



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 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 (absent)
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
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 Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments.

PRESENTATION

Josh Tomason of Villages on Mill Street, LLP presented information to Council, proposing a 50 apartment unit development on Mill Street. The development would boast 1 – 3 bedroom apartments, with a residential computer center, fitness center, screen porch, and a playground for children. Council voiced some concerns and seemed pleased with the proposal and the opportunities this project would also provide for the city of Camden.

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget for FY 2019-2020

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the adoption of the City of Camden's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

After general comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council; Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.



For additional information presented on the FY 2019/2020 budget, please refer to City of Camden Proposed Budget FY 2019-2020 Budget-In-Brief Handout.

PROCLAMATION

Council on motion, by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 5th – 11th, 2019, as National Small Business Week.

PROCLAMATION

Council on motion, by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 5th – 11th, 2019, as Municipal Clerks Week.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Council on motion, by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between Kershaw County and City of Camden as to Kirkwood Park.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Council on motion, by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between Kershaw County and City of Camden as to Scott Park.

ORDINANCE #2019-010 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning request of the properties located at 100 Knights Hill Road and 2615 Liberty Hill Road.

ORDINANCE #2019-011 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, followed by discussion from Council, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance amending certain articles of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden; and other matters related thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss contractual matters related to economic development.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:45 pm.



ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTURAL MATTER RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS

- Councilmember Craig requested information on the rules and regulations of “bikes riding on sidewalks”. Staff will follow-up at a later date.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis