



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

City Manager Jonathan Rorie
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (absent)
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 Alfred Mae Drakeford opened the council meeting with invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to adopt the Camden City Council Meeting minutes of May 24, 2022.

PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Alexander, resident of Campbell Street, spoke regarding his concerns of safety in the Boykin Park area and request on behalf of the community that site amenities are added to Boykin Park for the community to enjoy.

Thomas Bell, spoke regarding Boykin Park. Mr. Bell spoke on behalf of the citizens of Boykin Park, and voiced concerns related to the unsafe activities in Boykin Park and upkeep of the Boykin Community Area.

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget for FY 2022-2023

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, 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. *Related to the city's creation of a "Large-User Rate" class for sewer component of the City's combined water, sewer and electric system.*

After hearing no further comments and discussion, and a call for public comments; Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, 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 Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to proclaim June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth Day. Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford will present the proclamation at the Juneteenth Day Event.

PROCLAMATION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to proclaim the month of June 2022 as Small Cities Month.

ORDINANCE #2022-011 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, , voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to Davis Printing. (717-A Broad Street)

ORDINANCE #2022-012 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to John P. Smith. (717-B Broad Street and 708-B Church Street)

ORDINANCE #2022-013 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance to authorize the sale of real property located in the City of Camden to Vastine C. Rabon, Jr. (705 Fair Street and 302 King Street)

ORDINANCE #2022-014 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, , voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance approving the operating and capital budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and other matters related thereto.

ORDINANCE #2022-015 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, followed comments from staff, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the receipt of an easement on property owned by Kershaw County School District and Executive Construction Homes, LLC.

ORDINANCE #2022-016 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, 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.



RESOLUTION #2022-020

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the appointment of a Municipal Judge, and other matters related thereto.

RESOLUTION #2022-021

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Craig, voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at a retirement party.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:15 pm to discuss contractual matters related to economic development; negotiation incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.

Discussion of potential real estate transaction negotiations involving a property in the historic district area.

REGULAR SESSION

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Davis, unanimously agreed to re-enter Regular Session at 5:24 pm. No Action Taken.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:25 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk