



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, October 9, 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 Councilmember Smoak seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham abstained from voting due to his absence at the September 25, 2018 meeting.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Derial Ogburn, 330 Wildwood Lane, announced that the Health Services District of Kershaw County (HSDKC) authorized him to sign a contract to purchase the Beechwood property for the purchase price of \$500,000. The HSDKC intent is to build a new Karesh Wing, "first-class, stand-alone rehabilitation/nursing facility" on the Beechwood property on Knights Hill Road in Camden and project is expected to be completed by 2020.

### **OFFICERS RECOGNITION**

Camden Police Department Officer Karen DeVors and Sgt. Carl Smith was recognized as being two of the six nominees for the Serve and Connect Community Policing awards. Serve and Connect conducts a medieval-themed ceremony each year to recognize nominated officers as "knights". Officer Karen DeVors was one of the six officers knighted.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig voted unanimously to proclaim October 2018, as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Rose Sheheen and Mary Jones were in attendance to receive the proclamation.



**ORDINANCE #2018-018 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance amending certain articles of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden pertaining to campers; and other matters related thereto.

**ORDINANCE #2018-019 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance approving the re-zoning request of the properties located along the 700 block of West DeKalb Street from Limited Business District (LBD) to Central Business District (CBD).

**ORDINANCE #2018-020 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Combined Public Utility System Improvement Revenue Bonds to be Designated Series 2018, in the principal amount of not exceeding seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) of the City of Camden, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto.

**RESOLUTION #2018-019**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from Economic Development Director Suzi Sale, voted unanimously to approve a resolution committing the City of Camden to provide a local match for Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant.

**RESOLUTION #2018-020**

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing its City Manager to purchase an approximate 0.08 acre portion of real property located on Ehrenclou Drive and being a portion of Kershaw County Tax Map Number 298-00-00-006, and other matters relating thereto.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Davis requested an update on the downtown Wi-Fi. Mayor Pro Tem Graham request this matter be put on the budget during Council's Strategic Planning Meeting.



**ADJOURN**

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

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

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City Clerk Brenda Davis