



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday January 24, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford
Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig
Councilmember Jeffrey R. Graham (absent)
Councilmember Stephen R. Smoak
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 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Hamilton Boykin opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to adopt the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council recognized Joseph M. Floyd for his 24+ years of service with the Camden Police Department as Chief of Police.

Consent Agenda- none

Presentation 2022 Fiscal Year Audit Report – cancelled

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The following quarterly reports were presented and reviewed: Archives & Museum, Building Department, Downtown Redevelopment Finance Report, Human Resources, Fire Department, Human Resource, Planning Department, Police Department, Public Work (utilities), Revolutionary War Visitor Center, Tennis Center, and Tourism Marketing & Development.

Public Comment – Lenora G. Pearson of Roberts street spoke regarding her concerns of road paving near middle school, McCray Road, Haile Street, Springdale and Knights Hill Road. Ms. Pearson also expressed concerned on speeding on Roberts Street and suggest Council consider a fireworks zoning area.



Ordinance #2023-001 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance further amending the Utility Fund Budget for the City of Camden, South Carolina for Fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and other matters related thereto.

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Ordinance #2023-002 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, seconded by Councilmember Smoak, 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. (168 Wall Street – Units 101-104 shopping center)

Ordinance #2023-003 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain real property located in the City of Camden pursuant to Auction Bid.

Ordinance #2023-004 2nd Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Boykin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving an application for a special property tax assessment for a historic property; and other matters related thereto. (1035 Broad Street)

Council/ Staff Topics - none

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 5:50 pm.

Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford

Attest:

Brenda Davis, City Clerk