



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday February 14, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers-City Hall

PRESENT

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

City Manager Jonathan Rorie
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Finance Director Debra Courtney (absent)
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 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Joanna B. Craig 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 24, 2023. Councilmember Jeffrey Graham abstained from voting due to his absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION - none

Consent Agenda-

Council, on motion by Councilmember Graham, seconded by Council member Smoak, voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the United State Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities.

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an Improvement Guarantee for Tier Homes, LLC for Meadow Springs subdivision and a Resolution authorizing consumption of beer and wine at Irish Fest Camden Pub Crawl.

Public Comment – Phil Elliott of Wood Ln spoke regarding his concerns of employee retiree benefits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 5:23 p.m. to discuss proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale of property (Clocktower Development)



REGULAR SESSION

Council unanimously agreed to re-enter regular session at 5:42 p.m.

ACTION RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTY. No Action Taken

Ordinance #2023-005 1st Reading (title only)

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Craig, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance approving the subdivision of certain property; approving the execution and delivery of a purchase agreement; approving the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement; approving the execution and delivery of a lease agreement; approving the execution and delivery of a repurchase agreement; and other matters relating thereto. (Discussion of Proposed Contractual Arrangements and proposed sale of property – Clocktower Development)

Ordinance #2023-006 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Smoak, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem 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. (1015 Broad Street)

Council/ Staff Topics

Presentation honoring American’s First Veterans by Douglas W. Bostick, CEO South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust, INC. Mr. Bostick provided information regarding the reinternment ceremony that will take place on April 20-22,2023, involving the “Camden 14” the remains of soldier’s exhumed from the Battle of Camden site for study to further interpret the battle site.

Presentation 2022 Fiscal Year Audit Report by Janet M. Pierce, CPA – Cantey, Tiller Pierce & Green, LLP.

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