



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, July 24, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

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### **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**

Councilmember Deborah H. Davis 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 Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Willard Polk, 521 Cooks Court, spoke regarding his concerns on the city's political sign ordinance, public safety issues along Broad Street between Dusty Bend and downtown Camden, and overgrown plants and weeds in city parks. Amid Willard Polk's concerns, he suggested that the City take affirmative steps by bringing additional law enforcement from outside the city to enforce traffic laws, enforce the political sign ordinance, and hire a professional horticulturalist to work with the city's Urban Forester.

### **PRESENTATION – *Wall that Heals* – David Fuller**

David Fuller and members of James Leroy Belk American Legion Post 17 presented a plaque acknowledging the support of Camden Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford, City Council and all facets of Camden's city administration for their commitment to bring The Wall That Heals to Camden.

### **PRESENTATION – Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments Workforce Development – *Cancelled***



**APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individual: Mary Sue Truesdale

**OTHER BUSINESS**

City Manager Mel Pearson announced that the Camden Police Department will receive a one-year \$130,000 Judge Advocate General (JAG) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to hire and equip a drug officer. The cost to the city is 10 percent, or \$13,000, match with the grant covering the other \$117,000.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk