



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday December 13, 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 Hamilton Boykin
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

Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of November 22, 2022.

Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham abstain from voting due to his absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council recognized outgoing Councilmember Debra Hudson Davis for her 8 years of service.

Council recognized Moise Shaw for his 38 years of service at the Water Plant.

Council recognized Chris Carter for his 30 years of service with Public Works Electric Department.

Consent Agenda

Council, on motion by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve a resolution to provide certification as provided by the South Carolina Abandoned Building Revitalization Act of 2013 (S.C. Code Section 12-67-109 ET SEQ.) for the building at 1113 & 1115 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Carter, resident of Sumter, SC spoke in reference to his interest in purchasing the Nettles Cleaners building at 515 Rutledge Street.

John Miller, spoke in regards to the bridge south of town and request that the bridge be designated as Pine Tree Hill Bridge.



Peggy Lane, Sinclair Lane spoke in regards to changing council meeting time and her concerns of residents who pay utilities and live outside of city limits

Mary Brandenberger, resident of Hunter Hill Road, spoke again regarding her concerns on the high cost of utilities.

City Manager Jonathan Rorie gave a presentation on the 2022 Year End Fiscal Analysis and the Utility Fund Financial Report as follow:

2022 Year End Fiscal Analysis and Discussion (Rorie, Courtney)

- General Fund Financial Report
 - Re-organizations and rate structure changes to enhance financial stability for: Building Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department.
- Utility Fund Financial Report
 - Comprehensive Utility Rate Study and Financial Plan
 - Water Division Program Cost/Rates
 - Sewer Division Program Costs and Rates
 - Electrical Division Program Cost and Rates

For additional information please refer to the PowerPoint Presentation dated December 13, 2022 2022 Year End Fiscal Analysis.

Ordinance #2022-025

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Councilmember Craig voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending the budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; Authorizing the Senior Rate Credit; and providing for other matters related thereto.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve Joanna Craig as Mayor Pro Tem for Year 2023.

Council/Staff Topics

none



ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:35 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk