



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis
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

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig 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 Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019. Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford abstained from voting due to her absence at the January 22, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Mrs. Louis Edwards, Regional Urban Forester – South Carolina Forestry Commission

Mrs. Lois Edwards, Pee Dee Urban Forester of the South Carolina Forestry Commission presented City of Camden with the Tree City USA. Award. The City of Camden received its 31th Anniversary Tree City USA Award by meeting all four standards required to qualify for the award. Members of the Parks and Trees Commission were in attendance and received recognition for their dedication and hard work regarding the City of Camden Tree Program.

PRESENTATION – Downtown Camden Main Street Program Katharine Spadacenta

Katharine Spadacenta gave an update on the Camden Main Street Program. The Camden Main Street program – Downtown Camden is in its third and final year of Main Street Bootcamp phase. The Main Street program in Camden is in a strong position and have accomplished many early achievements in the first 2 years: strong branding & communication and design & placemaking and several reinvestments. 2019 is the final year for Main Street Program Bootcamp. Main Street will continue working with existing small



businesses Downtown as well as play a role in City's economic development plans to attract new businesses and tourism plans to attract more visitors.

For additional information on the Main Street program please see Main Street Progress Report dated 2.12.19.

ORDINANCE #2019-002 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina amending and adding provisions to Title XIII, Chapter 130 of the City's Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2019-003 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification of R-10 to property located at 921 John G. Richards Road. (Property belonging to 3B Development LLC)

ORDINANCE #2019-004 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification of R-15 to property located at 817 John G. Richards Road, 819 John G. Richards Road and portions of 921 John G. Richards Road. (Property belonging to 3B Development, LLC)

ORDINANCE #2019-005 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification of Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) to property located at 2209 and 2235 West DeKalb Street. (Property belonging to BMS Camden, LLC)

RESOLUTION #2019-002

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Irish Fest Camden.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 pm for a legal briefing related to the discussion of contractual matters.



REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:00 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTURAL MATTER RELATED TO REAL ESTATE.

No action taken

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to appoint the following individual to the Historic Landmarks Commission with term to expire on August 31, 2022: Wade F. Luther, II

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Graham suggested that the city hold a public hearing to received public comments regarding the use of single-use plastic bags; followed by, proposing an ordinance to ban the use of single-use plastic bags from stores located within the city limits.

ADJOURN

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis