CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 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 Gee Whetsel
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 Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2019.

PUBLIC FORUM
Katie Nooe, of King Chase spoke regarding her concerns of the access route to Liberty Hill Road in regards to the rezoning of 100 Knights Hill Road and 2615 Liberty Hill Road.

PROCLAMATION
Council on motion, by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 12th – 20th, 2019, as National Police Week. Members of the Camden Police Department were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION
Council on motion, by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim May 18, 2019, as Kids to Parks Day in the City of Camden, South Carolina.

PROCLAMATION
Council on motion, by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of May 2019, as National Historic Preservation Month. Members of the Camden Historic Landmarks Commission were in attendance to receive the proclamation.
PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 CAMDEN HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Historic Landmarks Commission presented the following 2019 Camden Historic Landmarks Commission Preservation Awards:

Adaptive Reuse of a Historic Property
  • Dancing on Broad / 833 South Broad / Rengy Marshall

Renovation to a Downtown Historic Commercial Building
  • Ideation / * Benny and Amie Maresca

New Construction within a local Historic Neighborhood District
  • Camden Elementary School / * Kershaw County School District

John S. Lindsay Historic Landscape Preservation Award
  • Holly Hedge Garden / Ben and Pamela Schreiner

Preservation Excellence Award for Non Profit Organizations
  • Proctor Hall / Annie Boone

Restoration Excellence Award
  • Bethesda Presbyterian Church / * The Bethesda Session

Restoration Excellence Award
  • Lyttleton Street Methodist Church / P. Michael Arant

Community Impact Award
  • Zemp Stadium / * Kershaw County School District

*awards modified.

ORDINANCE #2019-010 2nd Reading
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning request of the properties located at 100 Knights Hill Road and 2615 Liberty Hill Road. Councilmember Smoak abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE #2019-011 2nd Reading
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance amending certain articles of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden; and other matters related thereto. (campers and setbacks)
ORDINANCE #2019-012 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance adopting the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2019-013 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina providing for the implementation of the provisions of the Fairness in Lodging Act; and other matters related thereto.

APPROVAL OF LEADER’S LEGACY RECOGNITION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously for the approval of Leader’s Legacy Recognition for the following individual: Julia Baxter Cloninger Halford

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 pm to receive legal advice relating to contractual matters.

REGULAR SESSION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 6:50 pm.

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

OTHER BUSINESS
Councilmember Graham reminded the public that they still 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, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis