected as one of the 20 finalists. Kershaw County is also the only county in the nation that is a finalist and is one of three areas in South Carolina that made top 20.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of April 2-8, 2018 as Boykin Spaniel Week. A member of the Boykin Spaniel Society was in attendance to receive the proclamation.



BLACK RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY – Pearson

City Manager Mel Pearson presented information to Council on the Black River Road Corridor Study. Mr. Pearson presentation highlighted some of the short and long term improvements recommended by AECOM. After Mr. Pearson presentation, Councilmember Smoak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Davis, to approve recommendations by AECOM through SCDOT planning process. During discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Graham voted in favor of the Signal Alternative on 521 to be the first priority for the City. After further discussion, Council voted in favor of the motion and the alternative signalization being the first priority for the City.

For additional information on the Black River Road Short and Long Term Recommendations please refer to memo and documents dated March 21, 2018. **RE:** Black River Road Corridor Study.

ORDINANCE #2018-004 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of conveyance of an approximate 6.6 acre portion of real property located at 1000 York Street and being a portion of Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-15-00-060.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 pm to discuss a legal matter pertaining to a right-of-way property.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:40 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF A LEGAL MATTER PERTAINING TO A RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY.

No action taken

ORDINANCE #2018-005 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving the execution and delivery of a Quitclaim Deed to any residual property interests outside the permanent forty-five foot easement for York Street within the city; and other matters relating thereto.

RESOLUTION #2018-008

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 Wateree Chapter Ducks Unlimited Non-profit Dinner.



OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Graham, a member of the Santee Lynches Council of Government Transportation Committee meet with the city's representation of Santee Lynches Council of Government Board (SLCOG). As a result of the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Graham noted that the city and county are working together to find safety options and funding for the Black River Road (US 521) project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk