



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 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 (absent)
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Mel Pearson
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Chronicle-Independent Gee Whetsel
and interested citizens
Attorney Lawrence Flynn III

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak 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 Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2019.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Comments

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Council recognized Peggy Bowers – Human Resource Director upon her retirement by presenting her with a Certificate of Recognition and an engraved watch. Peggy Bowers retired from the Camden City Hall, with 23 years of service.

PRESENTATION

Jeanne Milliken Bonds – Director “Invest to Sustain” Initiative made a brief presentation to Council on Investing in FutureWork Camden. An overview of topics of the presentation include: partnership with SCACED, S.C. Community Capital Alliance, Future of Work Based in Digital Competency and Investment Options, and Investment to Sustain.

Mrs. Bonds presentation was to provide the city of Camden with an economic development “roadmap and dashboard” for continued downtown revitalization. For additional information please refer to Investing in FutureWork Camden PowerPoint Presentation dated 11/12/2019.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to proclaim November 16-23, 2019 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Kirk Mays, Director of United Way of Kershaw County Mobile Nutrition Center was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

ORDINANCE #2019-020 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, 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.



ORDINANCE #2019-021 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a gas supply contract with Tennergy Corporation; Authorizing the execution and delivery of a Tolling Letter Agreement with NTE Carolinas, LLC: and other matters relating thereto.

RESOLUTION #2019-023

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Camden, South Carolina acting through its City Manager to accept the responsibility for ownership and maintenance of a 0.13 mile section of Old River Road (S-28-0147) and a 0.32 mile section of Wylie Street (S-28-747) from the state of South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:57 pm to discuss a contractual matters related to economic development and in same motion, to add and discuss Client/Attorney Opiate.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 7:25 pm.

ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CLIENT/ATTORNEY OPIATE. No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business from Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis