



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

City Manager Mel Pearson (absent)
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
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 Craig seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2018.

PRESENTATION *All–America City – Laurey Carpenter*

Laurey Carpenter along with the Kershaw County All-America City delegation presented the city with the county's All-America City trophy. S.C. State House and U.S. Congress, also presented proclamations to the city, expressing their congratulations for being named 1 of 10 All-American Cities' winners.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION – *Bruce Little*

Bruce Little, Chairman of the Camden Municipal Election Commission reported to Council that 225 petition signatures were required for the 2018 city election and based on the candidate reports the Municipal Election Commission certifies that the following candidates' names be placed on the ballot for the November 2018, city election: Candidates for Councilmember - Deborah Hudson Davis and Jeffrey R. Graham.

PRESENTATION – *Assistant Chief Eddie Gardner – Smoke Detector Blitz*

Assistant Chief Eddie Gardner updated Council on the recent smoke detector blitz project. The Camden Fire Department (CFD) targeted about 251 homes in Edgewood, Cool Springs and Knights Hill areas. The community outreach program allowed the Camden Fire Department (CFD) to check and replace 933 smoke alarms in and around Camden.



PRESENTATION – *Katherine Richardson*

Katherine Richardson Camden Archives and Museum Director presented a brief update on the upcoming activities and exhibits at the Archives and Museum. The upcoming exhibit will feature “Make no doubt we shall carry this post”, The History and Archaeology of Fort Motte.” The Exhibit will open on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 with the intent to show the interconnectedness of all the sites of skirmishes and battles in South Carolina during the American Revolution.

The Boykin Spaniel Invasion project will consist of placing 12 statuettes of a Boykin Spaniel around town by spring 2018, if not earlier. In conjunction with the Boykin Spaniel Society and the city’s tourism department, the statuettes will be placed around town with clues to their location to be written in ‘puppy dog first person.’

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of August 12th – 18th 2018, as National Health Center Week. Those in attendance to receive the proclamation were Kesha Hayes and Tiffany Warren.

ORDINANCE #2018-012 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by discussion from Council and comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 152 (Flood Damage Prevention) of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTION #2018-013

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Patrick Davis Concert.

RESOLUTION #2018-014

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Jam for the Soul.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk