CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 2019  6:00 P.M.  Council Chambers-City Hal

PRESENT
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford  City Manager Mel Pearson (absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig  Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham  Finance Director Debra Courtney
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak  Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis  and interested citizens
City Clerk Brenda Davis (absent)  Attorney Lawrence Flynn III

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford 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 August 13, 2019. Councilmember Graham abstained from voting due to his absence at the August 13, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM
M. Michele Meyer of Heritage Drive Camden spoke regarding her concerns on two issues of safety near Heritage Drive, Sunnyhill Drive and Springdale Drive. Her concerns were as follow: No illumination for drivers to take a turn, trees around light standard, a 3 feet deep hole next to light standard, and Springdale drive traffic safety issues regarding vision obstruction from a tree.

PRESENTATION
Chief John Bowers provided a brief presentation on the city’s United Way campaign. This year is the 65th anniversary of the United Way campaign in Kershaw County. As in the past, the city agreed to be the pacesetter for giving and getting the campaign off to a good start. Bowers reported of the 170 city employees; 100 gave to the United Way campaign, Sixty-two employees gave $200 or more, and 14 donors gave $500 or more at the Leadership level of the campaign. This year, city employees donated $23,350 to United Way campaign, almost $500 more than previous year.

PRESENTATION
Mac McNeil, SC Partnership Specialist of US Census Bureau presented information for the 2020 Census. Mr. McNeil said the main goal as a Specialist is to increase awareness of the
census and increase participation in the Census. The 2020 Census is easier, safe and important. The 2020 census is easier because it will be available online - to complete the survey faster. It’s safe, secure and it is protected by federal law and important to help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representative and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts.

PROCLAMATION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to proclaim a proclamation partnering with the 2020 Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count of all person within our borders.

ORDINANCE #19-017 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve first reading of a Series Ordinance approving the financing of water system improvements, through the borrowing of not exceeding one million nine hundred ninety-five thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars ($1,995,195), plus capitalized interest, if any, from the state drinking water revolving loan fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; providing for the agreement to make and accept a loan, the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Camden, South Carolina and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, the execution and delivery of a promissory note from the City of Camden, South Carolina to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #19-018 1st Reading
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve first reading of a Series Ordinance approving the financing of sewer system improvements, through the borrowing of not exceeding two million fifty-one thousand five hundred and thirty-one dollars ($2,051,531), plus capitalized interest, if any, from the state water pollution control revolving fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended: providing for the agreement to make and to accept a loan, the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Camden, South Carolina and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, the execution and delivery of a promissory note from the City of Camden, South Carolina to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and other matters relating thereto.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to reappoint the following individual to the Planning Commission with term to expire on August 31, 2023: David Brandon Moore.
BOARDS AND COMMISSION
Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to reappoint the following individual to the Board of Zoning Appeals with term to expire on August 31, 2023: Mrs. Anne Carruth.

OTHER BUSINESS
No other business from Council.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis