



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, September 11, 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  
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn  
and interested citizens

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak 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 August 28, 2018.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Linda Shaylor, Co-Interim Director of the Fine Arts Center, thanked the City of Camden and staff for helping with Patrick Davis Event. The event was successful and provided a place for all residents of Kershaw County and beyond to enjoy and engage in the community.

### **PRESENTATION**

Executive Director of SLRCOG, Chris McKinney presented a brief intro on the purpose of Aretha Clark's presentation and the purpose of the Workforce Development at Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments.

Areatha Clark, Chief Workforce Development presented a brief PowerPoint presentation to Council on SLRCOG Workforce Development mission, programs, and who they serve. The Workforce Development for Santee-Lynches is an approach to economic development: by creating and/or retaining jobs and by growing incomes. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides funding and services for Adults, displaced workers, out-of-school youth by providing options for job seekers to develop technical skills, academic skills, soft skills, and career development /job search skills. Partnerships are developed through businesses which helps residents in the region earn degrees and become employed.



**PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis voted unanimously to proclaim September 17-23, 2018 as Constitution Week. Inis Gibbes Regent of Hobkirk Hill NSDAR and Vice Regent of Hobkirk Hill NSDAR Robin Wilson were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

**ORDINANCE #2018-013 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of ordinance authorizing the purchase of 531 Arthur Lane bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-16-00-108 and ratification of actions by the City Manager in regards thereto.

**ORDINANCE #2018-014 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of ordinance authorizing the purchase of 907 Market Street bearing Kershaw County Tax Map Number C284-16-00-109 and ratification of actions by the City Manager in regards thereto.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:24 pm to discuss economic development matters related to the annexation of real property, a contractual matter related to the Wholesale Purchase Power Agreement for the City of Camden and to discuss the use of real property for economic development projects.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:12 pm.

**ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION THE ABOVE REFERENCED EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS.**

No action taken

**ORDINANCE #2018-009 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and Economic Development Director Suzi Sale and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve second reading of ordinance annexing property owned by BMS Camden, LLC under 100% annexation method and assigning an Interim Zoning Classification of Commercial Mixed Use (CMU); and other matters related thereto. (Property located at 2209 and 2235 West DeKalb Street).

**ORDINANCE #2018-015 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to amend first reading



Chapter 32 of the City of Camden Code of ordinances related to Board of Construction Appeals; and other matters related thereto.

**ORDINANCE #2018-016 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Power Sales Agreement with NTE Southeast Electric Company, LLC; Authorizing the termination of the full requirements Power Purchase Agreement with Duke Energy Progress, LLC; and other matters relating thereto. The City of Camden do not intend to renew their contract with Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

**ORDINANCE #2018-017 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act.

**RESOLUTION #2018-017**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Camden, South Carolina acting through its City Manager to purchase that certain real property identified as Tax Map Number C298-08-0-020, and other matters relating thereto. (Property located at 212 Broad Street)

**BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to appoint and reappoint the following individual to the Camden Historic Landmark Commission with term to expire on August 31, 2022: Elizabeth (Becky) Witwer.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business from Council.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis