



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hal

### PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford  
Mayor Pro Tem Stephen R. Smoak  
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham  
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig  
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis (absent)  
City Clerk Brenda Davis

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### INVOCATION

Councilmember 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 Mayor Pro Tem Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Wright, 9 South Hill Lane spoke in favor of “Title XI, Chapter 125: Short Term Rentals” but suggest staff amend the ordinance to give the administrator the ability to mitigate hazard circumstances, specifically traffic load and speeding – specifically before a Short Term Rental application is approved.

### PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim March 8, 2020 as Camden Community Concert Band Day. Members of the Camden Community Concert Band were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

### PRESENTATION

Katherina Spadacenta and Leslie Lee made a brief presentation to Council outlining the highlights of designating a Cultural District within the City and how the benefits is expected to encourage collaboration from those who own property or businesses within the District. Downtown Camden would be designated as the 9<sup>th</sup> Cultural District. The following resolution requests that the South Carolina Arts Commission to designate a Cultural District in the City of Camden.

### RESOLUTION #2020-006

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smoak, voted unanimously to approve a resolution requesting the South Carolina Arts Commission to



designate a Cultural District in the City of Camden, South Carolina, and other matters related thereto.

**RESOLUTION #2020-007**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Books on Broad book signing and reception.

**RESOLUTION #2020-008**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Irish Fest Camden Pub Crawl and 5K.

**RESOLUTION #2020-009**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smoak, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Wateree Chapter Ducks Unlimited Non-Profit Dinner.

**RESOLUTION #2020-010**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Camden Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship Gala.

**RESOLUTION #2020-011**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Camden, South Carolina acting through its City Manager to purchase real property located at 1115 Old River Road being identified as Kershaw County Tax map Number C284-15-00-006, and other matters relating thereto.

**RESOLUTION #2020-012**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Graham, voted unanimously to approve a resolution providing a work environment free of recognized hazards through the establishment and implementation of loss control policies and procedures, and their subsequent amendments and additions, designed to provide protecting to City employees, public and private property, and members of the public.

**ORDINANCE #2020-003 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, with comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance of the City of Camden, South Carolina adding "Title XI, Chapter 125: Short Term Rentals" to the Code of Ordinances; and other matters related thereto.



**ORDINANCE #2020-004 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Craig, with comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale and conveyance of real property of the City of Camden; and other matters relating thereto.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Craig shared LiveWell Kershaw Coalition first brochure created to inform citizen “where is care”. Listing numerous locations and contact information for mental health, counseling, wellness, and psychiatry services.

Councilmember Graham briefed Council on the Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government retreat held in Myrtle Beach – TruVista received a \$ 9 million dollar grant for to invest in Broad Band.

**ADDITIONAL STAFF**

Suzi Sale announced BMS associates potential tenants for the new \$5.1 million redevelopment of the former BI-LO shopping center. Company officials are currently in negotiations with two national retailers to anchor the approximately 71,000 square foot center off West DeKalb at Wylie Street. It is anticipated that Ollie’s Bargain Outlet will anchor the 31,000 square foot space on west end and Plant Fitness will anchor Camden Square in the 17,000 square foot space on the east end.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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Brenda Davis, City Clerk