



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hal

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 (absent)
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
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 Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2019. Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford abstained from voting due to her absence at the June 25, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mark Rush, Liberty Hill Road spoke during the council meeting reiterating his concerns of the rezoning of property located at 1101 Roberts Street. His concerns were the following: what type of business will be located there, any noise that will be generated by rezoning the property to GBD, traffic issues, and drainage/run-off from the creek that sits behind the property.

PRESENTATION

Kassy Alia Ray, founder of Serve & Connect made a brief presentation. Kassy founded Serve & Connect in an effort to transform communities and relationships for the betterment of all people. Serve & Connect goal is to ignite positive change by optimizing collaboration, elevating trust, and establishing shared pride between police-community partners. The organization is non-profit and dedicated to strengthening neighborhoods and communities by fostering productive interactions among residents, organizations, and law enforcement. Serve & Connect is currently working with the City of Camden Police Department in an effort to transform relationships within the community.



ORDINANCE #2019-015 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 properties located at 709 Mill Street and 208 King Street from Industrial to Limited Business District. The rezoning request is to construct an expansion of the Alpha Center.

ORDINANCE #2019-016 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, followed by discussion from Council and comments from City Planner Shawn Putnam, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning request of the property located at 1101 Roberts Street from R-15 to General Business District. The rezoning was requested so the property may be combined with the adjacent parcel to the south for future commercial development. No specific development proposal has been submitted to date.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to reappoint and appoint the following individuals to the Parks & Trees Commission with terms to expire on August 31, 2022: reappoint- Ms. Diana Wenman, appoint - Mrs. Donna Cox.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:45 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Graham, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:00 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER.

No action taken.

RESOLUTION #2019-012

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement between The City of Camden and The City Manager, ratifying and confirming the provisions of an ordinance authorizing the employment of the City Manager, and other matters related thereto.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Drakeford reminded council of the upcoming Small Cities Conference to be held July 10-12, 2019.



ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis