



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 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 (absent)

City Manager Mel Pearson (absent)
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
and interested citizens
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.



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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.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis