



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 26, 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

Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham 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 February 12, 2019.

PUBLIC FORUM

- L. Woods spoke during the public forum on her concerns against banning the single-use plastic bags from stores located in the city limits.
- Franklin Alexander of Carlos Street- Kirkwood Community Progressive Org Inc., spoke during the public forum regarding concerns for the city, county and others to come together to provide the maintenance and upkeep of Kirkwood Park.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson on the public hearing guidelines, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the desire to eliminate single-use plastic bags from stores located in the city limits.

The following individuals expressed their views and opinions on the above public hearing matter:

- Marietta W. Gordon – Laurens Street was in favor of the ban of single-use plastic bags. Mrs. Gordon says she is very concern about the environment.



- Paula Scarborough of Union Street, concerns of the ban of single-use plastic bags were mixed. Based on what “hat” she is wearing -- Camden resident, business owner, or VisionKershaw 2030 co-author. She takes pride in her home town by recycling and reducing waste but also shared concerns of the cost of reusable bags.
- Richard Clark of Speaks Oil Co., East DeKalb Street spoke in favor and agreed that plastic bags and pollution are a problem, but he didn’t think that enacting another law was the answer.
- Bill Tolbert of Monument Square spoke in favor of the ban and said he thinks it’s a “great idea”.
- Tom Webb of Lorick Horton Road and a Kershaw County Clean Community Commission member stated that there are multiple uses for plastic bags and suggested that education and persuasion was better way to deal with the problem rather than laws.
- James Eastman of Fair Street spoke in favor of the ban, citing that the environment is failing and suggested that everyone needs to do their part to make it a better place for future generations.

There being no other public comments; Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2019-006 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning request of the properties located at 401 Dacey Ford Road and 403 Dacey Ford Road from R-15 to Limited Business District (LBD). Councilmember Smoak abstain from voting due to conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #2019-003

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at South Carolina Waterfowl Association Banquet.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Graham informed Council and the public that they have an opportunity to complete a transportation survey provided by Santee Lynches Council of Governments in reference to public transportation. The survey can be found on the following website www.surveymonkey/r/swrta.com. Copies are also available in City Hall.



ADJOURN

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

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis