



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey R. Graham opened the council meeting with invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting minutes of April 26, 2022.

PUBLIC FORUM

Leonara Pearson of Roberts Street spoke regarding her concerns of possible water and sewer rates increasing in the new fiscal year.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget for FY 2022-2023

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into a public hearing to receive public comments concerning the City of Camden's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Finance Director Debra Courtney provided brief comments in reference to proposed 8 mill increase, impact tap fee for a new hook-up for water or sewer, \$.75 per month increase in residential sanitation service, an across-the board 10 percent increase in electric rates and a decorative light increase to \$2,000. No planned increase in water and sewer rates.

After hearing no further comments and discussion, and a call for public comments; Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

For additional information on the FY 2022/2023 budget, please refer to City of Camden Proposed Budget FY 2022-2023 Budget-In-Brief Handout.



PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the week of May 11th – May 17th 2022, as National Police Week.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim May 14, 2022, as Kids to Park Day.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim the May 2022 as Mental Health Month.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim May 2022 as National Historic Preservation Month.

ORDINANCE #2022-007 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a sewer infrastructure agreement with Kershaw County, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto.

ORDINANCE #2022-008 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing certain Economic Development Incentives; approving the execution and delivery of an Inducement Agreement; and other matters relating thereto

ORDINANCE #2022-009 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance assigning a Final Zoning Classification to property located at 251 Friendship Road.

ORDINANCE #2022-010 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance annexing property under 100% annexation method and assigning an interim zoning classification; and other matters related thereto. TMS #299-00-00-049 (portion). Mayor Pro Tem Graham abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Graham abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.



RESOLUTION #2002-017

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Downtown Camden Free Concert Series.

RESOLUTION #2002-018

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Graham, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Bridal Resale and Vendor Show.

RESOLUTION #2002-019

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, followed by discussion, voted unanimously to approve a resolution objecting to the proposed settlement by South Carolina Legislature that eliminate City of Camden's Representation in the South Carolina Statehouse.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other Business from Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 4:39 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk