



## CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, May 26, 2020

4:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE CALL MEETING-City Hall

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### **PRESENT**

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford  
Mayor Pro Tem Stephen R. Smoak  
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham  
Councilmember Joanna B. Craig  
Councilmember Deborah H. Davis  
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  
Attorney Lawrence Flynn

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Smoak abstained from voting due to his absence at the May 12, 2020 meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Budget for FY 2020-2021**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and discussion from Council, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the adoption of the City of Camden's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

After general comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, discussion from Council and a call for public comments (x3); Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

For additional information presented on the FY 2020/2021 budget, please refer to City of Camden Proposed Budget FY 2020-2021 Budget-In-Brief Handout.

### **ORDINANCE #2020-013 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed by comments from City Manager Mel Pearson, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance approving the execution and delivery of a first amendment to an option to purchase agreement; approving the execution and delivery of a first amendment to the inducement agreement; and other matters relating thereto. (950 Broad Street C284-16-00-055)



**ORDINANCE #2020-014 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve second reading of an ordinance to authorize the execution of a quit claim deed for property previously conveyed by the City of Camden (1213 and 1309 Lakeshore and 1300 Gardner Street formerly a part of the old Pine Tree Hill School). Mayor Pro Tem Smoak abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

**ORDINANCE #2020-015 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed discussion from council and comments from City Manager Mel Pearson and City Attorney Lawrence Flynn, voted unanimously to approve second reading of a series ordinance of Combined Public Utility System Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds of the City of Camden, South Carolina, in an amount not exceeding fifty-five million dollars (\$55,000,000), and other matters relating thereto.

**RESOLUTION #2020-016**

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smoak, followed by comments from council, voted unanimously to accept a resolution approving the execution and delivery of agreements for in-contract utility relocation; and other matters relating thereto. (Water and Sewer relocation)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business from council

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

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City Clerk Brenda Davis